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LA CITY HALL TO PAY TRIBUTE TO FOUNDER OF SCHOOL ON WHEELS – AGNES STEVENS

Councilmembers Huizar and Koretz to sponsor tribute

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On Friday, June 26 at 9.45 am at Los Angeles City Hall, (200 N Spring St., #340, Los Angeles, CA 90012) Councilmembers Huizar and Koretz will pay tribute to Agnes Stevens, Founder of local nonprofit, School on Wheels for her dedication and commitment to homeless children and youth in Los Angeles.

Agnes Stevens, Founder of School on Wheels, died in February after a long illness. Staff, Board members, volunteers and supporters of School on Wheels, including Executive Director, Catherine Meek, will be attending this tribute to their founder and mentor.

“Agnes was one of those very special human beings who inspired everyone around her. She had such courage and the vision to see beyond all the road blocks in life. She had an unwavering belief in and passion for School on Wheels. Agnes always said it takes so little to make a difference in a child’s life. She certainly did that for the thousands of homeless children whose lives have been touched by School on Wheels.” – Catherine Meek, Executive Director

All are welcome to attend the tribute. If you would like to park at City Hall, School on Wheels will need the following information no later than Thursday June 18th in order to issue a permit and for that they need:

- Name of driver, make and model of car, license plate number, and expected time of arrival.

In honor of Agnes Stevens, School on Wheels is partnering with the California Science Center and The Guinness Book of World Records to establish a new world record for the largest gathering of people dressed as Albert Einstein to raise awareness for homeless children’s education on Saturday, June 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the California Science Center in Los Angeles. Why? Stevens, who passed away earlier this year, loved Albert Einstein! Her reason was not only that he was a genius, but he had curly hair, like hers. To learn more or register for the event, visit - <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/guinness-world-record-dress-like-albert-einstein-tickets-17035798532>

ABOUT SCHOOL ON WHEELS

School on Wheels, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1993 by Agnes Stevens, a retired teacher. Today, hundreds of volunteers work one-on-one with children whose homelessness prevents them from receiving the academic stability and help they desperately need. The heart of the School on Wheels' program is the volunteer tutors who come from all backgrounds and professions, with a shared goal - to reach out to a child, to teach, to mentor, and assist in his or her educational life.

The mission of School on Wheels is to enhance educational opportunities for homeless children from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The goal is to shrink the gaps in their education and provide them with the highest level of education possible. Their program serves as a consistent support system to homeless students at a time of great stress and fear. School on Wheels brings the message to homeless students that they are cared about and important. They do this by offering:

- One-on-one weekly tutoring with a volunteer
- Backpacks, school supplies and school uniforms
- Assistance in entering school
- Help in locating lost records
- Guidance for parents in educational matters for their children
- Skid Row Learning Center
- Tutoring in six counties in Southern California, including Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.



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