

# WISE News

ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP & INNOVATIVE SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS & CAREGIVERS

## WISE & Healthy Aging Certified as a 'Great Place to Work'

### 3-Peat! National Designation



WISE & Healthy Aging has earned three consecutive national certifications – “a 3-peat” – as a “Great Place to Work”. The designation is based on confidential workplace satisfaction surveys of an organization’s staff and is awarded to high performing company cultures who have built a high level of

trust among their employees.

“I am very proud that the confidential feedback from our staff resulted in our earning 'A Great Place to Work' distinction,” said Grace Cheng Braun, president and CEO. “The results reflect the way our employees feel about working at WISE & Healthy Aging and how meaningful it is for them to be serving seniors.”

If you or anyone you know is interested in working or volunteering at WISE & Healthy Aging, please check out the opportunities by clicking the button below.

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## Grace Cheng Braun Finishes Tenure as President and CEO of WISE & Healthy Aging on June 30 with Molly Davies Taking the Helm on July 1



This month we wish our amazing leader, Grace Cheng Braun, all our very best as she finishes her 17-year tenure as President and CEO of WISE & Healthy Aging. Importantly, Grace is not retiring and will be taking

time to explore other opportunities where she can contribute her expertise and experience.

With Grace's last day on June 30, WISE & Healthy Aging will welcome one of our own longtime leaders: Molly Davies, LCSW, our current Executive Vice President, to the role of President and CEO on July 1. Molly, a seasoned and highly respected leader in the aging and elder advocacy community, has been leading WISE & Healthy Aging's Long Term Care Ombudsman and Elder Abuse Prevention programs covering Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties.

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## Miles McNeeley Weighs In On Best Approaches for Elder Abuse Prevention

With at least 10% of adults aged 65 and older experiencing some form of elder abuse in a given year, the number is only expected to grow as the baby boom generation grays and life expectancy increases.



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) calls attention to that fact, and Miles McNeeley, LCSW, Director of Elder Abuse Prevention at WISE & Healthy Aging, laid out some steps to be taken to help address this issue at the [Bet Tzedek's 3rd Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#) event that occurred on June 15.



Among the interventions Miles discussed, was the Holistic Elder Abuse Response Team (HEART), which was created by Molly Davies, Executive Vice President of WISE & Healthy Aging to provide case management, therapy, legal system advocacy, and emergency funds to

survivors of elder abuse in the community and facility settings.

For more information about the HEART program at WISE & Healthy Aging, please contact HEART at (310) 394-9871, ext. 350 or email [HEART@wiseandhealthyaging.org](mailto:HEART@wiseandhealthyaging.org).

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Celebration of Caring 2022 - An Evening to Remember



More than 200 community leaders, supporters and guests came out to celebrate our honorees at WISE & Healthy Aging's Celebration of Caring event held at The Broad Stage at Santa Monica College's Performing Arts Center on Monday, June 20.

After enjoying the pre-event festivities, attendees were greeted by the Keali'i Ceballos Halau Keali'i O Nalani dancers who performed as they took their seats in honor of Iao Katagiri, who was born in Hawaii. A tireless community advocate, Iao passed away on April 28 and was honored with a posthumous "Leadership in Caring" Award.

Veteran volunteer Barbara Browning was also honored with the "Compassion in Caring" Award for her more than 15,000 hours supporting seniors and their caregivers at WISE & Healthy Aging (since her retirement in 2010 from UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica).

Michael Rich, President of the RAND Corporation was recognized for 40 years of service on WISE & Healthy Aging's Board, in turn honoring Iao with heartfelt remarks on her life and legacy.

UCLA's Kyodo Taiko drumming ensemble wowed guests with their awesome performance to close out a truly memorable event!

Event Recap



WISE & Healthy Aging, a non-profit, community-based social service organization, advances the dignity and quality of life of older adults through leadership, advocacy and high-quality, innovative services.

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