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Service Award
Anthony Conley
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HavA Sole

Celebrating 10 Years!

A decade. A tenth of a century. This is how long Hav A Sole has been in existence. The directions life takes us are incomprehensible and I'm so happy to celebrate ten years of this fortunate direction, one defined by giving, supporting, learning and building.

We couldn't do this work without partnership, not just for logistical reasons; our reverence for the partners supplying our operations can't be overstated. But we also want to celebrate the friends who talk about our work to others, the friends who invite us to their own delicate programmatic environment time after time, and the friends who invest in the work that we do.

This year we celebrate two such friends, Taurean Prince with the L.A. Lakers and Anthony Conley, with Covenant House California. Actual agents of change are rare, and their effect upon those around them is truly inspiring. We're so lucky to work with two of them. Each has demonstrated a knack for weaving service, patience, understanding, and respect into their unique careers. Working with — and for — youth who may have lost hope is delicate; the first time they're offered genuine hope, it often feels foreign to them. Anthony and Taurean know how to build on those first precarious glimpses of hope and use them to establish a foundation of self-confidence and trust. We could not be more honored to work with them, nor awed by their grace.

I'm so lucky to have a job guided by the trajectories of my heart, turning my life's most challenging and uncertain moments into inspiration; you're likely familiar with the genesis of Hav A Sole and the fact that it was the product of a kind gesture of a woman who gave me a new pair of sneakers while living in a shelter with my mom. I'm writing to you amidst another complex and uncertain moment. A mere 24 hours after our daughter Savannah was born to Kara and me, we were told that she came into the world with heart problems that required surgery. But we are both wholly and utterly consumed by the love that radiates from Savannah; we are determined to harness that love in a way that helps others. Hav A Sole is an agency that heeds — and grows from — the times in life when we are most fragile; we are an agency that embraces vulnerability. This genuine respect for life makes us successful, able to connect, and organic in our approach to those who find themselves on the margins.

And so, humbly, we thank you. All of you. The fact that we've been doing this work for ten years has been a huge blessing, and the fact that we will grow and evolve into new, uncharted territory in the next ten is an unimaginable adventure.



With Love & Respect,
Rikki Mendias
Founder & Executive Director of Hay A Sole



10 Year Anniversary!

Event Program | March 15th 2024

6:00pm Check-in begins

7:00pm Opening Remarks

7:30pm Award Presentation

7:45pm Live Entertainment

8:00pm Auction Wraps Up

10:00pm Event Concludes



A Letter From Mom

Taurean is one of the greatest loves of my life. He is my eldest child and was born to be a leader. He has the natural ability to inspire others, which is truly impressive. Taurean is a mentor, big brother to his siblings, great father and family man. Due to his willingness to improve the lives of others overall well-being, meet the basic needs for communities, and relieving peoples suffering anyway he can, you would think he was a social worker in a past life. Taurean has an incredible heart and a work ethic that is undeniable. He is a role model for our family, an advocate for the community in which he grew up in and will continue to be an advocate wherever he lands in this world. I believe having Hav A Sole as a partner

in this crusade amplifies what he desires to accomplish in his life and platform. I am proud of the man he has become and continues to be. I believe it is truly fitting that he has been selected for this honor.



- Tamiyko Prince, Mother



"Anthony Conley is truly a good person. In a world where most people choose themselves over all else, Anthony chooses others. He chooses his family. He chooses his friends. He chooses his community. And he chooses young people who have no one else. Because of his willingness to consistently choose others, and to do the right thing... especially when the right thing is the hard thing... his influence in the world continues to grow. People depend on him. People are inspired by him. And people love him. Anthony exemplifies how putting others before yourself is the best way to change the world. He leads with humility, with grace, with understanding, with humor and with purpose. What a blessing it is to be in Anthony's circle of influence. Anthony Conley is a good person and a great man!"

- Bill Bedrossian
President & CEO Covenant House International

"Anthony Conley is the heart and soul of our community at Covenant House California. He wears many hats as a director, cultivator, mentor, leader, and innovator, all with genuine love. Anthony's presence and dedication has helped transform many lives, making the world a better place. He creates authentic connections and support wherever he goes. Like a gardener, he tends to the seeds of creativity and growth in others, fostering a culture of mutual encouragement and empowerment. As Anthony's favorite rapper once said: "I'm not afraid of dying, I'm afraid of not trying" –Jay Z; Anthony would rather live a life trying than living a life in fear of failing."



