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DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER HONORED AS 2020 CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR BY SENATOR HOLLY MITCHELL AND CALNONPROFITS

The Downtown Women's Center (DWC) is proud to announce its selection as a 2020 California Nonprofit of the Year by California Senator Holly Mitchell of the 30th Senate District. DWC is one of over a hundred other nonprofits that will be honored by their state senators and assembly members for their tremendous contributions to the communities they serve.

DWC is the only organization in Los Angeles exclusively dedicated to serving and empowering women experiencing homelessness. Its mission is to end homelessness for women in greater Los Angeles through housing, wellness, employment, and advocacy. Each year, DWC staff and volunteers provide more than 5,000 women with access to basic needs and resources, housing assistance, trauma-informed case management, mental and physical healthcare, job readiness and workforce development, and advocacy training and resources.

"As our services expand to meet the community's growing needs under COVID-19, we are deeply humbled to be recognized as a 2020 Nonprofit of the Year," said DWC Chief Executive Officer Amy Turk. "DWC's decades-long relationship with Senator Mitchell has always been a special one, and we are thrilled to continue working with her to bring greater visibility and resources to women experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles and across California."

Previous editions of the California Nonprofit of the Year awards, now in their fifth year, saw legislators and their honorees join the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits) and Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector Assemblywoman Monique Limón of Santa Barbara for a celebratory luncheon in Sacramento on California Nonprofits Day. Due to COVID-19 social distancing and safety measures, this year's luncheon was cancelled as recipients and legislators shift to celebrating and spreading the news virtually.

"The pandemic and shelter-in-place orders of the last few months have put nonprofits — usually hidden in plain sight — in the spotlight," explains Jan Masaoka, CEO of CalNonprofits. "California Nonprofit of the Year is an opportunity for our elected officials to celebrate the good work they see nonprofits doing in their districts, and for everyone to appreciate the collective impact of nonprofits in our communities."

For more information about the California Nonprofit of the Year awards, please [click here](#).

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*The **Downtown Women's Center (DWC)** is the only organization in Los Angeles focused exclusively on serving and empowering women experiencing homelessness and formerly homeless women. DWC envisions a Los Angeles with every woman housed and on a path to personal stability. Our mission is to end homelessness for women in greater Los Angeles*

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