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'MEET THE STARS OF TWTC' GALA TO BE HELD ON MAY 3RD

Our "Meet The Stars of The Women's Treatment Center" Gala will be held on May 3, 2007, at The Hilton Hotel and Towers in Chicago.

We are pleased to announce that our Honorary Chairperson will be Merri Dee, Director of Community Relations for

WGN-TV.

TWTC has hosted "Meet the Stars of The Women's Treatment Center" for the last five years to honor those women who, upon completing treatment, have gone on to create bright new futures for themselves and their families.

The Gala will include: a reception; live and silent auctions; and a program that will include awards to our "STARS" and the presentation of the "Angel Award."

For information about tickets and how you can contribute to this event, see the back page.

TWTC's 2007 "Angels" Sen. Dick Durbin and Rep. Rahm Emanuel



We are pleased to announce that Congressman Rahm Emanuel and Senator Richard J. Durbin have been selected by TWTC's Board to receive this year's "Angels" Award, to acknowledge their support of our Parents And Children Together [PACT] Program..

The PACT Program received a three-year grant of \$98,723 from the U.S. Department of Justice. The grant was made possible by the strong support of Sen. Durbin and Rep. Emanuel. TWTC received invaluable

assistance from their staff during the rigorous application process.

This program, the only one of its kind in Illinois, is the result of a unique partnership between TWTC and the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). PACT aims to mitigate the effects of parental incarceration, whose economic, emotional and social impacts are devastating to their children. Research suggests that these children may represent a group more at risk than any other in the country. Studies link it with poor school performance, aggression, and emotional problems.

Since it began in 2003, the PACT Program has helped Chicago-area children maintain ties with their mothers incarcerated at the Decatur Correctional Center



through the use of two-way video-teleconferencing visits.

With the new grant, we can now provide educational and emotional support to the children and ensure that they get services they need.

We are extremely grateful to Sen. Durbin and Rep. Emanuel, who have turned a strong commitment to the welfare of these often forgotten children into improvements in services for them.

The Angel Award will be given to our newest "Angels" at this year's Stars Event in May.

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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide women with a continuum of care, recovery tools, and parenting skills to maintain a sober lifestyle as they rebuild their lives and their futures, and mend the bonds with their families

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From Jewell Oates, Ph.D., TWTC's Executive Director

TWTC's Board of Directors Grows

In the last few months, we have welcomed three new members to our Board of Directors:

Betty L. Hutchinson, Ph.D., has a long and distinguished career in Early Childhood Education. She has been Dean of the

Human Services Institute for the City Colleges of Chicago, President of the Chicago Affiliate of the National Assn. for the Education of Young Children, and is now Professor Emeritus at National-Louis University.

Pauline Montgomery has overseen operations at a major Chicago lawfirm, JDM & Associates, for more than twenty years. She is a long-time member of the NAACP and the United Negro College Fund.

Eric A. Reeves is a Partner at McDermott Will & Emery, specializing in corporate finance. He is involved in several civic and service organizations in Chicago and was appointed by Mayor Daley to the Mayor's 21st Century Leadership Council.

We look forward to working them!

Board Chair Andrea Kramer Honored by the Anti-Defamation League

TWTC's Board Chair Andrea S. Kramer was honored as a "Woman of Achievement" by The Anti-Defamation League on March 8th. For 14 years, the ADL has honored women who strive for success, serve as mentors to others, and give back to their communities. Ms. Kramer embodies all of these values.

Ms. Kramer is a partner in the law firm of McDermott Will & Emery LLP. She has been

a mentor and role model to numerous young women joining the firm. In fact, attorneys from MWE's Boston office made a generous donation to TWTC during the holidays in her honor. She also recently co-founded a women's group called Women's Leadership and Mentoring Alliance (WLMA) to bring Chicago women professionals together to network, mentor, and sup-

port leadership opportunities in the Chicago community.



Ms. Kramer is a founding member and chairperson of TWTC's board of directors. She is also a member of the

board of directors of Dance Art, which provides dance training, literary skills, and communication skills to at-risk children in Chicago. In March 2004, she received the Unsung Heroine Award from the Cook County Board of Commissioners in recognition of her community service.

TWTC congratulates Ms. Kramer on this well deserved recognition.

TWTC Art on Display at Woman Made Gallery

Woman Made Gallery (WGM) is exhibiting art made by TWTC clients through March. WGM's mission is to support and cultivate the diverse contributions of women artists through exhibitions, educational programs and community outreach.

In August, WGM gave TWTC clients a tour. Many

clients had never been to a museum or gallery before. Beate Minkovski, Executive Director, moved by their enthusiastic response, offered to provide art classes.

Twenty clients participated in art therapy projects in October and February. The classes were taught by artists Carmen Perez,

Sandra Garber, and Mary Ann Anthony. The beautiful art pieces created by our clients, including tribute boxes and a collage quilt, will be exhibited at WGM until March 29th.

