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**Maple Counseling Center Presents Inaugural Mel Feuer Spirit Award
To Community Circle Program Coordinator LuNel Lemieux
At Annual Appreciation Breakfast**

Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer on Hand to Administer Award

LOS ANGELES, May 17, 2017 — One of Los Angeles' leading non-profit mental health organizations, [The Maple Counseling Center](http://www.tmcc.org) (TMCC), today presented longtime Community Circle Program Coordinator LuNel LeMieux with the inaugural Mel Feuer Spirit Award at its annual appreciation breakfast. The event was held at La Gondola Restaurant located at 9025 Wilshire Boulevard.

Click [here](#) or visit <http://www.tmcc.org/2017-counselor-volunteer-breakfast> after 1 p.m. PST to download an event photo.

The Mel Feuer Spirit Award pays tribute to the memory of Mel Feuer, an educator, Community Circle volunteer for 25 years, and the father of current Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer, who presented LeMieux with the honor during the morning ceremony.

The award, which will be presented annually, honors a volunteer or staff member who demonstrates the commitment and dedication for which Mel Feuer was fervently known by his students, fellow volunteers, and by all who knew him.

As the award's first recipient, LuNel LeMieux, has spearheaded the Community Circle Program since she founded it in 1972. The program serves local area elementary schools, providing volunteers who work with students to discuss and share life lessons in a safe and confidential setting. Community Circle is about building character, self-worth and responsibility.

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Before coming to The Maple Counseling Center, LeMiex was an elementary school teacher and counselor for 20 years in the Beverly Hills Unified School District, and taught special education at UCLA's Fernald School. LeMiex also co-authored the book, *Joyful Volunteering – Together We Can*.

“LuNel is an extraordinary role model,” says Marcy Kaplan, CEO of The Maple Counseling Center. “The Community Circle Program has touched the lives of so many students and volunteers, all of whom have benefited tremendously. We are all very proud that LuNel is our first award recipient.”

TMCC's annual appreciation breakfast honors all of the interns and volunteers that help make the Center's mission possible—to provide mental health services to anyone regardless of their ability to pay. The Center's counselors and volunteers help more than 2,000 children a week, and provide 40,000 hours of free and low cost mental health care annually to people of all ages.

About The Maple Counseling Center

Founded in 1972, The Maple Counseling Center (TMCC) is a private, non-profit community mental health center that serves the greater Los Angeles area. The Center's mission is to provide low cost comprehensive mental health services to adults, children, couples and families, and training for interns and counselors working toward licensure in the mental health field. The Center also collaborates with other community organizations to provide mental health services in underserved areas of Los Angeles County. Open six days a week, TMCC counselors treat a range of issues, including anxiety, depression, family and relationship conflicts, and grief and loss.

For more information on TMCC, visit www.tmcc.org, follow on Twitter [@MapleCounseling](https://twitter.com/MapleCounseling) and like on Facebook at [The Maple Counseling Center](https://www.facebook.com/TheMapleCounselingCenter).

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