

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.

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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 our 25th 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.

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



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