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**EAST LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S CENTER RECOGNIZED AS A
2023 NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR**

Selected By District 52 Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo

EAST LOS ANGELES – East Los Angeles Women's Center (ELAWC) is pleased to announce it has been selected as a 2023 California Nonprofit of the Year by Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo.

Now in its eighth year, the Nonprofit of the Year initiative gives each California state legislator the opportunity to honor a nonprofit organization doing outstanding work in their district. ELAWC will be recognized at a celebratory luncheon on June 7 at the state Capitol in Sacramento, CA, along with more than one-hundred nonprofit organizations serving communities throughout the state. Honorees were selected by their local state senators and assemblymembers to recognize their outstanding contributions to their communities and causes served.

ELAWC is a leading voice and advocate for survivors and their families affected by sexual, domestic, and intimate partner violence, HIV/AIDS and the intersection of homelessness. A range of bilingual, culturally-responsive services help survivors and their families create a pathway to stability and safety through crisis and therapeutic services, advocacy, leadership and empowerment programs, and a broad range of other resources and social support.

"We are deeply humbled and honored to be selected by Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo as a 2023 Nonprofit of the Year" said Barbara Kappos, Executive Director. "With compassion and commitment, our staff, volunteers, and *promotoras* deliver a comprehensive range of services to meet the needs of the most vulnerable and marginalized in our communities, helping strengthen survivors and families so they can successfully develop safe and stable homes and futures."

When anyone talks about delivering meals to seniors, inspiring music, protecting fresh water, educating children, championing the disadvantaged, speaking out for human rights, caring for animals . . . they are talking about work that nonprofits do, " noted Jan Masaoka, CEO of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits), which serves as a partner for this awards program. "California Nonprofit of the Year gives elected leaders the opportunity to shine a light on what nonprofits are accomplishing for the people in their districts and for everyone to appreciate the collective impact of nonprofits across our state."

According to “Causes Count,” a 2019 [report](#) commissioned by CalNonprofits, the nonprofit sector is the 4th largest industry in the state, employing more than 1.2 million people. Each year, California nonprofits generate more than \$273 billion in revenue and bring in \$40 billion in revenue from outside of California. The unpaid labor contributed by volunteers at nonprofits is equivalent to 330,000 full-time jobs every year.

ABOUT THE EAST LOS ANGELES WOMEN’S CENTER

The East Los Angeles Women’s Center (ELAWC) is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to ensuring all women, girls and their families live in a place of safety, health, and personal well being, free from violence and abuse. www.elawc.org

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