



#### 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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### **WOOTEN CENTER HIRES DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

*Los Angeles, CA-* The Al Wooten, Jr. Heritage Center located in South Central Los Angeles has hired a Development Director to oversee their public relations, marketing and fundraising efforts. The Wooten Center has hired Renée White-Stoeckle to head up their Development Department. Renee has worked in non-profits in Los Angeles for three years after an extensive ten years of fundraising and public relations experience for political candidates and political parties. Renee is a graduate of the University of Washington with her B.A., majoring in Politics, Values and Social Change with a minor in Non-Profit Management.

This is the first time that the non-profit organization has hired a full time development director. The Wooten Center was able to hire the Development Director with generous grants from Parsons Foundation and Weingart Foundation. Linda Broadous Miles, Executive Director said, “We are looking forward to expanding and diversifying our funding sources. We are eager to educate the community about the services that are available to our most vulnerable population, our children.”

Al Wooten, Jr. Heritage Center is a youth center located in South Central Los Angeles. The center offers a safe haven for children ages 8-18 that might otherwise be

exposed to drugs, crime and violence. Most of the children come from a single parent or foster care household with incomes of less than \$17,000 per year. The center offers a variety of programs including tutoring, parenting classes, youth leadership program, Boys to Men character building program, College Track college readiness program, computer lab, gardening, homework assistance, job assistance, music program, and a new Teen Center where teens can receive help building their resume, job assistance, and character building classes. These programs ensure that children in our community have safe and healthy alternatives to the crime, drugs and gang violence that plagues our community. The center serves more than 235 children each year living within the 77<sup>th</sup> LAPD division, one of the most violent parts of the city.

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