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**Home Again Los Angeles Receives Humanitarian Award at  
25th Annual Valley of the Stars Gala**

**Sherman Oaks, California**— Home Again Los Angeles will receive the Humanitarian Award at [The Valley Economic Alliance](#) (The Alliance) [25th Annual Valley of the Stars Awards Gala presented by Mission Valley Bank](#) April 13, 2023 5:30-8:30 p.m. (PST) at The Odyssey located at 15600 Odyssey Dr. in Granada Hills, CA.

The Humanitarian Award is given to an individual or organization promoting human welfare in areas such as, but not limited to, hunger, healthcare, homelessness, and poverty mitigation.

Home Again L.A. assists families experiencing homelessness gain independence by transitioning into permanent housing and employment with the support of our community. Home Again L.A. helps people like Rachel:

When my husband passed away earlier this year due to COVID I had no idea if I could survive. I lost my job and eventually couldn't afford my apartment anymore. I tried to find a job that paid me enough to help make ends meet but it was difficult. All this pressure and sadness clouded my life until I looked over at my two daughters who needed me... needed me to be strong. I eventually reached out to Home Again L.A. The local school district referred me and after meeting with the staff at Home Again L.A. I knew I was in a safe place with someone who I didn't know for more than a day, truly cared about me and wanted me to be successful. Home Again L.A. helped me pay for my rental arrears and eventually helped me relocate into an apartment that I could afford. They made me feel like family and helped me believe in myself. I am home again.



“On behalf of the entire Home Again L.A. team I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the Valley Economic Alliance for the honor,” said Albert Hernandez, CEO of Home Again LA. “Home Again L.A. has been a staple in our region for 13 years; we are here to serve our region's unhoused and at-risk of homelessness population. For 13 years we've assessed and responded to the needs of the community. Unfortunately, the need continues to be high and in recent years more than normal due to the pandemic. We are doing our best to continue to bring hope to the unhoused. Now more than ever organizations like Home Again L.A. are needed so we can provide resources that lead to employment, financial and housing stability. We are beyond thankful for this award... this award inspires our staff and board to continue to find solutions to our homeless crisis while serving as a beacon of hope for families who reach out to us for assistance.”

Over the years, Valley of the Stars has recognized and celebrated exemplary businesses, people, and organizations who positively impact and contribute to the economic vitality of the Valley with icons like Bob Hope, Dick Clark, Betty White and Sally Field.

This annual fundraiser generates critical funds that support regional business assistance and workforce development programs. These programs are vital for ensuring a strong local economy, and are responsible for attracting new businesses, driving tourism and improving the quality of life of the people of our region.

“It's a honor to recognize Home Again L.A. for the wonderful work they are doing in the community to provide housing,” said Sonya Blake, CEO and president of The Alliance. “Together, we can end homelessness in the San Fernando Valley region.”

The 25th Annual Valley of the Stars Awards Gala is made possible through generous sponsors, who help to further the mission of The Valley Economic Alliance. Mission Valley Bank is the Luminary Sponsor for the event. CMTC and Primstor are Trailblazer Sponsors. Game Changer sponsors include City of Burbank, City of Glendale, JPMorgan Chase Bank, Bill & Marie Allen, SRAR, MAXIMUS, and Century Housing. The Influencer sponsors are Aszkenazy Development Inc., Athens Services, Childcare Resource Center, City National Bank, City of Calabasas, Comcast NBCUniversal, Gaines & Stacey, LLP, Express Employment Professionals, Goodwill Southern California, Home Again Los Angeles, Kaiser Permanente, Lewis Roca, LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, PCL Construction, SoCalGas, Pacific Federal, LLC, Los Angeles Valley College, Los Angeles Mission College, Los Angeles Pierce College, Los Angeles Valley College Foundation, Presencia & Poder, UCLA Health and Van Nuys Airport. Leadership sponsors are Los Angeles Rams, Insperity, Turner & Townsend Heery, and California State University Northridge. Ambiance Sponsors Tierra del Sol and Mike's Roofing and Building will provide music. On Board - Business & Community Consulting and Galpin Motors will provide flowers. Sponsors Tracy and Randall Hernandez and Concierge Autoworks will provide dessert.



REALM Entertainment will provide wine. US Bank and Los Angeles Regional Consortium are award sponsors.

Tickets for the general public are on sale. For sponsorship opportunities, visit [TheValley.net/events](http://TheValley.net/events), or call (818) 379-7000 for additional details.

The Valley Economic Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of business, government, education, and community leaders. Our mission is to engage and unite Valley stakeholders to raise standards of living and economic vitality across the San Fernando Valley, a five-city region encompassing Burbank, Calabasas, Glendale, Los Angeles, and San Fernando. This region consists of more than 1.9 million residents, over 160,000 businesses and covering more than 350 square miles. To learn more about The Valley Economic Alliance, visit [TheValley.net](http://TheValley.net).

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