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***WTLC chosen to be honored at second annual  
California Nonprofits Day celebration***

**FULLERTON, CA (June 22, 2017)** – On Wednesday, June 28, Women’s Transitional Living Center (WTLC) will be honored as a Nonprofit of the Year at a celebration of California Nonprofits Day at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

WTLC has been selected by Senator Josh Newman as an exceptional nonprofit organization in the 29<sup>th</sup> district community. WTLC will join nearly one hundred other nonprofit leaders from across the state being honored at the annual California Nonprofits Day event, formally recognized by Assembly Concurrent Resolution 54, authored by the chair of the new Assembly Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector Assemblywoman Monique Limon (D-Santa Barbara).

As both the oldest and largest domestic violence emergency shelter in Orange County, WTLC helps individuals and families escape the depths of domestic violence and exploitation, empowering them to recover from their past trauma. This year the organization launched its mobile advocacy program, where advocates provide services to survivors in the community outside a shelter setting, and this summer WTLC will become the first DV shelter in Orange County to house the pets of survivors. This fall the organization will also open the doors of The Center, a community space for survivors to meet with Advocates and receive services.

Accepting the Nonprofit of the Year award for WTLC is Executive Director Gigi Tsontos, who says, “It is an honor to be recognized as a Nonprofit of the Year alongside so many of California’s great nonprofits. WTLC is grateful to Senator Newman for his continued support ensuring survivors in our community have access to the services they need to heal and thrive.”

The award recipients will be honored at a luncheon at Sacramento’s Convention Center, with welcomes from Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, Assembly member Limon, and Jan Masaoka, CEO of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits). California Attorney General Xavier Becerra has also been invited to speak to the gathered honorees and their legislators.

“Nonprofit organizations are vitally important to the economy and well-being of California. But too often nonprofits are ‘hidden in plain sight.’ We are thrilled that the State Assembly has passed a resolution for the second year in a row that puts the spotlight on nonprofits as an economic power that uses that power for the common good. We congratulate all of the award recipients on being honored for the great work they do every day to make California a better

place,” said Jan Masaoka, CEO of California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits), a statewide alliance of over 10,000 organizations, representing and promoting California’s growing nonprofit sector and working to bring the full power of nonprofits to strengthening communities.

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