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NEWSLETTER

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## AI-Impics 2025 🏆

Our Miracle House women brought home the win for best outfit! 🎉

We are so proud of their incredible energy and teamwork, and of our amazing counselors who joined them to dance. It was a day full of laughter, connection, and joy — proof that recovery can be powerful and fun.

👉 See photos and stay tuned for video in upcoming newsletter!





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## Art Submission Project - Recovery Month

As part of Recovery Month, ACW invited community members, alumni, and friends to submit original artwork celebrating hope, healing, and transformation.



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Each September, we recognize National Recovery Month, a time to honor the strength of individuals in recovery and the dedication of those who support them. It's a reminder that recovery is for everyone and that each story of healing helps break the stigma surrounding addiction.

More art submissions will be featured on our social media :)



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## Labor Day Fun 🌞

Our residents enjoyed a refreshing self-care day! They spent the afternoon splashing in the water, soaking up the sunshine, and sharing lots of laughter together. The day also included a spa-style relaxation session where everyone got to unwind, pamper themselves, and focus on wellness.



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and summer treats. ▼



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## Walk for Recovery

The women of ACW joined the annual 5K Walk for Recovery in Palos Verdes - embracing wellness, movement, and community. Shoutout to Strides in Recovery for the invite to these wonderful events!

Every step taken represents strength, hope, and progress on the road to recovery.



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## Recovery Under the Stars 🌌

We gathered with clients and our online community for another heart-warming Recovery Under the Stars movie night—complete with hot dogs, popcorn, candy, and good company.

Follow us on social media to stay in touch and connect with us and upcoming events.

One viewer shared:



OF EMOTION. THE MOVIE TONIGHT REALLY MOVED ME. IT REMINDED ME HOW HARD LIFE CAN BE SOMETIMES, AND HOW WE OFTEN ONLY REACH OUR LIMITS WHEN THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE. I'M JUST CRYING IT ALL OUT RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU TO ACW FOR THESE MOVIE NIGHTS. THEY MEAN MORE THAN YOU KNOW. I LOVE THIS COMMUNITY DEEPLY, AND I'M TRULY GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR ACW.

— *Rob, Community Member*

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## Spotlight: Rose ✨



whose journey reflects the power of perseverance, healing, and transformation.

Rose came to ACW in late 2021 at the encouragement of her sponsor. What she found was more than treatment - it was a community that helped her understand herself in new ways. She shared how learning about addiction as a disease that "speaks in your own voice" was eye-opening and helped her begin to heal from past trauma she hadn't connected to her substance use before.

During her time at ACW, Rose learned about accountability, friendship, and growth - even turning a tough moment with another resident into a lasting friendship. "It's crazy to think that three years later, we're still friends. It shows you can overcome anything - people, places, and things," she reflected.

Today, Rose lives in Beverly Hills, works as a business manager in the music industry, and continues to stay active in Narcotics Anonymous as both a sponsor and sponsee. "I rebuilt my life completely since leaving ACW - I have a home, a car, credit, and peace. I have ACW to thank for that."

Her advice to others:

"Don't give up on yourself. Give it a real shot and stay vigilant once you leave. It's not easy, but the rewards are beyond what you can imagine."

Rose's story reminds us that recovery is possible - and life after ACW can be full of purpose, success, and joy. 💜

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## SHERO

### Tia Cleveland, Residential Counselor

We'd like to recognize Tia, a dedicated Residential Counselor who continues to go above and beyond in her role. She consistently takes initiative and steps up to lead without being asked, completing her work with efficiency, care, and compassion. What truly sets her apart is her genuine dedication to each client, thoughtfully creating systems and structures to ensure every client's needs are met and their recovery journey is supported every step of the way.

Her commitment reflects the heart of ACW's mission: to empower women through compassionate care, structure, and hope.

Thank you, Tia!



## Congratulations

# Kelli Ann Stephenson, Residential Counselor



We are thrilled to celebrate Kelli, for achieving her CATC III Certification!

