



Time for Change Foundation will honor several people during its 15th Year Anniversary and Awards Gala

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Time for Change Foundation (TFCF) is celebrating its 15th Year Anniversary and Awards Gala by honoring several individuals, businesses, and organizations for their contributions to the local area.

The event will take place on Friday, April 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton in Ontario. The gala supports TFCF's efforts to help homeless women and children become self-sufficient, thriving members of society.

Assemblymember Eloise Gomez-Reyes has been chosen as this year's recipient of the Public Service Champion Award. She was elected in November of 2016 to represent the 47th District, which includes Fontana, Colton, Grand Terrace, Rialto, San Bernardino, and the unincorporated communities of Bloomington and Muscoy.

"Eloise, a proud daughter of immigrants, has been a champion for her community throughout her career," said Kim Carter, the executive director of TFCF.

Working alongside Legal Aid, she provided legal services and represented the residents of the Inland Empire time and time again, giving dignity and providing proper representation to those in her community who needed it most, Carter said. The lack of access to quality legal services led Gomez-Reyes to open her own law firm.

"For us it was a blessing," Carter said. "Finally, we had someone who knew the law and the ability to use it for people instead of against our communities."

"She actually worked with us on the ground as we promoted Proposition 47 and its implementation. Giving people a chance to remove their felonies is a once in a lifetime opportunity and we appreciate her for helping us to make it happen," said Vanessa Perez, current associate director of the foundation.

Other honorees include:

- Mike Tulisak and Rosa Guillen, Dynamic Duo Award
- The Imperials Car Club, Community Champion Award
- Actor/Director Bill Duke, Humanitarian Award
- Dan Floriani, Business Leader of the Year Award
- San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Ted Alejandro, Ramos Family Spirit of Compassion Award
- Home Aide-Inland Empire and Lennar Inc., Community Service Award
- Director/Screenwriter Catherine Hardwicke, Women's Empowerment Champion Award
- U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, Lifetime Humanitarian Award.

To purchase an ad in the event program or to purchase a ticket for the gala, visit www.TimeForChangeFoundation.org or contact Vanessa Perez at (909) 886-2994 or by email at vperez@timeforchangefoundation.org.