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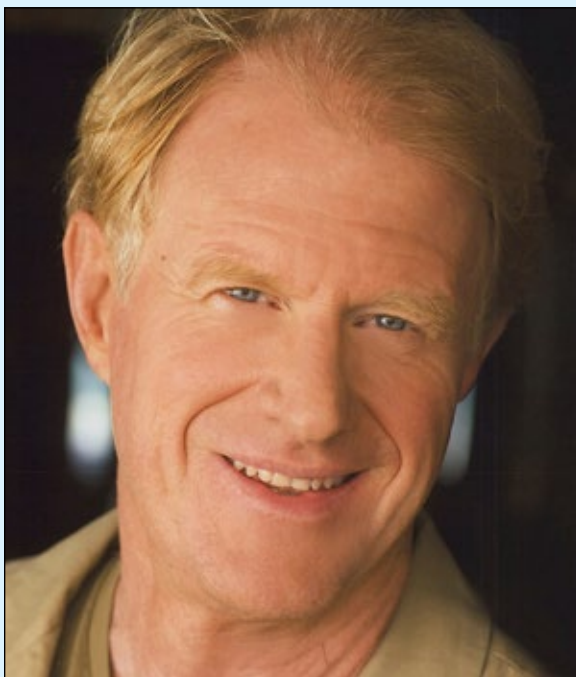


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**13TH ANNUAL
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**HONORING
ED BEGLEY, JR.**

**AUTHOR OF
*TO THE TEMPLE OF TRANQUILITY...AND STEP ON IT!***



**HOST: PAULA POUNDSTONE
PRESENTER: JOHN TAYLOR
PERFORMANCE: WENDY LIEBMAN**

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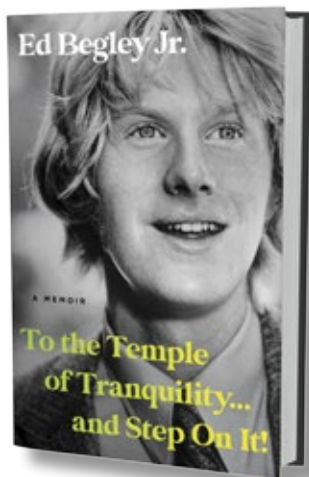
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EVERYONE'S STORY
STARTS BEFORE
TREATMENT

Experience, Strength and Hope Awards

Skirball Cultural Center

December 6, 2023



HOST: Paula Poundstone

Previous Experience, Strength and Hope Awards recipient:
Courtney Friel

Spoken Word Performance: James Black

Presenter: Joanna Cassidy

Previous Experience, Strength and Hope Awards recipient:
John Taylor

Honoree: Ed Begley, Jr.

Musical Inspiration: Julian Velard

Producer/Director: Leonard Buschel

Presenter: Tony Denison

REEL Recovery Award Recipient: Meredith Johnston

Headliner: Wendy Liebman

Writers In Treatment®

Writers In Treatment (WIT) offers free referrals to local and national treatment providers for individuals suffering from alcoholism and/or addiction. We publish the weekly Addiction/ Recovery eBulletin® and produce the national REEL Recovery Film Festival & Symposium® and the Experience, Strength & Hope Awards Show.®

Writers In Treatment produces and presents culturally significant events dedicated to improving the quality of recovery by reducing stigmas associated with alcoholism and addiction. We believe it's important for people in recovery, and those on the cusp, to have entertaining and culturally stimulating events that inspire enthusiasm for clean and sober living.

The REEL Recovery Film Festival & Symposium®

A multi-city event celebrating films that focus on addiction, alcoholism, mental health issues and recovery. The festival and symposium offer direct interaction with filmmakers, addiction specialists, people in recovery, their loved ones and others who share an appreciation for films that honestly portray the journey through addiction to recovery, and the valuable life lessons learned.

