



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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**CELEBRITIES, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSES TURN OUT TO
SUPPORT 7th ANNUAL “CATCH THE VISION!” AWARDS DINNER AND
AUCTION**

Los Angeles, CA- The Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center is proud to present its 7th Annual “Catch the Vision!” Awards Dinner and Auction at the beautiful Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles, CA, Thursday, March 18, 2010. 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 for scholarships, and an awards presentation to three key Wooten Center supporters: Tom McKissick, TCW, Impacting Hearts Foundation and retired Executive Director, Linda Broadous Miles. The evening’s emcee is 97.1 AMP DJ Booker and features KROQ DJ Jonny “Beer mug” Kantrowe. 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. The Wooten Center will also premier their new eight minute DVD, showcasing the dangerous community of South Central and the safe solution that the Wooten Center provides.

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) and tentatively scheduled Djimon Hounsou (Eragon, Blood Diamond, The Island, Beauty Shop). This year’s sponsors include in part: TCW, JMP Securities, UBOC, Christopher Jennings, John Lapham, KROQ-FM, Rhino Entertainment, LA World Airports, Stuart Richter, Katten, Muchin Rosenman LLP, Thomas McKissick, Ira Pelofsky, David & Elizabeth McFadzean, and Marc Jones. Please visit our website at 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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