

Pathways To Your Future (PTYF)

Presents

The 17th Anniversary of the Frontline Soldiers Awards Breakfast & Fundraiser

Frontline: the visible forefront in any action, activity or field

Soldiers: A person dedicated to a cause

Theme: “It’s Time to Do More”
“Frontline Soldiers Wall of Fame United”

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Brandon E. Martin, Cal State Northridge Athletic Director

former USC Basketball great

When: Saturday, October 7, 2017, 7:30 a.m.

Where: The Historic Proud Bird Food Bazaar & Event Center

11022 S. Aviation Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90045

Pathways To Your Future, (PTYF) founded January 2000 co-founded by Gerald E. Thompson with the Mission: **to provide comprehensive education, health, and human services to reduce homelessness of underserved individuals, youth and families while promoting their development and enriching the communities they live in.**

Over the past 17 years, PTYF has provided housing and supportive services to over 13,000 homeless individual, Transitional Age Youth (TAY) and families. Although our founder Mr. Gerald E. Thompson vision for the breakfast in 1996 as the director of the Inglewood “Men Against Destruction, Defending Against Drugs and Social disorder” (M.A.D. D.A.D.S.) was to recognize men and women who had completed our mentor training program to provide mentoring for the young people in the program that had completed our supported service programs.

After the first 4 years while the event was being held in a gym in the city of Inglewood where Gerald had promised the parents of their son Evan Foster after being killed while setting in the car with his mother, that the breakfast will continue to be held there in memory of their son but the attendance went from 50 to over 200 guest and the board voted to change the venue and our last breakfast hosted 350 guest.

When you hear people speak of homelessness, you don’t hear them mention young people 16 to 25 yrs. old and their age group needs can far surpass a season homeless person.

The breakfast event became PTYF’s main fundraiser. From our years of experience operating and working to keep a facility up and running for homeless Transitional Age Youth (TAY) 16 to 25 year olds, I understand the lack of financial capacity that causes sustainability struggles for so many grassroots agencies. The people must take care of their own and not wait on our government so this year we chose the theme, **“It’s Time to Do More”** two of our nominees this year are Herb Wesson councilman of the 10th District & Los Angeles City Council President, a Posthumous Award to the family of Adolf Dulan of Dulan’s Soul Food, Hyepin Im, president of KCCD and “Los Angeles Police Commissioner President Matthew Johnson” and where portions of the contributions will be made to support our Pathways to Success (PTS) TAY homeless shelter programs, we also will select a number of homeless foster youth items on their wish list and the program other than ours that helped them”. *(Gerald Thompson, co-Founder Executive Director)*

The breakfast community event is the only event where men and women and youth community leaders are honored because of their grassroots efforts from former foster care and homeless TAY’s, park coaches, local business owners, Mayor’s, former gang members now interventionist, mothers and fathers survivors of gang violence killing etc..

For more information regarding the purchase of breakfast tickets, sponsorship opportunities or to make a