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## **Crystal Stairs Celebrates 36 Years of Community Impact at Legacy Gala**

**LOS ANGELES, Calif. (October 2016)** – In 1980, **Crystal Stairs**, Inc. was founded on the principle that every family, regardless of income, deserves quality and affordable child care. Today, over three decades later, that same sentiment rings true as **Crystal Stairs** celebrates 36 years of providing the support necessary to grow healthy thriving families.

September 17<sup>th</sup> was, without a doubt, a momentous night as many joined **Crystal Stairs** at the beautifully remodeled Petersen Automotive Museum to honor founders, Drs. Karen Hill Scott and Alice Walker Duff and former board chair, Carl Ballton, for their continuous commitment to serving the community. In true family reunion fashion, **Crystal Stairs'** Board of Directors and past board members including Nike Irvin of *California Community Foundation* and Phyllis Tucker Vinson Jackson of *Saban Brands* as well as Current and past staff members including Wendy Garen of *The Ralph Parsons Foundation* and Sydney Kamalager, *District Director for Senator Holly J. Mitchell*, friends and family showed up to participate in the evening's festivities. With a soundtrack that included everything from classic 80s hits to today, DJ Dense kept the party and bidding frenzy going as guests bid on items that were graciously donated by Synthia SAINT JAMES, Disneyland Resorts, the LA Rams, Lakers, Dodgers and more. Entertainer, Melissa Sharee, showed guests that their "hips don't lie" during instruction led salsa and line dancing.

In the words of Dr. Alice Walker Duff, **Crystal Stairs'** legacy was substantially advanced by every person at the gala that night, especially longtime **Crystal Stairs'** ally *Union Bank*. But the future depends on you. We are close to having child care, high quality and affordable child care for every child and family. It's in our vision and the unwavering efforts of our supporters help to make this vision a reality. Every dollar raised by friends at the gala will create an impact in the community **Crystal Stairs** serves. Because of these individuals, children will have access to child care and health care services, parents will learn about financial wellness to better support their families and families will learn how to advocate on behalf of their children because child care and development are absolutely essential to ending the poverty cycle; essentially, giving all families an opportunity to thrive.

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**About Crystal Stairs:** Crystal Stairs, Inc. is a Los Angeles-based nonprofit child care and development organization founded in 1980 whose mission is to improve the lives of families through child care services, research and advocacy. Guided by its mission and values, Crystal Stairs is dedicated to promoting programs that strengthen and assist families towards reaching self-sufficiency and providing enriched lives for their children.