Writers in Treatment

Leonard Lee Buschel: Founder/Director

Chris Lukather: Graphic Designer

Kara Johnson: Videographer

John & Audra West: Inspiration

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- Comedy club



Calling All Filmmakers:

Bring your cinematic vision to life with over 5,300 square feet of production space while **paying it forward** for youth impacted by foster care.

As a social enterprise, KITS Production Studio with Purpose leverages the tools and labor income of the entertainment industry - \$43 billion in labor revenue annually - to provide racial and economic equity to Los Angeles's most underserved youth through workplace training in film production.

Incomes impact outcomes like these:

<40% OF YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE END UP IN JAIL, HOMELESS OR DEAD WITHIN 3 YEARS OF AGING OUT OF THE SYSTEM

\$1M TOTAL ANNUAL COST FOR UNDER-INVESTING IN A SINGLE FOSTER YOUTH AGING OUT (23,000 FOSTER YOUTH AGE OUT EVERY YEAR)

9x UNHOUSED YOUTH WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED FOSTER CARE ARE ALMOST NINE TIMES AS LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN IN DRUG TREATMENT

GENERATING INCOMES. IMPACTING OUTCOMES.

To date, in 2023, KITS has made direct payments of more than \$200,000 to our alumni thus far!

About Kids In The Spotlight (KITS)

Founded in 2009, KITS is a Los Angeles County-based non-profit organization that helps youth impacted by foster care heal and grow from trauma through the power of storytelling and filmmaking. KITS provides a year-round flagship Script-to-Screen program that empowers foster and underserved youth ages 12-24 to write, cast, and star in their own short films, telling their stories their way. KITS aims to create a pipeline of young Black and Brown leaders in positions of decision-making power. This pipeline is built through KITS' workforce development and youth services programs connecting youth in and/or from foster care with ongoing professional training, internships, and careers in the entertainment industry. The goal is to pursue economic stability and create generational wealth for Black and Brown youth impacted by foster care.

Congratulations to

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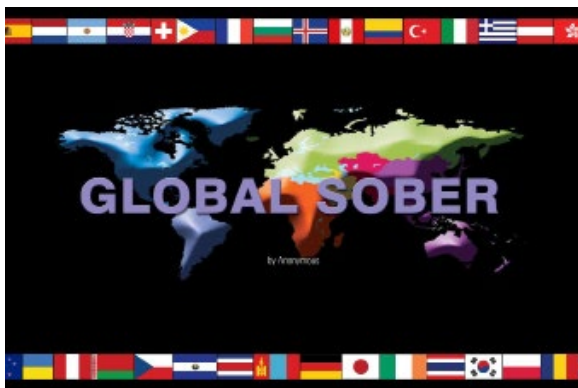
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2019 Honoree, Jodie Sweetin & John Stamos



2013 Honoree John Taylor & Robert Downey, Jr.



2017 Honoree, Pat O'Brien



Rachelle Carson and Ed Begley, Jr.



2015 Honoree, Joe Pantoliano & Sharon Lawrence



Ironman, Moon man, Duran Duran



2016 Honoree, Mackenzie Phillips, with John Taylor



Sponsors and guests

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and thank him for all his
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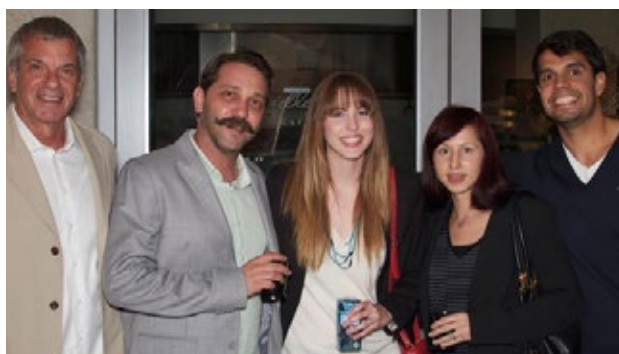


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MATTHEW PERRY WAS BRAVE TO SPEAK ABOUT SOBRIETY WITHOUT FULL RECOVERY


FEATURED ARTICLES



NAVIGATING ADDICTION IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON

NO WILD TURKEY – Nov. 17, 2023 - That doesn't mean that you should invite disaster to your holiday gatherings, but you can consider appropriate precautions for health and safety. Sometimes, it simply isn't safe...


