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ALCOHOLISM CENTER FOR WOMEN ACHIEVES 3-YEAR CARF RE-ACCREDITATION

Los Angeles, CA – A passionate team at the Alcoholism Center for Women has achieved their second 3-year re-accreditation from CARF International (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities). This approval followed an intensive review and evaluation. CARF surveyors assessed the compliance of the first center of its kind on the West Coast to a strict set of standards that reflect an organization’s pledge to excellent care, environmental safety, and services.

“ACW provides life-saving and life-changing drug and alcohol residential and outpatient treatment to over 350 women per year,” says Lorette Herman, Executive Director of the Alcoholism Center For Women (ACW). “Our programs are supported with trauma/domestic violence education and therapy, family therapy, nutrition, anger management, art therapy, parenting and case management linkage to community-based organizations for other needed services.”

ACW was accredited for its residential, outpatient, and intensive outpatient programs which are certified by the state for all women with an additional

certification for-pregnant and postpartum women.

“We put the well-being of women first,” says Herman. “We became one of the first nonprofit substance abuse organizations to hire a nutritionist to change the diet and increase the health and wellness of the women when nutrition was not recognized as important for those in early recovery. In addition, we went smoke free in January 2020.”

ACW provides a majestic setting in two restored turn-of-the-century homes in the Pico-Union/Westlake District of Los Angeles. “None of these changes were easy but they all improved our clients' health and gave them a better chance at long term recovery,” says Jeannette Bronson, ACW's Board Chair.

Often, healthcare organizations will enlist the assistance of a consultant with years of experience to assist with the process of accreditation readiness. ACW reached out to PowderHorn Consulting to guide organization staff through its re-accreditation.

“They are the best!” adds Herman. “PowderHorn helped us obtain our first 3-year accreditation so we wanted to keep working with them afterwards. We are so glad we did.”

The Mission of the **Alcoholism Center for Women** is to empower women to make new choices for positive futures. “We offer women a second chance and they tell us regularly how grateful they are for that,” says ACW Board Chair Jeannette Bronson. “I am grateful for second chances. I have friends who came to ACW in the 80's, and now have over 30 years of recovery because of ACW

and the second chances ACW provides any woman who comes through the doors. I am honored to be part of an organization dedicated to helping women obtain long term sobriety and to make the choice for a better future for themselves.” For more information, go to

<https://alcoholismcenterforwomen.org/>.

CARF International is an independent, non-profit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process and continuous improvement services that center on enhancing the lives of the persons served. CARF establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services. For more information, go to www.carf.org.

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