Everywhere on the APCH campus there is learning, laughter and creativity. It’s a place where hundreds of kids growing up in a rough neighborhood come every day to be safe and receive nourishment for their minds, bodies and spirits. But, that’s just the beginning.

At APCH, we support and inspire young people to empower themselves, gain self-sufficiency, and use their talents to make the world a kinder, healthier and more just place for everyone.

In every classroom, studio and workshop, on the athletic field, in the gardens, and the kitchen, the kids are learning to REACH by exploring and developing themselves around the values of:

- Respect.
- Empathy.
- Accountability.
- Courage.
- Hope.

Our young people are volunteering in the community, visiting elders, distributing food and school supplies, and figuring out how to be of service everywhere they go. Can you imagine a world with everyone holding these values as their touchstones? Lately it can feel like humankind is going backwards. However, with hundreds of kids crossing our threshold every day and thousands more that have grown up at APCH and are out in the world, we see the ripples of change getting stronger and moving us all forward.

Changing the world starts in your home, too. Please join us and start REACHing today!

Changing the world starts at A Place Called Home
What is an American?

My father’s family fled Eastern Europe and washed up on the shores of New York following a promise of safety. He grew up in a ghetto and went on to be the first in his family to get a college education and serve in the U.S. military. My father’s work got him to the middle class and he taught me and my brothers to never take this country for granted, and to hold it to a high standard.

Americans live this story every day when we eat Chinese or Italian or buy tortillas and bagels at the market, listen to Reggae and Salsa and R & B on the radio, go to a museum or the theater or a concert. Except for our Native American and enslaved African ancestors, most everyone in this country has an immigration story in their family, and it’s all this magnificent diversity that makes the USA so extraordinary.

The rising tide of white supremacist violence against immigrants and people of color is real and it’s ugly. Elected “leaders” are betraying their own immigrant stories and desecrating the Constitution, which was not written to trumpet how “great” America is, but to hold us accountable to our ideals.

The most important election of our lifetime is coming, and young people will be the most deeply affected by the outcome. It’s time to stand up for them so they can stand up for themselves. With every student we send to college or launch into a career, we imagine how they will make a difference. Will they be a constitutional scholar? Will they be in the trades, or a corporate executive? A journalist, a teacher, a cop or a counselor? We don’t know exactly what’s ahead for them, but our mission is to make sure they leave APCH empowered to look out for themselves and to manifest the real American Dream... equity for all people.

Jonathan Zeichner

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

O U R  M I S S I O N

A Place Called Home provides a safe, nurturing environment with proven programs in arts, education and wellness for the young people in South Central Los Angeles to help them improve their economic conditions and develop healthy, fulfilling and purposeful lives.

G E T  I N V O L V E D

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE - Are you looking to make a difference in the lives of youth and families in need? Consider donating your time, talent and treasure to A Place Called Home! Here are ways YOU can get involved:

JOIN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Dedicated professionals and philanthropists support our mission by stewarding the organization’s fiscal and business management and raising more than a million dollars each year. Contact jonathan@apch.org for more information.

JOIN OUR LEADERSHIP COUNCIL - A group of emerging professionals from diverse backgrounds and industries who want to give back. Contact gilbert@apch.org for more information. NEW! JOIN OUR SOCIAL CHANGE CLUB - SCC is for supporters that want to stay connected to APCH year round. Members receive free tickets to APCH events, advance notice of volunteer opportunities and more. SCC is a great way to network with like-minded individuals while serving the greater good! Contact hannah@apch.org for more information.

MENTOR - Our L.I.F.E. Mentoring program presents opportunities for enrichment and support through supervised one-to-one relationships between our members and caring adults in the community. Contact LIFEmentoring@apch.org for more information.

VOLUNTEER - We’re looking for skilled, committed volunteers who want to donate their time and talent. APCH is extending a special invitation to volunteers in their retirement years. Your wisdom and experience can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our young people! Contact volunteer@apch.org for more information.

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Summer Fun Competitions Build Camaraderie

Summer is an especially magical time at APCH and this year, we introduced the first ever summer fun competitions! Members from all age groups were divided into teams consisting of littles, middles and teens. Teams competed for victory in baseball, volleyball, and sand castle building at our beach days and Kids Day at Griffith Park. These activities were yet another opportunity for members to practice REACH (Respect, Empathy, Accountability, Courage and Hope) values and a chance to build relationships with youth of different ages, resulting in greater unity among our members.

