

Dream Out Loud Annual Benefit 5/10/2025

#### Greeting Friends,

I think we can all agree 2025 got off to a rough start. So many people lost their homes and communities to the horrific wild fires. While the ripple effect is still being felt I would like to remind the families that we will stand with you during these difficult times.

As we continue our mission at **Hav A Sole**, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your incredible support. Whether you've contributed as a sponsor, stakeholder, or volunteer, your dedication has been instrumental in allowing us to serve communities in need.

Thanks to your generosity, we've been able to expand our **direct outreach efforts**, ensuring that thousands of individuals receive the essential footwear they need. Most recently, we've been on the ground supporting **families impacted by the fires**, providing not only new shoes but a reminder that they are not alone.

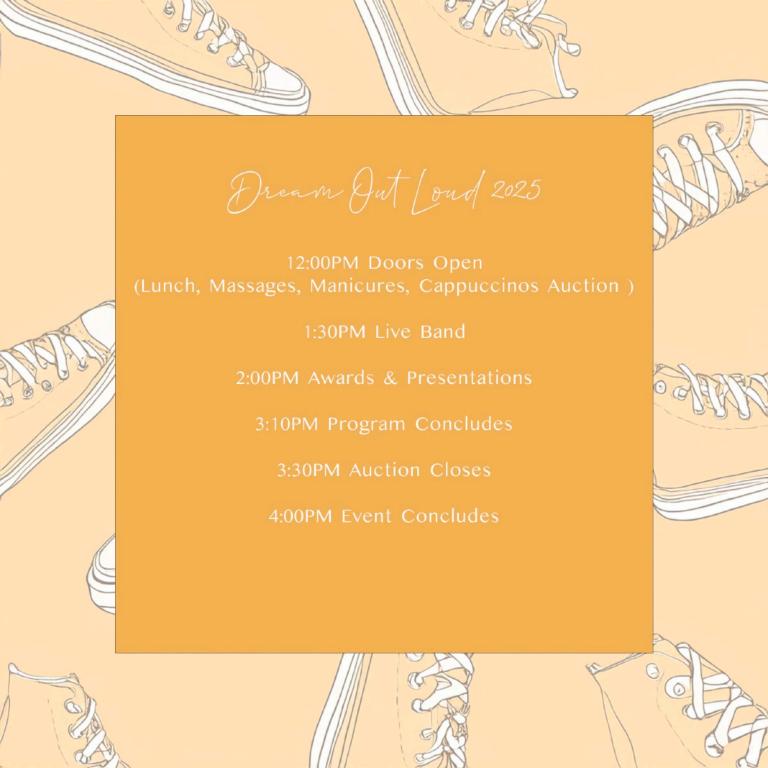
Every step we take toward making a difference is because of you. Your contributions empower us to continue showing up for those who need it most, and I am beyond grateful to have such an incredible community standing behind this mission.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to bringing comfort, dignity, and opportunity to those facing hardship. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Dream Out Loud Benefit, where we can celebrate the impact we've made together and continue pushing forward.

Thank you for being a part of the Hav A Sole family. Your kindness and generosity truly change lives.



With Love, Rikki Mendias Founder of Hav A Sole



Today, I have the distinct honor and deepest joy of celebrating someone who is not only a phenomenal force in the world but also the light in so many lives—my best friend, Rikki Hughes.

Rikki, being named Hav A Sole's MVP for your outstanding commitment to philanthropic work is not just an award—it's a reflection of the life you live every single day. You give without hesitation, love without limits, and lead with unmatched grace and strength. Your heart is vast, your vision is bold, and your actions speak louder than any spotlight ever could.

You've built a legacy not just of success, but of significance. Whether it's empowering underserved communities, lifting up young voices, or simply being there for someone in need, your impact is wide and deeply felt. You never do it for the recognition—you do it because you care, because it's who you are, and because making the world better is your everyday mission.

For almost three decades, I've watched you pour your soul into the causes you believe in has been nothing short of inspiring. You remind us all that success means little without service, and that true power lies in kindness, compassion, and connection. You've touched lives, opened doors, and created opportunities where there were once only obstacles.

