

# HISTORY

## 1973

At the urging of Gary Gitnick, MD, staff at UCLA hold a holiday party for youth with disabilities. This becomes an annual event that expands into a role model program pairing young people and adults with disabilities.

## 1977

The role model program incorporates as a non-profit called the Fulfillment Fund.

## 1982

The role model concept begins to include able-bodied students throughout Los Angeles. This grows into a formal Mentor Program.

## 1988

Andrea Cockrum joins the Fulfillment Fund as Executive Director and first full-time staff. The Fulfillment Fund begins to offer college scholarships.

## 1991

The Friends of the Fulfillment Fund auxiliary support group is founded by Cherna Gitnick, wife of Fulfillment Fund Founder Gary Gitnick, MD.

## 1994

Internship Services begins.

## 1995

College Counseling begins.

## 1996

The high school classroom-based College Pathways Project begins.

## 1998

The Fulfillment Fund is named the best community-based mentoring program in California by the California Mentoring Initiative.

## 1999

The Fulfillment Fund Alumni Association is formed as a means for alumni of our programs to support the ongoing work of the Fulfillment Fund.

## 2002

The Fulfillment Fund celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The first annual Summer Splash event is held to benefit Bright Future Scholarships.

## 2006

Mentoring, College Pathways and College Counseling are integrated to form two new programs focused on college access: the High School Program and the Post Secondary Program.



## 2007

The Fulfillment Fund celebrates 30 years of empowering youth through education.

## 2009

The Leadership Council auxiliary group, comprised of young professionals, is formed. After a brief retirement, Andrea Cockrum returns as CEO of the Fulfillment Fund.

## 2011

The Fulfillment Fund celebrates 25 years of providing mentoring services.

## STARS GALA HONOREES

1995 Jackie & Howard Banchik

Darlene & Steve Fogel

1996 Candy & Aaron Spelling

1997 Barbara Lazaroff & Wolfgang Puck

1998 Rupert Murdoch

1999 Edgar Bronfman, Jr.

2000 Robert Iger

2001 Jeffrey Katzenberg

2002 Sheri & Les Biller

Megan & Peter Chernin

2003 Paula and Sumner Redstone

2004 Amy Pascal

2005 Brian Grazer

2006 Tom Rothman

2007 Marc Shmuger

2008 Thomas Tull

2009 Judd Apatow & Leslie Mann

2010 James Gianopulos