We are grateful to WGM for securing the funds to teach the class on-site at TWTC. WGM is located at 685 North Milwaukee

Avenue. For more information: womanmade.org.



A tribute box made by a TWTC client

TWTC Awarded Grant by IL Clean Energy Community Foundation

TWTC was awarded a grant of \$4,200 to improve the energy efficiency of the lighting in our Infant and Toddler Daycare Wing. This

enabled TWTC to both reduce our energy consumption and to improve the quality of the lighting. By replacing 149 ballasts and 298 other lighting

components, TWTC has been able to save 7 kwd, as well as 45,639 pounds of carbon dioxide, 298,730 pounds of sulfur dioxide, and 107,875

pounds of nitrus oxide. We are very appreciative of this opportunity to install energy efficient lighting in our Infant and Toddler Daycare Wing.

Kids Giving Back....

In December, Marissa Hirsch and The National Junior Honor Society of Daniel Wright Junior High handmade 10 fleece blankets for TWTC's children. These beautiful blankets have kept them warm all winter.

Marissa and her siblings, Jack, Camryn and Noah, also donated 40 sets of coloring books and crayons to Daycare!

For Christmas, the Third Grade Classes at The Chicago City Day School donated 106 beautiful hardback books to the



Daniel Wright Junior High blanket makers display their work.

PACT Program. In addition, they gave 75 lovely handmade cards, art supplies and dental care items to Daycare.

Students of The

Metropolitan Preparatory School in Arlington Heights donated presents to every mother and child in Recovery Home.

During the Hanukkah holiday, the first-grade stu-

dents at K.A.M. Isaiah Israel solicited a multitude of donations of much needed personal care items for our mothers and children..

Latin School students Amanda Letchinger and Cynthia Harris began volunteering in TWTC's Parenting Program in December. Amanda cares for our kids while their mothers are in evening group. Cynthia works with children who don't live with their moms at TWTC but attend weekly art therapy sessions.

Salon Blonde and Kaya Day Spa Provide Spa and Makeover Services to TWTC Clients

Many women-owned businesses support TWTC. Recently, two went to extraordinary lengths to help our clients.

Salon Blonde stylists provided 11 clients from TWTC's Recovery Home and Madison Place Programs with complete makeovers including hair-styling, makeup lessons and new business appropriate clothing, as well as

housewarming gifts on January 14th. These women have completed residential treatment and are going back to school and getting jobs. Several had just been hired at new jobs the week before! Co-owner Dawn Doerfler said that she and her stylists wanted to provide the women with a fresh look as they started their new lives.

Salon Blonde is located at 1643 W. North Avenue. It offers a range of haircut and coloring services, as well as makeup lessons and application.

For the second year, Maria Sakoutis, owner of Kaya Day Spa, provided TWTC clients with spa services in a wonderful and welcoming environment. Kaya Day Spa staff provided massages, facials,

body wraps, manicures and pedicures for 40 of TWTC's clients in January. Most of these women had never experienced these services.

Kaya Day Spa is located at 112 North May Street. It offers facials, massage, body treatments, hydrotherapy with chromatherapy, waxing, makeup, ear candeling, and nail services.

www.salonblonde.com

www.KayaDaySpa.com

Join Us At This Year's Stars Event!

Individual Tickets: \$125

Platinum Table Sponsors: \$5,000. (Includes ten tickets, full page in event book, information table placement, banner displayed, acknowledgement in TWTC newsletters and annual reports.)

Gold Table Sponsors: \$2,500. (Includes ten tickets, full page in event book, information table placement, acknowledgement in TWTC newsletters and annual reports.)

Corporate Event Sponsorships from Small Businesses. (Includes acknowledgement in TWTC newsletters and annual reports.)

For more information, contact Anita Flores at 312.633.4366 or at aflores@womentreatmentcenter.org

*TWTC needs your help to make these the best auctions ever. For the **Live Auction**, we're looking for items with a strong appeal to guests, such as travel packages with a minimum retail value of \$1,000. For our **Silent Auction**, we would welcome donations of restaurant, spa, hotel and other gift certificates and services.*



St. Elizabeth's Donates Funds for Toys

TWTC was selected by the staff of St. Elizabeth Medical Center to receive a donation of \$250 to purchase Christmas toys for our children.

"We wanted to recognize the good work of The Women's Treatment Center and the growing relationship between our organizations," said Roderick Fitzpatrick, the Community Service Representative of St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Rosie's Foundation, White Sox Fund New TWTC Playground

Over the last several years, many of you have purchased playground squares to help us make our playground a safe and happy place for our children to play. Thanks to you -- and with the assistance of a \$20,000 grant from Rosie O'Donnell's "Rosie's For All Kids" Foundation and an \$8,861 grant from The Chicago White Sox Charities, we will be installing a new playground this spring! That means we will no longer have to take the kids across a busy street to play.

Improvements will include installation of a new, level poured-rubber surface and new infant/toddler equipment.

Thanks, Rosie! Thanks, White Sox! Thanks, playground-square purchasers! Without you, it couldn't happen!