RISE HIGH AT APCH

RISE High at APCH is an innovative education partnership between A Place Called Home and Da Vinci Schools that services the highest opportunity youth in our community, including those in the foster care or probation systems and living without stable homes.

RISE High Students Receive Onsite Job Training

In addition to pursuing their high school education, many of our RISE students need to earn money to support themselves or help support their families. In order to do so, they need training in vocational skills, something that is missing from most high school curriculums. That’s where the APCH internship program comes in!

Over the course of a term, students can participate in various 100-hour paid internships on our campus. They develop skills and add experience to their resumes that help in their future employment searches. Obtaining job training on campus removes hurdles for our students who are in the foster care and probation systems and who would otherwise need to get permissions (from probation officers, social workers, court-appointed advocates and guardians) and find transportation to work for an external employer. With an on-campus internship, students can pursue their education and job training while receiving practical support and wraparound services such as counseling, nutrition, and life skills classes.

Students are placed in APCH departments ranging from Development to Nutrition and Urban Agriculture (NUA) and Theater, where they receive hands-on training in administrative, cooking, technical skills and more. Each student’s likes, dislikes and passions are taken into account when assigning them to a department. They learn vocational skills in a supportive environment where they receive daily constructive feedback and mentorship.

And, the program is working. Previous interns have gone on to secure full-time and part-time positions in Los Angeles and beyond.

Whether a student’s goal is to go to college or secure a job after high school, RISE High and APCH are equipping students with resources to rise above their current circumstances and pursue their educational and professional dreams.
Arts & creative programs at APCH are thriving, from our theater program producing its very first full production to the music department’s debut of our first mariachi band, Mariachi Los Alcantraces! APCH is dedicated to using the arts for social and emotional development, while inspiring imagination and self-expression.

Celebrating Art, Girlhood and Latinx Culture

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15–Oct. 15, 2019), five APCH members were filmed over the summer for a documentary that aired on the Disney Channel. The documentary highlights how the arts impact their lives as young women in South Los Angeles, and more importantly, how being part of the Latinx community defines and shapes who they are. Ranging in expression from film to dance, music and visual arts, these young women have used the arts to empower themselves and express who they truly are. Guided by APCH Visual Arts & Digital Media Sr. Lead Bernyce Talley, the members collaborated on the summer-long project, which followed them through the process of creating original works of art. All the young ladies featured in the film have been members of APCH for years and have had unique experiences via our Arts & Creative Expressions programs. Some have performed at the Walt Disney Concert Hall with the Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles, others opened for Diana Ross with the APCH Dance Company and one helped raise funds for APCH programs by creating and auctioning her art live on stage at the 2019 APCH Girl-Power Awards Luncheon. These young artists are leaders on our campus and their hope is that the project will inspire younger generations of girls in the Latinx community and beyond.

For more information on this project or to view the videos, visit tinyurl.com/APCHonDisney.

Members Loved the 4th Annual Puppet Parade

At the end of summer, our Visual Art department held our fourth Annual Puppet Parade, where members performed with larger than life puppets they crafted from recyclable materials. Prior to the performance, members in the puppet parade camp went on a trip to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles to get a behind the scenes look at the museum’s enormous dinosaur puppets and receive training from professional puppeteers and performers!

Ballet Folklorico Debuts at APCH!

APCH is committed to culturally relevant programming that brings our community together and celebrates our diversity. Last Spring, our Dance department introduced ballet folklorico, a form of traditional Mexican dance that emphasizes local folk culture with ballet characteristics. The initial workshop, taught by the founder of Flor De Mayo Dance Company, was such a success, we offered a ballet folklorico camp during the summer session!
Young Filmmakers
Remake Popular Movies

Members ages 12-15 in our Digital Media program embarked on the journey of making three short films through the collective collaboration lovingly titled Be Kind Rewind. The result was a remake of the popular movies IT, La Llorona, and Spider-Man: Into the Spiderverse. Our members worked in teams to plan, design, write, act, shoot, and edit their projects, which were screened at this year’s APCH Moondance Film Festival to a theater full of supportive friends, family and staff.

