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The 2023 LA Healthcare Awards is an extraordinary opportunity to celebrate and honor the incredible healthcare heroes who have selflessly demonstrated their dedication to the health and safety of the community. We invite you to join us as we recognize these healthcare heroes. In addition, proceeds from the event supports medical students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds and want to return and give back to their communities.

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In order to improve patient access to care, treatment, and health education, the Patient Care Foundation of Los Angeles County (PCF) supports the aspirations of medical students across LA County and promotes community service and mentorship by:

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- Providing loan repayment funds to new physicians who practice in underserved areas of LA County,
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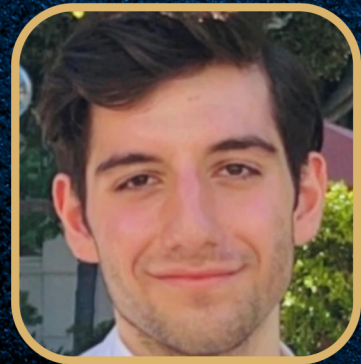
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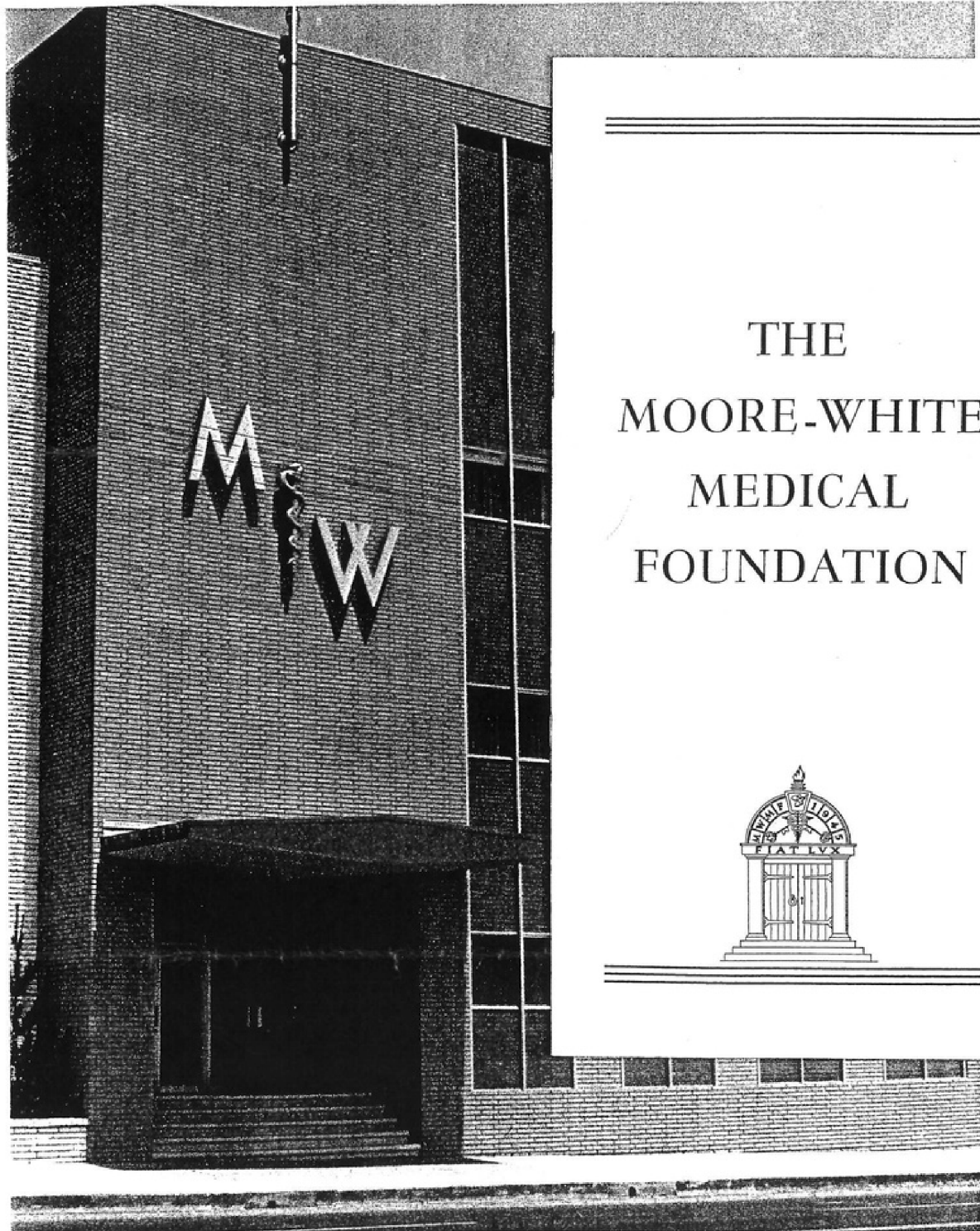
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Independent Physician Leadership Award

