



Mission Statement

*The Al Wooten, Jr. Heritage Center is a neighborhood approach to the revitalization and empowerment of a community in crisis. We provide a safe nurturing environment committed to good citizenship and academic excellence.*

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SUPPORT 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL “CATCH THE VISION!” AWARDS DINNER AND  
AUCTION**

*Los Angeles, CA-* The Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center is proud to present its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual “Catch the Vision!” Awards Dinner and Auction at the beautiful Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles, CA, Thursday, March 13, 2008. The event will begin at 6:00 PM with cocktails and a silent auction. At 7:00 PM, the formal program will begin and will feature a live auction and an awards presentation to two key Wooten Center supporters: **Los Angeles World Airports** and **Ira Pelofsky**. The evening’s emcee is KROQ DJ “Psycho” Mike Canterwood. The highlight of the program will be presentations from Wooten Youth about the services they receive at the Wooten Center including: tutoring, computer lab instruction, college prep, and gang prevention services. Wooten youth will speak about the challenges of growing up in South Central Los Angeles with limited access to resources and constant gang solicitation.

This gala event’s confirmed celebrities include: Ron Glass (Barney Miller, Firefly, Serenity), Anna Marie Horsford (Amen, The Wayans Brothers, most recently featured on Grey’s Anatomy , The Shield, and Entourage) Art Evans (Testify, Never Die Alone) and tentatively scheduled Djimon Hounsou (Eragon, Blood Diamond, The Island, Beauty Shop). This year’s sponsors include in part: Christopher Jennings, John Lapham, KROQ-FM, Rhino Entertainment, LA World Airports, Thomas McKissick, Djimon Hounsou, Hilton Hotels, Ira Pelofsky, Gary Stewart, Ron Glass, and Bay Cities Bank. Please visit our website at [www.wootencenter.org](http://www.wootencenter.org) for more information. All proceeds from the dinner and auction benefit at-risk youth in South Central Los Angeles served by the Wooten Center. Programs include tutoring, college preparation, gang/violence prevention and computer instruction.

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