First-Ever APCH Actors Showcase
Produced Entirely by Teen Members!

The first Annual APCH Actors’ Showcase featured teen members performing scenes and monologues from throughout theater history. The eclectic mix of pieces ranged from Shakespearean classics to modern works exploring contemporary issues affecting young people. Teens not only performed, they designed and stage-managed the entire production. APCH Theater program members train in performance and production for theatrical careers in front of and behind the curtain!

APCH Musicians Hone their Talent in Boston

3,000 miles away from South LA, teen members Alisson and Paul spent their summer in Boston at the prestigious Berklee College of Music’s Five-Week Music Performance Intensive. This program is designed to enhance pre-college and high school students’ performance skills, and provide our members unparalleled opportunities to learn from some of the best music educators in the country. Alisson and Paul spent eight-hour days honing their craft and making lasting memories.

APCH Creates Original Music

The 2019 APCH full-length album, entitled “South Central Kids,” debuts in December! You might recognize some returning member voices: ADHOC, MartianX, and Tarzan, who collaborated with music producer Voli Contra on a track titled “Life Line.” In addition to original songs from our resident musicians, we have a mixture of spoken word performances by APCH Littles and Middles members and jazz selections from our intermediate ensemble, Central Beat. Check out the album, produced by members in our Audio Recording & Technology program, on iTunes, Spotify and Google Play by searching for A Place Called Home.
Every year, our Davidow Counseling Center provides more than 3,000 hours of comprehensive mental health counseling on our campus. Our members and their families access services delivered by trained professionals, ensuring they have the psychological support and tools to overcome the obstacles they face. Our counseling team normalizes access to counseling services through monthly Parent Advisory meetings and an “open door” policy that welcomes members to freely visit counselors.

**Community Advisory Offers Resources and Support**

APCH’s Counseling department holds monthly Parent Advisory meetings throughout the year to establish deeper connections with our members’ parents and inform them on issues ranging from child development and social media influences to community concerns like immigration and health care. In October 2018 we opened the meeting to all parents from the surrounding neighborhood. The result? A full house!

At this first public advisory, our Counseling team presented on two common mental health disorders: anxiety and depression, with an overview of symptoms, signs and coping skills. Then, community partners and immigrants’ rights attorneys addressed concerns about the federal government’s targeting of immigrant communities. Our partners clarified how to respond if ICE comes to your home and how to access local resources. In addition, officers from nearby Newton Police Station expressed their support for the community, regardless of individuals’ documentation status.

Since then, our community advisories have addressed issues such as cyberbullying, social media and how parents can better monitor their children’s use, diabetes care and prevention, dental hygiene resources, and college financial aid.

Opening our advisories up to the surrounding community has introduced A Place Called Home to those who may not have known about the organization before, establishing new connections with the wider South Los Angeles community.

**Educational Services**

Serving an average of 408 members throughout the month, Educational Services provides academic support that aligns with a 21st century education. By utilizing culturally relevant, arts-integrated, student-centered approaches, members are empowered to help themselves as they develop and strengthen their academic skills, self-confidence and, most importantly, love of learning.

Miguel Develops a Love of Learning

In Spring 2019, Educational Services piloted its new Teen Academic Program, adding the final piece to an academic support pipeline that starts with our elementary and middle school members. Establishing a centralized space for teens to access all academic support is key to the program’s success, as is having consistent, qualified, caring and creative staff. Our instructors meet our members where they are academically, while using approaches to effectively strengthen members’ skills and empower them to persevere and nurture their love of learning.

Miguel has been an APCH member since elementary school, and this spring, as an 11th grader, he came full circle by interning with Educational Services. In Fall 2018, Miguel was still very shy, had a 2.4 GPA and couldn’t imagine attending college. As he continued to utilize academic support services in the spring, Miguel worked on his internship project, which required him to review poetry and set up a “poetry wall” that encourages teens to take small poetry printouts. Miguel was enthusiastic; he enjoyed reading poetry as a new experience and became the first teen to complete the 100-hour internship requirement ahead of schedule! Staff observed improved self-confidence, communication and social skills from Miguel.

