

## FILM SCREENING

### RECOVERY UNDER THE STARS

September 16th, 2023, ACW held our first Recovery Under the Stars event featuring the film "Our American Family."

The film follows a family battling generational addiction to promote understanding by portraying each protagonist honestly. Twin Seas Media contacted ACW, asking to partner with us to show their film. We are thankful for the protagonists who share their powerful stories without filters to show the realities of living with addiction and the struggle to keep the family unit together through these battles.

The audience, moved by the story of this beautiful family, was thrilled to learn we would be joined virtually by film protagonist Linda. Linda shared her feelings openly and honestly and allowed our audience to ask questions. She shared updates on her children and her current state of mind. She spoke beautifully of faith, learning to love yourself in recovery, and the importance of loving yourself first while supporting someone going through the process.

One special guest, Regina, an ACW alumni sober for 35 years, thanked Linda for her story and for sharing openly. Some of the women in our program shared pieces of their journey and expressed their connection to Linda as a mother who is doing her best to love and care for herself while fighting to keep her family together and help them achieve a healthy life.



Linda's lightheartedness on life five-plus years after filming and a rollercoaster of events in her life filled our listeners with hope. She also expressed that she wants to visit ACW soon because she can feel the love emanating from our little corner in Pico-Union.



Film Protagonist, Linda.

This feeling of community and compassion is what we aim for with Recovery Under the Stars. We want these events to be a time to connect, learn, grow, and love. We aspire to promote healthy fun and raise awareness of our essential work at ACW.



"Our American Family"



ACW staff Julie and Adriana

ACW staff Danielle and Dottie

ACW also set the tone with our pre-show background music, snack sale, raffle ticket sale, and prizes. We had delicious hotdogs, nachos, popcorn, cookies, refreshing lemonade, Gatorade, and water for our first event. We held a raffle for the chance to win some awesome prizes. We encouraged people to feel like movie stars for the day by posing in front of our beautiful red carpet and step-and-repeat.

Nights like these are what they mean when they say, "This was truly a night to remember."



## SPECIAL VISIT

### Supervisor Hilda Solis' Office

Wednesday, September 20th, 2023, we had the honor of hosting Health Deputy Anthony Cespedes and Interim Child Welfare and Social Services Deputy Candace Roosjen from First District LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis' office.

The visit included a tour of our McMillen Family Foundation Synder Snyder House and McMillen Family Foundation Miracle House, followed by some time to discuss our organization's goals to expand our services and help reach more women who need support on their recovery journey.

We appreciate Candance and Anthony's attentiveness and appreciation for the history behind our beautiful turn-of-the-century houses.



Health Deputy Anthony Cespedes & Interim Child Welfare and Social Service Deputy Candace Roosjen.



We value the important questions they asked about our programs and the community we serve and their knowledge of how we can connect with our community leaders to help move our mission forward.



Their partnership is significant as we continue to grow and help more women achieve sobriety. We thank Supervisor Solis and her incredible deputies, Anthony and Candace, for visiting ACW and carrying our message. We look forward to having them again at one of our future events.

## ACW GARDEN

### FALL HOLDS OUR HOPES AND DREAMS

September 22nd - fall season begins, and we could not be more thrilled.

The possibilities fall brings are endless. It's almost as endless as the kale and cherry tomatoes that grow at ACW. They never stop growing--except in the cold. As we say goodbye to summer, we say hello to garlic, cabbage, broccoli, onions, radish, oh my!

We are seeking a master gardener to help us with this intricate process. We hope someone can guide us on the best practices for caring for our garden. If I just described you, please reach out. We need your help.

This fall garden series will explore different vegetables that thrive in the cold. Today, I leave you with this giant sunflower. Hint: Sunflower is the one with the yellow leaves. The other is our staff admiring the sunflower.



## OUTREACH

### ENHANCED CARE MANAGEMENT

Enhanced Care Management provides a whole-person collaborative approach. The goal is to improve care coordination, integrate services, facilitate community resources, and improve clients' health outcomes.



Our ECM Team Director Danielle and Lead Care Managers Wendell and Carla.

Our ECM team works hard to ensure fair treatment and respect and prioritize face-to-face services for trust development.

They have conducted outreach at community events to inform people of these crucial services. We are grateful to have a team of dedicated leaders going above and beyond.

For more information, please visit our website or call 213.381.8500.



ECM - ACW Website



# RECOVERY UNDER THE STARS

## HALLOWEEN DANCE & COSTUME CONTEST

**ACW** Alcoholism Center for Women

RECOVERY UNDER THE STARS  
HALLOWEEN  
DANCE & COSTUME CONTEST

OCT 28 | 6PM-10PM

1147 S. ALVARADO  
ST. LOS ANGELES,  
CA 90006

WHAT TO EXPECT?  
GHOULISH FOOD SALE:  
HOTDOG, POPCORN,  
CANDY, NACHOS,  
CUPCAKES  
RAFFLE

QUESTIONS  
INFO@ACWLA.COM  
213.381.8500

RSVP

# Support ACW!

## WAYS TO SUPPORT ACW

### ONLINE MONETARY DONATION VIA PAYPAL:

[www.acwla.com/support/](http://www.acwla.com/support/)

### BUY A BRICK:

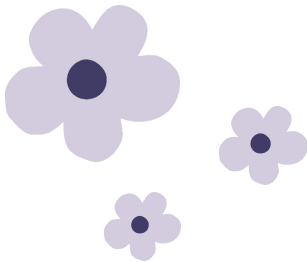
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### Donation Request

- Games
- Art supplies
- Gardening materials
- Personal care items
- Exercise equipment



## What does your support mean to us?

In one word, EVERYTHING.

You can be a stepping stone in the transformation of the women we serve by purchasing a Commemorative ACW brick. We mean that from the bottom of our hearts! Your brick will live as a part of ACW's McMillen Family Foundation Miracle House.

Our mission at ACW is to help empower women to make new choices for positive futures. Therefore, we strive to funnel as much as we can directly to resources.



## NEED HELP?

### For Alcohol/Drug Assistance

- Call ACW 213.381.8500
- Email: [info@acwla.org](mailto:info@acwla.org)



### 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

- Call or Text: 988
- Go to [988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org) for a chat option online.

### National Domestic Violence Hotline

- Call 1.800.799.SAFE (7233)
- Text "START" to 88788
- Go to [thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org) for a chat option online.

### Los Angeles Housing Services Authority

- 24/7 Hotline - 888.539.2373 / (811) KEY-2-FREE
- [lahsa.org](http://lahsa.org)

## MESSAGE

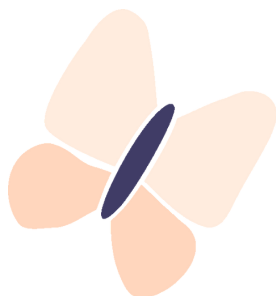
### PREPARING

We are so excited for the coming year as we prepare to celebrate our Golden 50th anniversary. Every month leading to our 50th year we will be having events and special guests. Follow us on social media to see how we prepare.



**"The most common way people  
give up their power is by thinking  
they don't have any."**

**Alice Walker**



## JOIN US



### Do you love gardening?

ACW is looking for a master gardener and garden volunteers! If you are interested please reach out to us at [info@acwla.org](mailto:info@acwla.org).

## ACW ON TWITTER

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