But beyond all the amazing work, I want to thank you just for being you. My best friend. My sister in spirit. The one who laughs the loudest, loves the hardest, and lifts me up when I need it most. Your heart is rare. Your spirit is golden. And this award is just one small way the world is saying

what I've always known: You are a treasure.

Congratulations, Rikki. You are—and always will be—

my MVP...our MVP.

With all my love and pride,

Dana

(Mega)



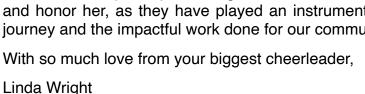
#### A Sister's Tribute to a True Angel

It's no surprise to anyone who knows Tina, why my sister is being honored. She has always carried the lessons on compassion and gratitude from our immigrant parents. Growing up humble taught us to appreciate what we had and to look out for others. Since she was young, she's had a heart for those in need. Whether it was rescuing animals or taking in friends, she's always led with love. Starting the Lost Angels Organization wasn't a career move for her—it was a calling. She saw the need in her hometown of Los Angeles and responded the only way she knows how: wholeheartedly.

Thirteen years later, her dream has grown into something even bigger than she imagined. She's built a community where those without homes can feel seen, supported, and cared for. Her organization is more than just the hot meals and essential items. It's rooted in hope, built on compassion and sustained by a deep sense of community. It's a reflection of the heart behind it—a heart that believes everyone deserves compassion and to be uplifted. Over the years, she's expanded beyond the Thanksgiving and Christmas events to create year-round events that uplift Black and Brown kids from low-income communities because she believes that children are the future. From back-to-school drives to mentoring, she's made it a priority to pour love, resources, and encouragement into the next generation.

Tina has poured everything—mind, body, soul, and even her own savings—into this mission. And yet, she gives with so much joy. With humor, with heart, and with a spirit that makes the work feel meaningful and fun for everyone. She has a unique spark that makes everyone feel like they matter. She's inspired youth, empowered families to volunteer, and influenced friends to start their own non-profits. Tina is a leader not just within her organization, but throughout her community—showing up, speaking out, and bringing people together wherever she goes.

Lost Angels Org has enjoyed a powerful partnership with Hav A Sole over the years, significantly contributing to our growth and success. It's especially meaningful for Hav A Sole to recognize and honor her, as they have played an instrumental role in her journey and the impactful work done for our communities.







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## **OUR PROGRAMS**



### DIRECT OUTREACH

Our primary program is sneaker distribution which outfits marginalized individuals with new sneakers. We do this in collaboration with shelters, schools, and community centers. Hav A Sole recognizes the significance of footwear beyond its practical use. Our team is dedicated to providing each individual with a unique shopping experience. This experience is instrumental in helping restore the dignity and confidence in everyone we meet.



### DREAM OUT LOUD

Dream Out Loud is an innovative program created to inspire and equip underserved youth with the tools, skills, and mentorship needed to pursue their dream careers. Each workshop is tailored to a different industry—whether it's sports, fashion, music, or creative arts—giving participants hands—on experience guided by industry professionals. To further set them up for success, Hav A Sole ensures that each participant receives the right pair of sneakers for their workshop, making sure they are both comfortable and confident as they embark on their journey of self-discovery and growth.



### SAVANNAH'S HEART & SOLE

After learning their daughter was born with Down Syndrome and a congenital heart defect, Rikki and his wife, Kara, developed a profound understanding of the distinct challenges faced by children and families in similar situations. Their journey serves as the inspiration behind Savannah's Heart & Sole, our unwavering commitment to matching individuals with special needs with the perfect pair of shoes, ensuring comfort, dignity, and support.

