



The WALK OF HEARTS® Celebrates 10 Years of Teacher Recognition with the Induction of the 50TH Teacher into the Walk of Fame for Educators

A brief history of the organization

Founded in 2003, the WALK OF HEARTS® Foundation recognizes teachers for their dedication and continued record of excellence, commitment, innovation, and leadership in education.

Each year the WALK OF HEARTS® Foundation requests nominations from students, school staff and the community for teachers who embody these finest professional qualities.

The ideal nominee is a teacher who is motivating, stimulating, and has that unique ability to inspire and perhaps - with a word or two of encouragement – change a life. This individual creates a positive, pleasant and productive learning environment while treating their students with respect. They inspire the school and the community spirit by sharing ideas and successful methods with fellow teachers, setting an example of professionalism.

A WALK OF HEARTS® Foundation teacher has the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues.

Selected teachers are honored with a bronze plaque embedded in the sidewalk in downtown Canoga Park, California. This walk of fame for teachers is open to all who teach, or have taught, within the greater Los Angeles area in both public and private schools.

The vision and goal of the WALK OF HEARTS® Foundation is succinctly put into words by Founder Joe Andrews, “*There is a walk of fame for actors, actresses, producers, and directors, yet before there was a superstar actor or actress, there was always a teacher encouraging them.*”



2014 Celebration Details

2014 marks the 10th year of teacher recognition and the induction of the 50th teacher.

This year's recipients are:

- ❖ Eunice Chu – Porter Ranch Community School
- ❖ Mindy Levine - Haynes Charter for Enriched Studies
- ❖ Juliana Martinez – Justice Street Academy Charter School
- ❖ Gail Nettels – El Camino Real Charter High School

The plaque unveiling ceremony and reception is on **Sunday, September 28, 2014** and is open to the public. There is a private breakfast for the recipients, their family and friends before the ceremony as well as a luncheon after the ceremony for all in attendance.

9:00am – Private Continental Breakfast for 2014 Walk of Hearts Recipients and their guests at the Canoga Park Youth Arts Center, 7222 Remmet Avenue.

10:00am – Recognition Ceremony & Plaque Unveiling at 21505 Sherman Way, in Historic Old Town Canoga Park on the corner of Sherman Way and Alabama Avenue.

11:30am – 10 Year Celebration Luncheon for all in attendance at the Canoga Park Youth Arts Center, 7222 Remmet Avenue.