

SPECIAL VISIT

Mayor Bass

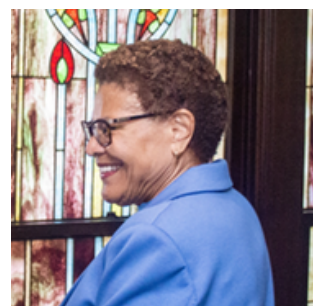


Mayor Bass in ACW's McMillen Family Foundation Synder House near Brenda Weathers, (ACW Founder) photograph

Los Angeles Mayor Bass came to ACW on September 27, 2023. What? Yes! Mayor Bass came to ACW. We were thrilled and honored. ACW residents, staff, and board members greeted Mayor Bass enthusiastically.



Board Chair Jeannette Bronson, Board Member Lisa Richardson, MD, Mayor Karen Bass, Board Member Kelley Carroll, Board Secretary Kiola Raines



Mayor Bass in front of ACW's stained glass.



Mayor Bass with Board Member Lisa, Board Chair Jeanette, Executive Director Lorette, and Cook Dottie



Mayor Bass in front of our residential mural



Mayor Bass admiring commemorative bricks

Mayor Bass discussed ACW's services and challenges for those in recovery with ACW staff and board. She clearly understood the importance of substance abuse treatment with housing that transitions to outpatient services.



Mayor Bass discussing OP



Mayor Bass discusses ACW's newest program, Enhanced Care Management (ECM) with Lead Care Manager Wendell Westbrook and ECM Director Danielle Knickelbocker.



Mayor Bass discussing with Executive Director Lorette Herman



Mayor Bass admiring horseshoe from 1905 found under our building.

Mayor Bass valued our healthy eating program, our raised gardens promoting gardening and fresh veggies and the fact that we take care of our beautiful turn of the century buildings.

We share the same goals to help Los Angeles women move from addiction, homelessness, criminal cases, physical and mental illnesses to recovery -health and wellness.



ACW Staff with Mayor Bass

ACW Board, Staff and clients were all very impressed with Mayor Bass's commitment, passion, and wisdom. We look forward to partnering with Mayor Bass in the near future to help those struggling with substance abuse and homelessness.

Horseshoe HIDDEN HISTORY

While working on the foundation of our beautiful McMillen Family Foundation, a group of workers made a remarkable discovery! A horseshoe from the early 1900s. Behind our Snyder Foundation house. The shoe was in excellent condition, considering how long it had been buried. We searched for the perfect place to have our horseshoe restored and framed to display. The horseshoe is a reminder of our buildings' history of which have become a place of love and transformation for those who seek treatment.



HALLOWEEN

RECOVERY UNDER THE STARS

October 28, 2023, ACW held our second Recovery Under the Stars event: Halloween Dance + Costume Contest. What a frightful night! ACW residents and families came in their best costumes. There might have not been appearance from any gools or goblins, but we did see Cruella de Vil, Edward Scissors Hands, Harley Quinn, and more. It was a night full of fun Halloween themed games, music, and dancing.



ACW Staff Jennifer and Lynn



Blue beetle, Cook Dottie and OP Counselor Tarshika



OP Counselor Tarshika and little red riding hood.



Ghoulish treats made by Ms. Dottie

The biggest dance hits of the night were the Cupid Shuffle and the Cha Cha Slide. Staff, clients, and their families all showed their moves on the dance floor. It was definitely a Spooktacular event.

We hope you had a safe and Happy Halloween! 🎃 Look for our next Recovery Under the Stars event coming soon!

OCT

BREAST CANCER

October is breast cancer awareness month. It is a time to remember, learn, educate, and advocate for accessibility to treatment and early detection. At ACW, we spread awareness by sharing essential resources and wearing pink. More importantly, we encourage women to learn more about early detection, treatment options, and counseling.



UPCOMING EVENT

WISDOM FROM THE FIELD

ACW Alcoholism
Center for
Women

ACW'S WISDOM FROM THE FIELD SYMPOSIUM

Best practices for
helping women
recover from drug and
alcohol addiction and
mental health.

📅 Wednesday November 8, 2023

🕒 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM PT

📍 Playa Las Tunas Restaurant
1107 S. Alvarado St. #112, Los
Angeles, CA 90006

OR

📍 Zoom - Link provided upon
registration



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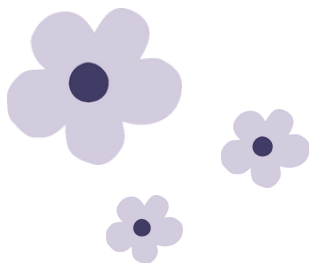
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Donation Request

- 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



988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

- Call or Text: 988
- Go to 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 for a chat option online.

Los Angeles Housing Services Authority

- 24/7 Hotline - 888.539.2373 / (811) KEY-2-FREE
- 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.



**"You are more powerful than you
know; you are beautiful just as
you are."**

Melissa Etheridge



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