





Downtown Women's Center eNewsletter

News from the Heart of Skid Row
March 2010

Greetings from the Downtown Women's Center (DWC)!

Thank you for giving a moment of your time to read our eNewsletter - a brief update of happenings at the Center and ideas for how you can get involved.

Please read on for volunteer opportunities and other ways to support DWC in the coming months. You can also visit our website at www.DWCweb.org for more information about the Center's impact on our community and how you can help!

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Saturday, March 6, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Volunteer Orientation is a crash course on all of the important information needed to be a successful volunteer, and it will familiarize you with DWC programs, policies, and volunteer opportunities. Leave with your first assignment in hand!

If you are a first-time volunteer, please visit our [volunteer web page](#), fill out a group or individual volunteer application, and submit online or via mail.

Location: Downtown Women's Center
325 South Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 9001

Saturday, March 6, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Volunteer Training is a workshop that educates volunteers on the root causes of homelessness, current events impacting homeless women, healthy boundaries, active listening, sisterhood, and how to make an impact in your community. This is a perfect training for volunteers seeking a role working directly with DWC participants.

Location: Downtown Women's Center

Please RSVP for Volunteer Orientation and/or Volunteer Training to Volunteer Coordinator Vanessa Wai at Volunteer@DWCweb.org or (213) 680-0600.

"Male Call" - A Benefit Performance

Monday, March 8, 7:00 p.m.

The City of West Hollywood's Women's Advisory Board presents "Male Call" - Actors Read the Words of Great Women. This benefit for DWC features David Dean Bottrell, Michael Kearns, James Morrison, Ken Page, Peter Paige, Chris Prinzo, Bruce Vilanch, and others TBA.

Location: Coast Playhouse
8235 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069

Parking can be found at West Hollywood City Hall (across the street) or 1/2 block west at Kings Road parking structure.

\$25 suggested donation
Includes performance and post dessert reception

For ticket information, please contact Corey Roskin at at (323) 848-6820 or croskin@weho.org.

Hard Hat Tour

Thursday, March 25, 5:30 p.m.

You are invited to a Hard Hat Tour of DWC's soon-to-be new home while it is still under construction!

5:30 p.m. - Reception and introduction to Project Home. Hors D'oeuvres will be served.
(325 South Los Angeles Street, 90013)

6:15 p.m. - Hard Hat Tour of DWC's new home.
(434 South San Pedro Street, 90013)

For your safety on the construction site, please wear closed-toe, flat shoes.

Please RSVP to Capital Campaign Coordinator Brooke Lykins at BrookeL@DWCweb.org to receive location and parking information.

DWC Hitting the Airwaves...

[Click here](#) to see DWC's new Public Service Announcement!

We thank the great team from Women in Film who made this possible.



"Thank You" to our Holiday Supporters!



Actress and DWC Volunteer Marcia Cross performs a lively karaoke routine with DWC Ladies, staff, and fellow volunteers on Thanksgiving Day 2009.

Thanks, in large part, to our wonderful volunteers and donors, DWC's 2009 holiday season was one of our most successful yet! In addition to seeing a record number of volunteer sign-ups, we received all items on our Wish List - providing Christmas presents for all women who celebrated with us. Our Day Center Participants and Residents also experienced memorable events in honor of Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, and New Year's Eve through delicious meals, festive decorations, and exciting entertainment provided by the community. Thank you for making DWC a part of your life during this important time of year!

DWC in the News

"Something Lost, Something Gained: As Medallion Project Scales Back, Downtown Women's Center Expands Reach"

[Click here](#) to read the full article at the Los Angeles Downtown News website!

Introducing: Our Newest Board of Directors Members!

In 2009, DWC was fortunate to welcome six new Board of Directors members who have continued to serve into 2010. We thank the following individuals for their inspiring commitment to service:

Lisa Hubbard, Sotheby's

Michele Kauffman, Cushman & Wakefield

Erin Mills, Anthem Blue Cross of California

Dr. Judith Reichman, Women's Health Expert

Julie Sina, UCLA, College of Letters and Sciences

Shelly Strong, DreamWorks

Please stay tuned for future updates about DWC's wonderful volunteers!

How You Can Help

DWC sincerely appreciates any help you are able to provide for our programs and services, and we offer a range of opportunities for you give back in 2010. From in-kind gifts - such as food and household items - to stock and insurance contributions to online shopping, there are many ways to help meet DWC's needs that work with your charitable goals. Please visit our [website](#) or call us at (213) 680-0600 to find the right arrangement for you. Thank you for keeping us in your heart and mind this year!