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Your dedication to the event has been truly remarkable, and it's thanks to each and every one of you that it has turned out to be the best it can be. We couldn't have done it without your support and hard work!

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Hav A Sole, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit, is dedicated to providing footwear to marginalized communities. Its founder, Rikki Mendias, is deeply passionate about the organization's mission due to his own childhood experience. Growing up in a shelter with his mother, Rikki couldn't afford shoes until a compassionate woman gifted him two pairs of Vans, igniting his lifelong love for sneakers. Despite accumulating a vast collection, Rikki felt unfulfilled in his thirties, prompting him to reflect on the kindness he received as a child. Inspired to pay it forward, he began giving away his shoes to those in need. In the last ten years, Hav A Sole has donated almost 70,000 pairs of quality shoes, impacting countless lives. Their mission has garnered attention from Vice, Good Day LA, and The Ellen Show, showcasing their commitment to making a difference.







Hav A Sole for Success offers a dynamic six-week paid internship program designed to empower youth by providing them with hands-on experience within our nonprofit organization. Throughout the program, participants take on meaningful responsibilities such as inventory management and event planning, gaining practical skills while contributing to our mission. In addition to these tasks, interns engage in specialized workshops covering essential areas like resume building, financial literacy, and art therapy. Moreover, they have the opportunity to develop networking and relationship-building skills, fostering connections that will support their personal and professional growth well beyond the program's duration. This comprehensive approach ensures that participants emerge not only with valuable experience but also with a strong foundation for future success in their careers and beyond.





Savannah's Heart & Sole

Inspired by our daughter, Savannah's Heart & Sole, our newest program at Hav A Sole, is dedicated to serving families with special needs by providing them with the appropriate footwear. Our mission is to ease both practical and financial burdens, making life a bit smoother for those facing unique challenges. By ensuring individuals with special needs have access to the right shoes, we aim to enhance comfort, mobility, and overall well-being. Through this initiative, we strive to foster a sense of support and inclusivity within the community, embodying our commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of all individuals.





We extend our deepest gratitude to our supporters in the mental health field who steadfastly collaborate with Hav A Sole. Your unwavering dedication to our cause, especially during a time when mental health is often overlooked yet critically important, is truly commendable. Your partnership not only amplifies our impact but also underscores the vital connection between mental well-being and overall health. Together, we are making meaningful strides in supporting individuals facing mental health challenges, ensuring they receive the care and resources they need. Thank you for your invaluable support and commitment to creating positive change in our communities.

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We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to BJ's Restaurant & Brewery for their generous support as the Dream Big Sponsor at our Hav A Sole Benefit. As we commemorate 10 years of providing sneakers to underserved communities, their belief in our mission adds immeasurable value to our cause. Their partnership not only signifies their commitment to making a positive impact but also strengthens our resolve as we embark on a national giving campaign. With their support, we can continue to spread hope and empower individuals across the nation. Thank you, BJ's Restaurant & Brewery, for joining us in making a difference and helping dreams take flight, one step at a time.

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CoStar Group performs good works through two types of initiatives – philanthropy and environmental leadership. Our philanthropic arm is CoStar Group Builds, a network of service chapters led by employees. Our environmental arm includes a series of sustainability initiatives designed to restore green space and minimize consumption of natural resources.

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Revolve is so grateful to support Hav A Sole and their compassionate contributions to the community. Congratulations to all honorees.

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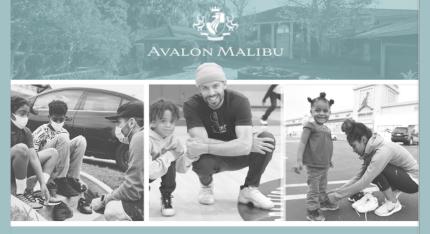
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We take pride in standing alongside those dedicated to helping others.

A heartfelt thank you to today's honorees for their remarkable contributions!

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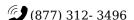
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