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# Good Shepherd Shelter Awarded \$20,000 Halo Award to Strengthen Volunteer Program

LOS ANGELES, CA March 3, 2015 – Good Shepherd Shelter is one of this year's Halo Award recipients, receiving a \$20,000 award from the Carl & Roberta Deutsch Foundation. The Halo Award originally wanted to celebrate volunteers doing exemplary work in their communities. It has grown to also include a critical capacity building piece focused on strengthening nonprofit volunteer programs in Greater Los Angeles. The funds will be used for professional development and technological advancements in our volunteer program to better serve our families, survivors of domestic violence.



Figure 1 Sr. Anne Kelley and Joe Herman at Halo Award Reception

“They [volunteers] are an essential part of our program. We are thrilled now to be able to create a system that more efficiently recruits volunteers and maximizes each one’s services and satisfaction,” said Sr. Anne Kelley, executive director, Good Shepherd. “We are so very grateful for their [Carl & Roberta Deutsch Foundation] vision in promoting volunteerism and those who do it so well, and most of all, for choosing Good Shepherd Shelter and our angel, Joe Herman who has served in multiple capacities at the Shelter for more than 20 years.”

“To be honored for something that has been so enriching to me seems a little backward” said Joe Herman, Good Shepherd Shelter volunteer and Halo Award recipient. “The Good Shepherd Shelter sure knows how to make a good volunteer. Sr. Anne Kelley really knows the importance of engaging everyone fully. We all feel the true weight of the need balanced with the joy of the task.”

It is the Foundation's hope that the Halo Award will inspire more community members to make a difference through long-term volunteer commitments. The award's partnership with nonprofit organization will provide them with the resources to support their volunteers.

### About the Halo Award

The Carl & Roberta Deutsch Foundation continues to be inspired by angels in the community, both the volunteers who go above and beyond to promote the betterment of their communities and the nonprofit

organizations whose work motivates and supports such volunteers. The Foundation finds the special partnership between volunteers and nonprofits compelling. For more information about the Halo Award, please go to [www.haloaward.org](http://www.haloaward.org)

**About Good Shepherd Shelter**

Good Shepherd Shelter's program focuses on reawakening dignity and self-confidence, giving the mothers the tools and the time to heal from the trauma of domestic violence and become independent, while giving the children new ways of interacting and communicating that are violence-free and respectful. Good Shepherd Shelter's mission is to stop the generational cycle of domestic violence by providing individualized, comprehensive services and shelter to battered women and their children and by raising the level of community awareness through advocacy and education. For more information about Good Shepherd Shelter, please go to [www.goodshepherdshelter.org](http://www.goodshepherdshelter.org)