

Pacific Clinics Celebrates Merger With Uplift Family Services

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The merger of Uplift Family Services and Pacific Clinics, California's leading nonprofit community-based behavioral health care providers was celebrated at Uplifting Communities: The 2022 Pacific Clinics Annual Celebration.

The event raised more than \$581,000, which will help support mental health programs and support services in Greater Los Angeles.

This year's Champion of Mental Health was Clark Gregg, a mental health advocate and award-winning screenwriter, director and actor, who is best known for his role as Agent Coulson in Marvel films. Also honored were two employees, Senior Director of Training Beth Jenks, and Manager of Administrative Services Alma Gomez, who went above and beyond during the pandemic.

ABC7 Eyewitness News anchors Ellen Leyva and David Ono were masters of ceremonies, and actor and comedian Ike Barinholtz presented an award.



Laurel Mechling, Elena Judd, CEO/President Kathy McCarthy and board member Jessica Mack



Nancy Hitchcock, event committee member, and Evan Hitchcock of E-Central Credit Union, vice president of operations and marketing



Associate board member Daniel Sarkis and Jennifer D'Alvarez, senior vice president of fund development



Event honorees Alma Gomez (Norma Jean Award), Clark Gregg (Champion of Mental Health) and Beth Jenks (Leadership Award)



Ike Barinholtz with event co-chairs Boni Bryant and Sheri Weller



Jason Gordon, Claudia Gordon, Trina Caracoza and Chief Operations Officer Shawn Caracoza



Chief Development Officer Lisa Alegria, board member Roger Barney and Dottie Barney



ABC7 David Ono, Chief Communications Officer Myeisha Gamino, ABC7 Ellen Leyva, Lindsay Hicks and Clark Gregg



Dave and Connie Harding, event co-chair Mike Dunn, and Kelly and Jack Dunn



Associate board member Tripp Twyman, Frances James and associate board member Noah Damsky



Carolyn and Greg Bowman



Quynh and Joanne Tran, Pacific Clinics Senior Vice President Kris Giordano, Rachel Johnson and Tracey Greenaway



ABC7 Ellen Leyva, Diana Lam, ABC7 David Ono, Matthew Kugizaki, Nick Levenhagen, board member Judy Kwan



ABC7 VP Teresa Samaniego, Celeste Samaniego, Myeisha Gamino, Clark Gregg, Ashley Hicks, and Annette and Alejandro Lucas



Alex Crawford, Paula Crawford, event co-chair Kent Crawford, Maria Stefano and Chief Strategy Officer James Balla