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ALGORITHM SUED FOR DENYING CARE FOR MEDICARE MEMBERS

AI vs. All – Nov. 15, 2023 - The lawsuit alleges that the health insurer and its subsidiary, NavHealth, used an algorithm called nH Predict to systematically deny medical claims from patients recuperating from illness...


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ADDICTION RAVAGED MY FAMILY AND TRIBE

NATIONALLY – Nov. 14, 2023 - At 61 years old, I have lost far too much to drugs, and I've never done anything more than weed, as a teenager, I have three sons and one daughter, and while I know that my husband and I ...


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TATTOOS HELPED ME MAKE SENSE OF DEATH AND PRISON

IT'S ART AND TRIBAL – Nov. 17, 2023 - The next tattoo came after six of us formed a small biker gang: Lost Souls. We had a knack for wrong turns and misguided shortcuts, and often got turned around on some bac...


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DEAN MCDERMOTT SAYS TORI SPELLING INVITED HER PET PIG INTO BED

BRINGING HOME THE BACON – Nov. 15, 2023 - It ended up with me drinking a fifth of tequila every night, seven days a week, and a handful of narcoes by myself with a beautiful family in the other room. That's what it l...

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DEAN MCDERMOTT IS STAYING AT A SOBER LIVING FACILITY

AND MAKING AMENDS – Nov. 15, 2023 - He hopes his time there will allow him to soon make amends with his family, including wife Tori Spelling. The couple split in June. "All she's ever done to this day..."

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For more information, call Leonard at (818) 762-0461

Writers In Treatment

Client Testimonials:

At the absolute lowest point in my life and desperate for help, I made a call to WIT. To my shock, I got a call back. Someone, who I had never met, was offering me help and wanted nothing in return. Within days I was enrolled in a 90-day intensive outpatient program. Without exaggeration, Writers In Treatment put me on a path to recovery. One I have been following now for 17 months. After 21 years of alcohol.

—M. Kelly, Hollywood, CA

To Writers In Treatment and Casa de las Amigas—I have to thank both for my time at Casa, Writers In Treatment for making my treatment possible, and Casa for helping me and teaching me that drugs are not my problem, only a solution to my malady of living life. Both have saved my life.

—Crystal N., New York, NY

I just wanted to express my immense gratitude for not only helping me, but probably for saving my life. Your help has been a Godsend, as I am truly grateful to have this opportunity for change and a new life. So, thank you and your organization for enriching not only my life, but also my soul, and for giving me another chance at life and happiness. That chance, I am taking.

—Erica M., Dallas, TX

Writers In Treatment, and Mr. Buschel especially, were instrumental in forcing myself to really re-examine my life to the point where obvious changes had to be made. Allowing a glimpse into the possible world of health, Writers In Treatment was there to make the necessary connections so that treatment was made available in such a way, it was almost like having a fast-pass, anti-red tape expeditor to get through an otherwise complex system. It is comforting to know that Writers In Treatment is there for you when you need it.

—Eduard R., North Hollywood, CA

I am sober today, I am grateful to you, and I am with the program now. When people ask me how I got to rehab, I tell them it was a “God Shot”—which meeting you was. I truly hope I can be of service to Writers in Treatment one day.

—Mary K., Los Angeles, CA

I can't believe the time has gone so fast! My 30th day of sobriety is tomorrow! I wish you could see me now, Leonard ... I'm so healthy! This month flew by and I feel like I'm a completely different person than I was when I arrived. I can't thank you enough for that. THANK YOU.

—Katherine L., Kirkland, WA

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