This accomplishment reflects her dedication, hard work, and deep commitment to supporting our clients on their recovery journeys. Earning a CATC III is a significant milestone that demonstrates advanced knowledge and professional excellence in the field of addiction counseling.

We're proud to have such a passionate and skilled counselor on our team.

Thank you Kelli!



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# Carolyn's Resources

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## SUPPORT OUR MISSION

♥ Help Rebuild Hope ♥

What if just **\$5 a month** could help change a woman's life *and* rebuild a space for healing?

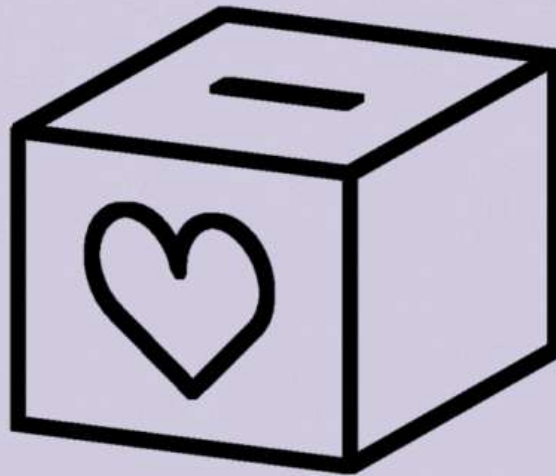
By joining our **\$5 Club**, you're not just supporting substance use recovery — you're also helping us restore our historic **Carriage House**, which will create more beds and

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That's less than your favorite latte — but it makes a lasting difference in someone's journey.

### ☀️ Be part of something bigger.

Healing happens one step — and one generous heart — at a time.



*donate today*

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## SUPPORT ACW IN STYLE ✨

Show your love for recovery and empowerment by rocking our exclusive ACW merch! Every purchase helps support our programs and the women we serve.

👕 \$20 for all sizes | \$25 for 2XL

Hurry—these won't last long! Contact ACW to grab yours while we've got 'em!

💖 See two of our amazing models in the video below!

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## Calling All ACW Alumni! 🎉

We are inviting all our alumni to join us! We want to celebrate your sobriety birthdays! Come celebrate your milestones, share inspiration, and enjoy some delicious cake with the ladies of our Miracle House.

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# ACW ALUMNI JOIN US



JOIN US TO INSPIRE  
CURRENT MIRACLE  
HOUSE RESIDENTS  
WITH YOUR STORY  
OF RECOVERY AND  
HOPE.

TO CELEBRATE  
**YOUR  
SOBRIETY  
BIRTHDAY**

**WE'LL BRING THE  
CAKE, YOU BRING  
THE INSPIRATION!**

PLEASE EMAIL US AT [INFO@ACWLA.ORG](mailto:info@acwla.org) IF  
YOU ARE INTERESTED



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## Halloween Masquerade Dance

Bring the family for a night of fun, music, and celebration! Admission is free—masks encouraged for our masquerade theme. Food, snacks, and giveaway tickets will be available for purchase (cash only).

Saturday, November 1st • 6:00–9:00 PM

More updates to come! Follow us on social media :)

RSVP Below to support your favorite org! :) See you there!

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# **HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE**

**DANCE**

**Sat, 11/1/2025 6PM-9PM**

Free admission. Families welcome!  
Masquerade theme—wear your mask and join the fun!  
Food, snacks, and giveaway tickets available for purchase.

PLEASE RSVP  
[TINYURL.COM/ACW2o25HALLOWEENDANCE](https://tinyurl.com/ACW2o25HALLOWEENDANCE)

[RSVP](#)

# Bring Hope Home - Save the Date

Celebrate recovery together at our virtual speaker jam, featuring powerful stories of transformation and hope.

👉 Thursday, December 4th • 4:00–8:00 PM

Save the Date! Next week, a virtual sign-up sheet will be sent out to RSVP to attend or sign up as a speaker.



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# We look forward to connecting with you.



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