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Honoring Life Event: Inviting the miraculous to happen!

The Honoring Life Advisory Committee of Los Angeles is proud to host the first annual **Honoring Life Event**, March 11, 2007, at the ArtHouse Gallery @TVA, 416 Broadway, Santa Monica from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Its purpose, to inspire people to focus on what is possible when hardship occurs, to increase awareness and spread the word about the tenacity of the human spirit, and acknowledge those who have rise above adversity and created a purpose-driven life. Millions are battling depression, anxiety, suicide, and life threatening illnesses. Many walk through the challenges in silence because of the stigma attached to those conditions.

The Honoring Life Event was created by Artist **Sara Shai**, author of “Beautiful in Black: Conversation with Suicide.” The narrative/ nonfiction book, illustrates the triumph over the challenges before and after her husband’s suicide, as she dealt with the stigma, the shame, and the blame. This event is a breakthrough in addressing these problems.

This year **The Honoring Life Award** will be given to **Zina Bethune**, Founder of The Bethune Theaterdance and The Infinite Dream. Bethune has realized a remarkable career as a dancer, actress, director and choreographer, while faced with serious physical disabilities. .

An award also will be given to **Marcia Wallace**. Wallace’s career includes “Carol” the receptionist on *The Bob Newhart Show* and an Emmy winning role as Ms. Krabappel on *The Simpsons*. As a fifteen-year survivor, Marcia has become a national spokesperson for breast cancer awareness, telling her story of survival and hope. She will be signing her new book, *Don’t Look Back, We’re Not Going That Way*.

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The special Honoring Life Event activities will include:

- An award ceremony,

- Short films featuring heroic stories
- Discussions Panels
- Art Show - 'Women as Witness'
- Book signings
- Silent Auction
- Music and refreshments

This year the Honoring Life Committee will raise money for the benefit of the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Los Angeles Division.**

If you like to be part of this empowering event and make a difference, we encourage you to help with your donation, sponsorship, or by simply spreading the word.

Tickets to the event cost only \$10.00 per person. Ticket may be purchased on line at www.honoringlife.org or by calling 818-222-8228.

HONORING LIFE is a non-profit support and service organization.

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