Each year, we take a group of teens on a tour of Northern California colleges and universities. Although it took encouragement to coax Miguel out of his comfort zone to join the tour this year, he returned with an entirely different perspective. Miguel shared that he could now see himself attending college and with an improvement in his GPA by the end of the spring semester, we’re confident he’s heading in the right direction!
Our Nutrition & Urban Agriculture and Athletics programs are leading the way in supporting our members and families’ taking ownership of their holistic health! Our coordinated programs provide comprehensive support to develop healthy lifestyle habits. The Seed to Table program balances agricultural/gardening experiences with culinary and dietary knowhow, while sports and recreation ensure members are actively utilizing the fuel and energy generated from fresh meals prepared by our nutrition team daily.

**Family Creates a Healthy Lifestyle**

Members Jason and Maria, who are brother and sister, have been regular students in our Nutrition & Urban Agriculture and Athletics classes. While they have long shared their enjoyment with staff, they started to reveal something new this past spring: how they were utilizing what they were learning in class back at home. This transfer of knowledge and skills began when their mother, Mariana, participated in our parent nutrition classes. As the semester progressed, Jason and Maria felt more supported in their healthy efforts and the whole family began cooking together, incorporating the lessons from the classes Mom and kids were taking. By the end of the semester, Mariana had joined our parent volleyball team and was excited by how her improved healthy habits translated to being more agile on the volleyball court!

**Inaugural Volleyball Team Wins Championship!**

The South Central Sports League (SCSL) is co-managed by APCH Athletics for 1,000 local boys and girls who do not otherwise have access to organized team sports. Athletes from APCH and three SCSL partners (Bressee Foundation, All Peoples Community Center and Carver Middle School) recently formed a volleyball team to compete in the Cheviot Hills Recreation Center All Star program. This inaugural team remained undefeated throughout the season and finished as league champions, qualifying for the citywide All-Star Tournament in the Fall!

**Over the past year, the NUA team harvested 632 pounds of fresh produce from our three organic gardens and served more than 31,750 meals and snacks to our members!**

**Sherlyn Earns Her Garden Ranger Badge**

Meet Sherlyn, one of the first APCH members to earn her Garden Ranger badge from the Nutrition & Urban Agriculture Program this summer. She completed her challenges by spending five hours in the garden, planting a seed, and sharing food that she harvested and prepared with a friend. When asked why others should participate in the program she replied: “We learn by doing every day. We learn about ecosystems and how to take care of a garden and cook good food so we can be healthy and happy.”
From college preparation and scholarships to vocational training, mentorship and leadership development, APCH teens are presented with opportunities that support their growth to become self-sufficient adults with the confidence to live out their dreams! We also expose our young people to different cultures through food, music, and art to nurture their curiosity about the world. This year, ten APHC teen scholars were inspired to study abroad in Spain, Sweden, South Africa and more, and now their worldviews are forever changed.

**Joseph Charts a New Path**

Joseph has been a member of APCH for almost six years. He started as a high school freshman full of energy. Every day he walked in with his big curly hair and bright wide eyes, full of excitement and laughter. Soon staff realized that he was masking his fears with comical commentary and charm. He admitted being afraid of becoming an adult because he was fearful he would fail at life. He left APCH his sophomore year of high school, only to come back a semester later because he needed more support. We immediately enrolled Joseph into our L.I.F.E. Mentoring program, where he could receive support above and beyond what our staff provides during regular program hours. Joseph participated in our College Preparation program, explored his educational options, and attended night school so he could graduate from high school on time. Through our Professional Readiness and Employment Pathways program (P.R.E.P), Joseph secured an internship and discovered his love for working with children. He was ignited! Upon graduating from high school, Joseph enrolled in a local community college and, after two years, is transferring into a four-year university this fall! Joseph is studying early childhood education and looks forward to working with young people and helping them get a great educational start. The intersection of care, accountability, exposure and access has provided a foundation for Joseph, who is now thriving and on a path to be the first in his family to obtain a bachelor’s degree. Teens and young adults like Joseph are changing the narrative of their families and the future of our communities.