WILLIAM D. KING, MD JD
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In a show of appreciation for his outstanding contributions to the medical field, marked by proactive leadership in professional organizations, unwavering dedication to patient care, promotion of healthy communities, and a thriving medical practice, the Patient Care Foundation is delighted to announce the presentation of the 2023 Independent Physician Leadership Award to Dr. William D. King.

Dr. William D. King, a compassionate primary care physician, has been recognized for his unwavering commitment to his patients at his practice in Baldwin Hills, Los Angeles, California. Hailing from Los Angeles, Dr. King opened his inaugural private practice just minutes away from his childhood home. He holds a degree in Cellular/Molecular Biology from California State University at Northridge and possesses dual degrees in medicine and law from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. King furthered his education by completing an internal medicine residency at Harvard Medical School's Cambridge Hospital, where he assumed the role of Chief Resident. Returning to Los Angeles, he pursued two fellowships at the University of California at Los Angeles. Dr. King boasts board certification from the American Board of Internal Medicine and has earned distinction as an HIV specialist by the American Academy of HIV Medicine.

His significant contributions in the field of HIV/AIDS have garnered national and international acclaim. Dr. King's accomplishments encompass a plethora of lectures, the publication of numerous peer-reviewed manuscripts and book chapters, as well as clinical trial investigations. His leadership, volunteer efforts, and community support have earned him several prestigious awards.

Dr. King's impactful work and lectures have not only resonated nationally but have also made a mark on the global stage, with recognition spanning countries such as South Africa, Uganda, and Ghana.

He has also been involved with the Los Angeles County Medical Association for a number of years and has served on the Board of Directors as well as the Health Equity Council.

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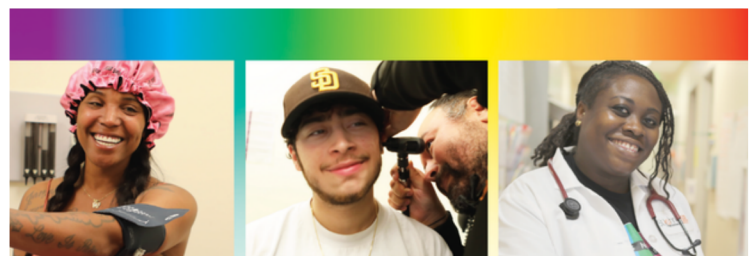
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Innovation Award for Community Service

ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY HEALTH TRANSGENDER HEALTH PROGRAM



In a transformative journey spanning a decade, St. John's Community Health's Transgender Health Program in South LA has been a beacon of hope and inclusivity for individuals, regardless of their gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. This remarkable program has not only provided essential healthcare services but has also become a symbol of empathy, understanding, and unwavering support in an environment where many have been denied primary healthcare based on their gender identity.

For the employees of this extraordinary program, this mission is deeply personal. They understand, firsthand, the painful experience of being turned away by healthcare providers due to their transgender identity. Fylicee Majesty, serving as the program's intake coordinator, openly shared her own experience, stating, "The doctors would not see me for being transgender." Majesty, along with her colleagues, works tirelessly to ensure that no one else faces the isolation and rejection she once did. Their dedication includes helping patients access a range of crucial services, from routine check-ups to hormone replacement therapy and even assistance with securing housing.

