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REDONDO BEACH RESIDENT SHINES BRIGHT

The Redondo Beach City Council Recognizes Local Resident Denise Yusuff—Recipient of the Centinela Youth Services HALO Bright Light Volunteer of the Year Award

At the December 5 Redondo Beach City Council meeting, Mayor Bill Brand joined Jan Vogel, CEO of Centinela Youth Services, Inc. (CYS), in recognizing local resident Denise Yusuff, recipient of the 2017 CYS HALO Bright Light Volunteer of the Year award. Ms. Yusuff was chosen for the honor due to her dedication to community service and peaceful conflict resolutions. In addition to the award recognition, Ms. Yusuff was presented with a check for \$5,000.

Centinela Youth Services, Inc. (CYS), a sister organization to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), was established in 1975 and provides conflict resolution and diversion services to youth, ages 7 – 18, who live in the most underserved communities of the Los Angeles area. CYS’s mission is to strengthen families and communities by empowering youth to resolve conflicts and overcome obstacles and become successful students and contributing adults.

As a volunteer, Ms. Yusuff has facilitated mediations for both the Victim Offender Restitution Services (VORS) and the Families Able to Resolve Situations (FARS) programs. She conducts multiple mediations every month and has successfully mediated a number of CYS’s most challenging cases.

Her abilities, dedication, and passion are an inspiration to her fellow volunteers and the CYS staff. It is with pride that the Redondo Beach City Council joined CYS in recognizing local resident Denise Yusuff as the CYS HALO Bright Light Volunteer of the Year.

If you would like further information about CYS’s conflict resolution services or its diversion programs, offered free for service, please contact Martiza Molina at 310.970.7758 or mmolina@cys-la.org.

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The Redondo Beach City Council Recognizes Local Resident Denise Yusuff for Centinela Youth Services' HALO Bright Light Volunteer of the Year Award. Left to right: Bonnie Anne, CYS; Maritza Molina, Quality Assurance Supervisor, CYS; Jan Vogel, CYS CEO; Denise Yusuff, CYS HALO Bright Light Volunteer of the Year recipient; Chris Cagle, Regional Affairs Manager; Redondo Beach Mayor Bill Brand.