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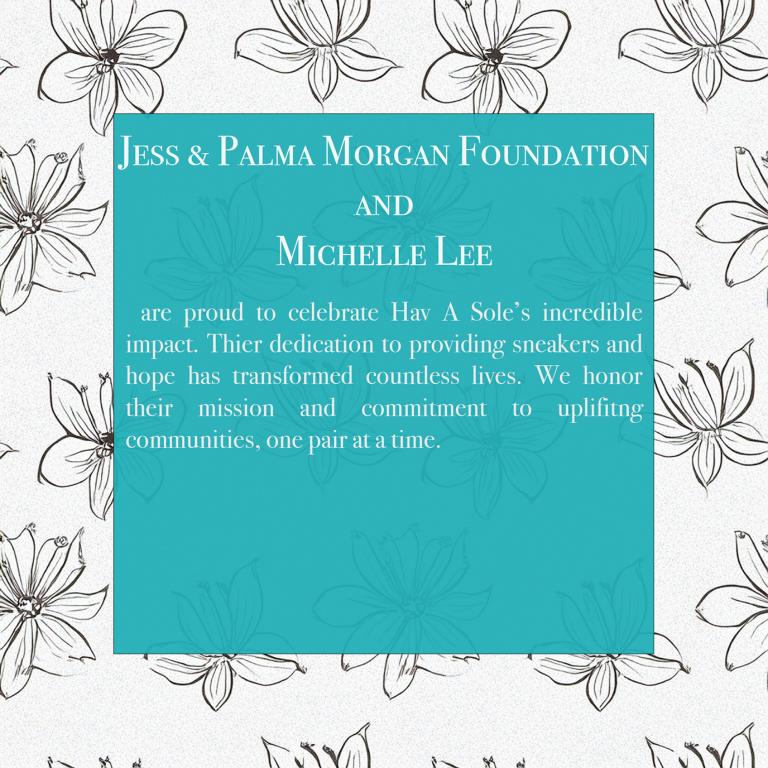
## HERBERT SIMON FAMILY FOUNDATION

As long-time supporters of Hav A Sole, the Herbert Simon Family Foundation proudly honors the incredible impact this organization continues to have in the community. We are inspired by the dedication and compassion that Hav A Sole exemplifies in their mission to provide sneakers to those in need.

This year, as we celebrate the third annual Hav A Sole Benefit, we are reminded of the countless lives impacted through the simple act of providing footwear. Each pair of shoes represents not just comfort, but hope and opportunity for individuals who often face overwhelming challenges.

We are grateful to be part of this journey, supporting the vision of a world where everyone has access to the basic necessities that empower them to walk confidently toward their futures. Thank you to the dedicated team of Hav A Sole for your tireless work and to the community for joining us in this vital cause. Together, we can continue to step forward and make a difference, one sole at a time.

With heartfelt appreciation,
The Herbert Simon Family Foundation





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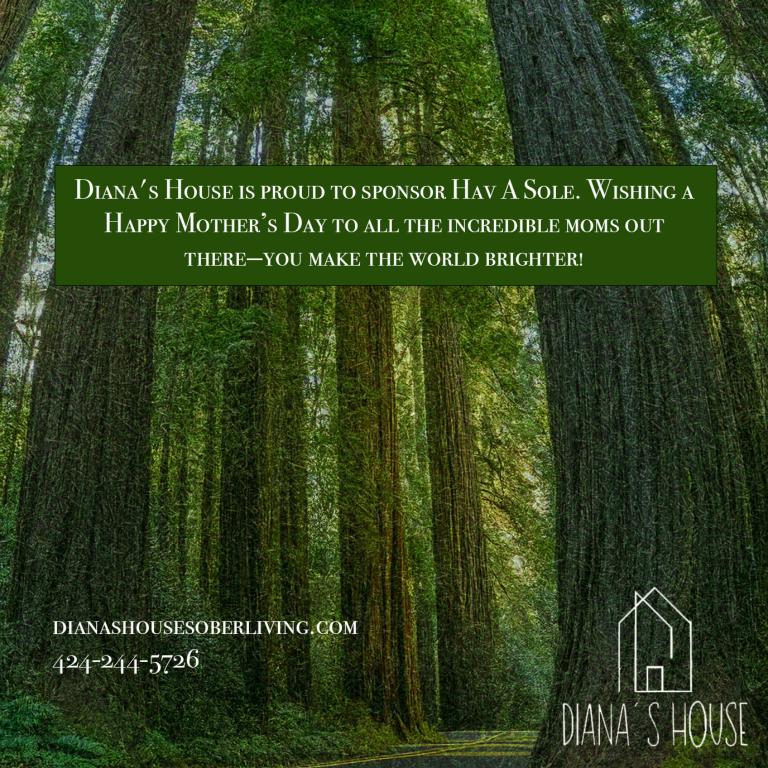
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