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Alcoholism Center for Women

## 50th Anniversary Celebration October 26th, 2024

ACW Celebrated ACW's 50th anniversary on October 26th, 2024 at the DoubleTree by Hilton's Kyoto Garden in downtown Los Angeles. It was beautiful, elegant, and meaningful. Carolyn Weathers, sister of Brenda Weathers, our founder pictured to the right, shared that today would have been her sister's 88th birthday and she would have been thrilled to know that ACW is still helping women with their recovery journey. Carolyn also told how they started helping the first client. Staff and volunteers were helping paint and clean up the 1147 South Alvarado building when they heard tires screeching, a car colliding with the bushes right in front of the building's steps, and then a door slamming. They all looked away from their paint brushes to the woman who ran inside and said, "I heard about you. You have to help me". The staff said we are not open yet. The woman replied, I will do anything paint, clean up, whatever is needed as long as you start helping me now. They all agreed to help her and now, 50 years later, she is still clean and sober.



Featured: ACW Founder Brenda Weather's Interview Below

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# **Special Guests**



Tina Lafford Actress, author, playwright



Shari Silver Recording Artist

Featured article: Words to Remember, Tina Lafford's 50th Anniversary Speech Thank you to Shari Silver for an incredible performance! Watch here.

# Heartfelt Thanks to ACW's Supporters and Partners

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Franklin, EnVogue, and Vanessa Carlton—whose generous contributions helped make our celebration unforgettable. We also wish to thank Councilwoman Hernandez and SAPC staff members Effie Mahone, Senior Contract Program Auditor, and Rubina James, Contract Program Auditor, for joining us, presenting awards to ACW, and committing to continued collaboration. Together, we are making strides in our mission to transform and save lives. We are grateful for you partnership and support.

How can I support ACW?



## Check out this month's featured resources!





#### Alexa Moreno, Program Specialist

This month we celebrate Alexa who has helped transform our social media with her creative posts, elevated our newsletters, interviewed over 40 alumni -alumni from the 1970s to present -to create our first ever Alumni Stories video, created a photo journal for our 50th anniversary event and has helped with 50th anniversary event and countless other projects and program support since she started at ACW over a year ago. ACW thanks Alexa! Subscribe

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