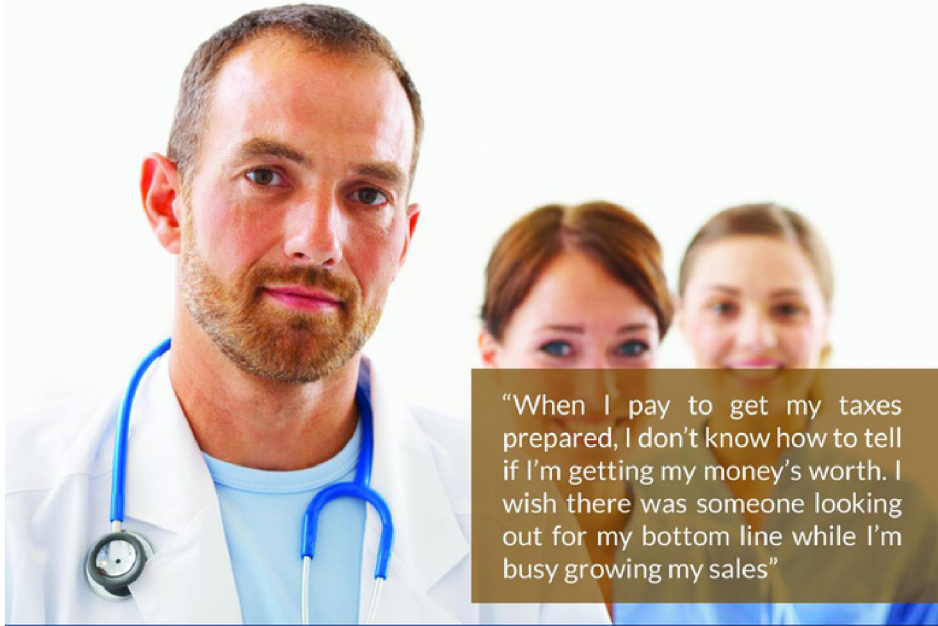
Today, we celebrate the remarkable journey of this program, a decade-long commitment to breaking down barriers and ensuring that healthcare is accessible to everyone, regardless of their gender identity or expression. St. John's Community Health's Transgender Health Program has become a symbol of hope, a testament to the transformative power of empathy, and a shining example of what can be achieved when compassion and dedication unite in the name of inclusivity.

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for their excellent work.

Innovation Award for Public Education

**SUSAN M. LOVE, MD MBA &
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FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH**



Dedicated to advancing breast cancer research and driven by a mission to eliminate breast cancer, the Dr. Susan Love Foundation for Breast Cancer Research stands at the forefront of innovative initiatives. Their unwavering commitment to understanding the intricacies of breast malignancy and developing prevention methods has earned them recognition and acclaim.

Dr. Susan Love, a surgeon, author, researcher, and activist, was for decades one of the world's most visible public figures in the battle against breast cancer. Her early realization that the fight against breast cancer would entail not just medical battles but also political ones showcased her far-reaching vision. Dr. Love's impactful work helped reshape both the doctor's role and the patient's with respect to the treatment of breast cancer.

Ubiquitous, energetic, forthright, and occasionally controversial, Dr. Love was a pioneering force in the field of breast cancer treatment. Her legacy endures as she continues to influence the way breast cancer is understood and approached. It is with great honor that the Dr. Susan Love Foundation, and the indomitable spirit of Dr. Susan Love, are being recognized with the prestigious Innovation Award for Public Education at the Los Angeles Healthcare Awards.

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Innovation Award for Wellness

CITY OF HOPE



City of Hope, a beacon of hope and innovation in healthcare, is recognized with the 2023 Innovation Award for Wellness. This recognition highlights the institution's exceptional contributions and unwavering commitment to comprehensive cancer care. The journey began in 2016 with the initiation of the Physician Wellness Program led by Dr. Arti Hurria, addressing the pervasive issue of burnout among healthcare professionals.

Tragically, Dr. Hurria, a pioneer in geriatric oncology, passed away in 2018, leaving behind a legacy of groundbreaking work on the Physician Wellness Program. Despite the loss, City of Hope has continued her vision under the guidance of the Physician Wellness Advisory Committee. Driven by the understanding that physician well-being is crucial for delivering top-notch cancer care, the program encompasses initiatives like stress-relieving snacks, yoga, and Zumba.

Dr. Hurria's commitment to addressing burnout was fortified by Tait Shanafelt's publication on "The Business Case for Physician Well-Being." She utilized the outlined roadmap to elevate City of Hope's well-being initiatives, moving the institution from Novice to the Competent Stage within a year. Her untimely death in 2018 left a void, but her colleagues persist in advancing her vision.

