

17th Annual NYA Scholarship & Community Service Award Dinner

Expanding the horizons of the at-risk children it serves through PERSONAL BEST, the Neighborhood Youth Association (NYA) celebrates the successful expansion of its program into the year 2000. The individual components of PERSONAL BEST, which were thoughtfully and carefully designed by NYA staff, include: academic and curriculum enrichment, counseling focused on personal and living skills, career planning and cultural enrichment activities. Youth ages 2-18 years are involved in this significant demonstration project in education which others look to as a model. NYA serves youth at our Mar Vista site and in Venice at our Las Doradas Children's Center and brand-new Learning Center. NYA supplements what our schools cannot provide and what our families cannot afford, with the ultimate goal that every child who participates will complete high school and go on to post-secondary education.

PERSONAL BEST offers unique opportunities to these children: they are tutored individually or in "homework clubs"; they hear lectures from a variety of professionals and often participate in "hands-on" activities; they tour businesses, work with computers, and take field trips. They take music lessons, learn how to draw, and tell their own stories in creative writing. They are encouraged to communicate, to be held accountable for their actions, and to learn to solve problems with their peers. The participation of their families is an essential and vital part of the program. Objective testing, performed before and during enrollment, documents effectiveness, pin-points areas of aptitude, and identifies special needs.

It is not an exaggeration to say that for many of the children, these experiences would never have been provided without the assistance of the Neighborhood Youth Association. NYA's value to them as individuals, to their families, and to the community is incalculable.

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requests the honor of your presence at

**The 17th Annual
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Awards Dinner**

Friday, March 3, 2000

The Riviera Country Club
1250 Capri Drive
Pacific Palisades

Reception & Silent Auction
6:30 p.m.

Dinner & Sponsorship Drive 8:00 p.m.

HONOREES

**The 2000 Scholarship Recipients
&
The 2000 Community
Service Awards Recipients**

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The Corporate Award
Bank of America
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Volunteer Awards
Audrey Cotright
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The Adel M. Martinez Youth Service Award
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