**Journey**

**Journey to Brotherhood, Manhood and Leadership**

Family, friends and peers gathered to celebrate the APCH Journey boys’ 2019 program culmination. Journey is a peer-mentoring program for our 14 to 18-year-old young men where they develop leadership skills, character, and a real brotherhood with one another as they learn what it is to become a 21st century man. The young men performed a powerful spoken word piece, entitled “We Are Journey”; delivered individual speeches on the program’s impact on their personal growth; and read letters of encouragement to their future selves. This year’s keynote speaker, Jive Live President Julio Garcia, shared this advice with our young men: “Excellence is not an action, but a habit.”
L.I.F.E. Mentoring

Developing L.I.F.E. Changing Bonds

The APCH L.I.F.E. (Lead, Influence, Foster, Empower) Mentoring program supports and facilitates meaningful, nurturing one-on-one mentor-mentee relationships between our teens and adults in the community. This past spring, mentor-mentee matches participated in a jewelry-making workshop. Together, they learned how to design and create silver rings, in which they engraved core value words that highlighted their mentorships. As a result of this bonding experience, each mentor and mentee produced a unique keepsake as a lifelong reminder of their experience, connection and commitment.

APCH Shaheen Scholarship Program

We Sent Our 433rd Member to College!

On June 15th, 2019, more than 100 guests gathered for our annual APCH Shaheen Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Benefactors Linda and David Shaheen, family members, donors, staff, program alumnæ and current scholars came together to celebrate 13 graduating college seniors and welcome 23 incoming APCH Shaheen Scholars. In addition to scholarships, the APCH Shaheen Scholarship program provides college tours, application assistance, counseling, a summer college prep intensive, and year round support to ensure that our members succeed in higher education. To date, we have sent 433 members to college and we look forward to supporting even more South Central youth in their pursuit of higher education!

Civics & Community Engagement

300 Voters Cast their Midterm Election Ballots at APCH!

The recent addition of The Bridge at A Place Called Home has allowed for expanded services for our teen members, a partnership with RISE High School, and a beautiful gathering space for our neighbors in South Central Los Angeles. For the third year in a row, APCH will serve as a polling station, thanks to our Civics & Community Engagement program. Last year more than 300 community members showed up to A Place Called Home to make their votes count in the midterm elections. In the weeks leading up to the election, APCH Shaheen Scholars canvassed the community several times to remind residents to vote, resulting in a great turnout on Election Day! With transportation being a challenge for many, voters expressed gratitude for having a polling station in the neighborhood.

Of the 28 APCH members eligible in 2019, 100% graduated high school and all had plans to pursue higher education.
Girls, Let Your Voices Be Heard!

GirlPower is a rites of passage program for our young women that fosters sisterhood, develops leadership and promotes community service. One of the most inspirational components of the GirlPower program is the opportunity to develop relationships with accomplished women throughout Los Angeles. On GirlPower Empowerment Day, 50 middle and high school girls participated in a full day of activities and workshops that celebrated the power of being a young woman, including a youth organizing workshop led by social justice activist Edna Chavez, who was born and raised in South Central. Edna taught the girls the importance of using their voices to speak up for what they believe in, and reminded them that they already possess the power to uplift themselves, their families and communities.

Preparing Our Youth for Career Success

P.R.E.P. (Professional Readiness and Employment Pathways) provides career and vocational preparation services, including employment coaching and internships for our teens and young adults. On April 25th, 2019, 75 teen members participated in P.R.E.P.’s second annual Career Exploration Fair. The event hosted 14 panelists and guest speakers that presented on topics like landing your first job, resume writing, and self-empowerment. Members learned about careers in engineering, hospitality, healthcare, culinary arts, jewelry sales, entrepreneurship, and more, while making connections with possible future employers.

Investing in Youth Entrepreneurs and Business Leaders

Our S.E.E. (Social Enterprise and Entrepreneurship) classes teach members the fundamentals of business and entrepreneurship by creating and marketing their own products. Hennessey, winner of last year’s APCH BizCamp competition for young entrepreneurs, continues to thrive as an emerging business leader in SEE. This year, she completed Start-Up Summer, a program in partnership with the Network For Teaching Entrepreneurship. During the program, Hennessey developed Culturart, a printmaking business that highlights the beauty of Hispanic culture and dismantles misconceptions. She received a new laptop, $1,000 stipend and $500 to invest in her first prototype. At the end of the six weeks, Hennessey pitched her idea to a panel of judges and won an additional $3,500 of investment capital!
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Faith was one of our most prolific individual donors. She was also a dear friend, an advocate, an author, an AA pioneer (she brought AA to Russia), a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and a strong believer that ALL people have the right to live with dignity and access to organizations like APC, she impacted thousands for the better. We will miss her, and in 2020 we will inaugurate the Faith Strong Social Justice Award at our GirlPower Luncheon.

