



# From the Editor

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# GIRL POWER!

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**WITH** so very many long-standing organizations in our incredible city that give endless support to our kids who need help, I do my best in each issue to give them all the credit they deserve for the amazing job they do. By profiling these life changing non-profits, I not only hope to put the spotlight on the good they do... but get all of you in the mood to do some good as well! Your support of these powerful organizations allows them to continue making much needed changes in our world. One of my favorites: A Place Called Home.

Giving South Central Los Angeles children/teens ages 8-21 lots of love, safety, enrichment, training and opportunities through educational programs,

counseling and mentorship, supporters and volunteers of this group never stop in their quest to help kids in need. And, TODAY in our great city of Los Angeles there are more kids living on the streets, going to bed hungry, and barely surviving their unstable family conditions than ever before. Day to day experiences for these kids is all about hardship.

This year, A Place Called Home celebrated a special group of inner-city teens who are learning and growing into strong young women through its intensive GirlPower Project. The 9th

Annual GirlPower! Awards Luncheon at the Beverly Hills Hotel was sponsored by A Place Called Home and honored four inspiring business and professional women—role models in their personal and professional lives. Their leadership and volunteer efforts make a difference for our community's children. The Social Change Award was presented to Amy Ziering, producer/director of the 2012 Oscar-nominated documentary, "The Invisible War" and many other socially relevant films. The Legacy Award went to Dana Green, Executive Director, Media Relations, Disney Channels and founder of "The Cinderella Project," a partnership with APCH providing formal prom and graduation dresses for

underprivileged young women throughout Los Angeles. Susan Feldman, Co-Founder of One Kings Lane was presented with the Innovators Award and Alison Pincus, Co-Founder of One Kings Lane received the Innovators Award. All of the proceeds from the GirlPower luncheon support the numerous APCH core programs which work in conjunction with each other to support APCH members in avoiding destructive behaviors; to develop life skills and get the motivation to overcome adversity and make healthy, productive choices and, find and take advantage of the opportunities that are before them as they go through life.

[www.apch.org](http://www.apch.org) ●



APCH GirlPower Project girls: Dana Green, Shondrella Avery, Amy Ziering, Susan Feldman and Alison Pincus with the APCH GirlPower Project girls

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