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OLDEST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE PROVIDER IN ORANGE COUNTY TURNS 40

July 18, 2016 – The Women’s Transitional Living Center, Inc. (WTLC) officially turns 40 years old on July 28, marking a milestone for Orange County and the domestic violence movement. Turning toward the next 40 years, Gigi Tsontos, Executive Director, noted that “WTLC was founded by trailblazers and we look forward to continuing that momentum to end domestic violence by 2056.”

As the oldest service provider in Orange County, WTLC’s lead the county’s movement to end one of the major health crises in history affecting all socioeconomic status, creeds, political affiliations. Underreported statistics indicate that one in four women and one in seven men will be victims in their lifetime. The effects of domestic violence are seen in health problems, mental health issues, educational delays, increased child abuse incidents, and financial instability.

Earlier this year, more than 200 supporters and anti-domestic violence advocates gathered to celebrate the 40th anniversary. Pacific Western Bank and Lauren McCarthy Hagan of RDM General Contractors were honored for their deep and continued dedication to ending domestic violence and Representative Ed Royce, known for his work combating human trafficking locally and nationally, was the event’s honorary co-chair.

Looking to the future, WTLC continues to expand services increasing legal support services by expanding the department, garnering support for further community based services and working toward a full family support program that allows families of all types to learn about the cycle of violence and how to end domestic violence by HONORING, EMPOWERING, AND RESTARTING the lives of survivors.

About WTLC

WTLC is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals and families escape the depths of domestic violence and exploration by providing the tools and resources to build self-esteem and empower people for independent living. WTLC is the oldest domestic violence shelter in Orange County, and is celebrating 40 years of service in 2016. For more information about WTLC, visit: www.wtlc.org.

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