Janice Freeman

Our dear friend, the fierce and talented Janice Freeman, passed away in March 2019. It was an honor for our young people to work with Janice on last year’s APCH Gala, where she led our band in a powerful performance of “Lean on Me.” Janice was a warrior of the highest order, battling multiple health challenges to live each day to the fullest. Singing for the angels now.

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Thanks to our in-kind donors of food, clothing, toys, bicycles, household items, program supplies and services.

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APCH IS HERE TO SERVE - A Place Called Home proudly serves the entire community of South Central Los Angeles. We open our doors to our neighbors throughout the year for fun, educational, cultural and distribution events. If you see a line on the corner of South Central Avenue and 29th Street, you can bet something special is happening at APCH! Over the past year, we served more than 10,000 community members through our events. Here are just a few highlights:

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND VOLUNTEERISM

Cinderella and Prince Charm- ing Project provided 1,200 teens in need from across Los Angeles free formal attire, accessories and grooming services for their senior proms and graduations. Nearly 1,700 children received backpacks and school supplies at our 19th annual

Backpack To School event. On Thanksgiving Eve, we distributed 700 turkeys and bags of groceries in the morning, then treated 1,000 community members to a traditional holiday meal during our Thanksgiving Grocery Distribution and Community Dinner.

We finished the year with Home for the Holidays, when the APCH campus was turned into a winter wonderland for 3,000 children, complete with 40 tons of snow, games, music, food, hot cocoa, Santa, and of course, toys! Every APCH community event is made possible through the generosity of our dedicated sponsors and caring volunteers. We are deeply grateful for their continued partnership! Next year we will be doing it all over again!

For more information about how your company can sponsor an event, contact events@apch.org or 323-238-2416.
In 1991 I moved from NYC where people of all colors and economic ability lived side by side. I rode the subway and overheard conversations in many languages. I lived in a neighborhood with many names. The East Village, Alphabet City, the Lower East Side, and Loisaida. My neighbors were Polish, Ukrainian, Hispanic, Jewish, White, Black, Indian and Asian. I was part of a melting pot. I was comfortable.

When I got to LA I experienced a more segregated world. I lived on the west side and worked in Hollywood. In those days, people didn’t go downtown searching art and the latest restaurant, they tended to stay in their own corners of the city. One day a friend and I drove east in search of authentic Mexican food. We passed through neighborhoods with people who looked very different from those I saw every day in Hollywood and ended up in a funky bar somewhere east of the 10 freeway.

I learned that day that there are many different LA’s, and a year later the LA Riots shook the city and a neighborhood I barely knew was devastated. Out of that tragedy, Debrah Constance created A Place Called Home for the kids of South Central, and 26 years later APCH has helped thousands of kids break negative cycles to achieve their own dreams.

I am honored to chair the APCH Board of Directors, a group of amazing volunteers who believe that a Los Angeles that opens its arms to all people is a better, more just, and much more interesting city. We are committed to growing APCH to serve many more youth and families and we welcome you to get involved! Making LA and the world a better place starts with you and me.

Barbara Glazer
Board Chair

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Board Members

Michael Converse leads the Design Business in the Western United States for AECOM, a Fortune 500 architecture/engineering/construction company based in Los Angeles. Projects include the new Los Angeles Clippers arena in Inglewood. His passion to improve the quality of life and education for young people led him and his wife, Kathryn Price Converse, to APCH. Kathryn is a producer and screenwriter currently working as a co-executive producer on the CBS legal drama, BULL. Kathryn is also known for The Game Plan, Fallen, and Guilt. A former lawyer, she graduated from Stanford University Law School. Michael and Kathryn are already making a significant impact on APCH with their contribution of time, energy and resources in support of our work!

Vera B. Stewart is the Consumer Banking Market Leader & Registration Candidate for Bank of America’s Beverly Grove Market, where she manages sales, operations and client experience. APCH has been honored to have Vera, who grew up in South Los Angeles, as part of the family for many years as a volunteer and contributor for our annual Cinderella & Prince Charming Project. We’re excited to have her contributing her talents and expertise at the board level!

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