

MEDIA ALERT

Event: Thursday, Oct 21,
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
PHOTO OPS AND INTERVIEWS

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**Wendy & Beau Bridges Set To Receive "Outstanding Family Award"
and
Stuart Berton, Entertainment Attorney, "Lifetime Achievement" Award
at
EL NIDO FAMILY CENTERS
FOURTH ANNUAL CHAMPIONS FOR FAMILIES AWARDS**

WHO:

Wendy and Beau Bridges will accept the "Outstanding Family Award" at the Fourth Annual **Champions for Families Awards Dinner** at the Skirball Cultural Center, Thursday, October 21, on behalf of the Bridges Family. The family values that their parents, Dorothy and Lloyd Bridges, instilled in them have been passed on to three generations of Bridges. These very traits of gaining self-esteem and achieving goals are also the very core of El Nido's programs that support and strengthen families. Beau Bridges, who will appear in *The Descendants* in late 2010, has carried on more family traditions than just show business. With the constant support of his wife, Wendy, devotion to family has always been a priority throughout their lives. Dorothy and Lloyd Bridges recognized that strong parenting is the foundation of a strong child, and that their responsibilities extended to the world outside their home—philosophies that have been adopted by their children and imparted to their grandchildren.

Stuart Berton, recipient of the 2010 Lifetime Champion Award, is being recognized for his inspiring leadership and commitment to serving the agency's mission through hands-on involvement and advocacy. Berton is the immediate past president of El Nido's board of directors. His impressive legal career started with Columbia and Warner Bros., then did business affairs at Playboy Productions, and has been in private practice specializing in entertainment law for the last 32 years, with a client base of writers, producers, and actors.

WHAT:

El Nido Family Centers is proud to present the Fourth Annual **Champions for Families Awards Dinner** at the Skirball Cultural Center, Thursday, October 21, 2010, starting at 6:00 p.m. The evening will also mark the celebration of El Nido's 85 years of empowering Los Angeles' families. www.elnidofamilycenters.org

WHY:

Proceeds from the evening will benefit El Nido Family Centers, a 501(c) 3 non-profit, devoted to empowering at-risk children, youth and families in Los Angeles County through education and social services, to overcome trauma, gain self-esteem and achieve their goals. El Nido provides programs that focus on Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Family Development and Parenting Education, Teen Parent and Infant Development and Youth Development dealing with Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Delinquency Prevention and Gang Prevention. The staff, serving over 15,000 families a year, reaches out and goes where families need services – to schools, housing projects, health and community centers and the families' homes. www.elnidofamilycenters.org

WHEN and WHERE:

Cocktails and silent auction at 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Awards at 7:00 p.m.
The Skirball Cultural Center is located at 2701 North Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90049.

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