As of 2023, the Physician Wellness Advisory Committee has made significant strides, approaching the expert stage in organizational expertise in wellness. The Innovation Award for Wellness is a fitting tribute to City of Hope's enduring commitment to wellness, groundbreaking healthcare solutions, and its role in advancing healthcare on both regional and national scales, as affirmed by the Los Angeles Healthcare Awards.



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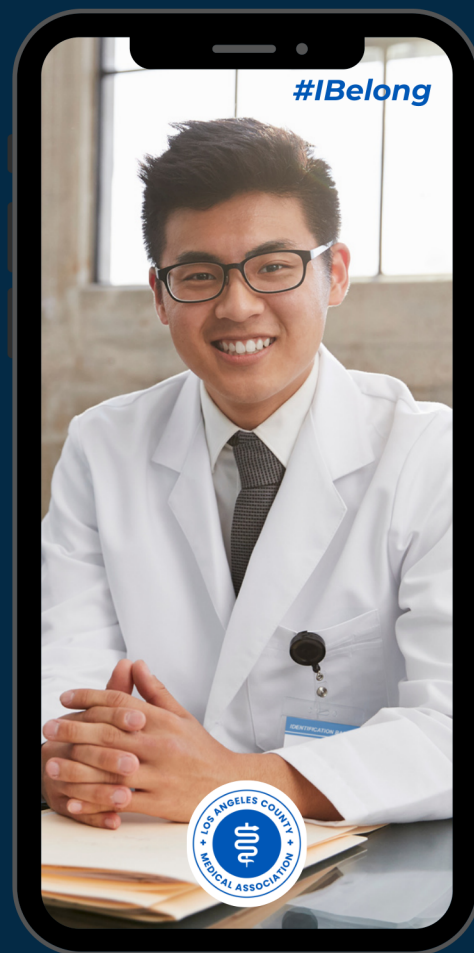
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Shine the Light Media Award

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Advocating for people without a voice, KCAL 9 News and the outstanding work of Kristine Lazar have earned the esteemed recognition of the Shine the Light Media Award at the Los Angeles Healthcare Awards. With a commitment to shining a light on crucial health-related issues and providing a platform for individuals who often go unheard, KCAL 9 News has become a beacon of advocacy and information in the healthcare landscape.

Kristine Lazar, an integral part of the KCAL 9 News team, has been at the forefront of this effort. She was instrumental in the inception of the "On Your Side" franchise, which brings forth stories of consumer justice that directly impact the welfare of the community, ensuring they reach the public. The impact of her work extends beyond traditional news reporting; it's about making a difference in the lives of those facing health challenges and advocating for those who are less fortunate and have no voice.

This prestigious award pays homage to the unwavering dedication and outstanding contributions of KCAL 9 News and Kristine Lazar, who continue to serve as advocates for the voiceless, ensuring that important issues receive the attention and support they deserve. Their tireless efforts have left an indelible mark on healthcare awareness and wellness in the Los Angeles area.



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Healthcare Champion of the Year

JOHN BAACKES
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John Baackes is a prominent figure in the healthcare industry with a remarkable career spanning over 40 years, Mr. Baackes currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of L.A. Care Health Plan, the nation's largest publicly operated health plan.

With an extensive background in healthcare leadership, Mr. Baackes has held significant positions, including President of AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Plans, CEO of Senior Whole Health, Senior Vice President for Group Health Incorporated, and President of Kaiser Permanente's Northeast Division, among others. His wealth of experience and unwavering commitment to improving healthcare access and quality have made him a driving force in the industry.

Mr. Baackes' impressive accomplishments extend beyond his professional roles, as he actively contributes to various healthcare organizations, including America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), California Association of Health Plans (CAHP), Local Health Plans of California (LHPC), Project Angel Food, Urban Voices Project, and Charles Drew University.

This year, Mr. Baackes is being recognized for his instrumental role in realizing the need to improve Medi-Cal reimbursement rates in the state. He led the discussions in 2022 at a meeting of the Safety Net Coalition, an ecosystem of doctors, hospitals, clinics, and health plans. The Governor signed into law a budget for 2023-2024 that provides the first increase in Medi-Cal funding in 25 years using a resurrected MCO tax.

This esteemed award recognizes Mr. Baackes' exceptional contributions and leadership in healthcare, underlining his commitment to enhancing the well-being of individuals and communities in the Los Angeles region. His legacy is a testament to his dedication and unwavering efforts in improving access to care for all.

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