

**FELICIA HOROWITZ – THE EVERYDAY PEOPLE AWARD
WACO THEATER CENTER, WEARABLE ART GALA - 2019**

On Saturday, June 1, 2019, Felicia Horowitz will receive The Everyday People Award at WACO Theater Center's Wearable Art Gala for her tireless philanthropic efforts to promote the welfare of others.

Horowitz grew up in Los Angeles and became the first member of her family to graduate from college. She credits the Sugar Ray Robinson Foundation for their mentorship in putting her on a different trajectory.

In 1988, she graduated with a degree in Communications from the University of Southern California. Driven by the conviction that life is precious, and people are not disposable, she has dedicated her time, wealth and work to help people in need overcome the challenges they face in order to achieve their dreams.

Her charity work reflects her concerns as a passionate advocate for women's rights, LGBTQ rights, harm reduction and violence prevention, and her determination to unite people cross-culturally through technology, community, and radical inclusion. In recognition of her groundbreaking achievements, Felicia was recently named to Oprah Winfrey's *SuperSoul 100* -- a list of "awakened leaders who are using their voices and talent to elevate humanity." In 2016 she was the recipient of the Janice Mirikitani Legacy Award for her impact on San Francisco's neediest communities.

Her guiding star is her own advice to "live your best life and give all you can because it is the only chance you'll get - there are no second shots at life."

Felicia's philanthropic efforts are made possible through her role as the founder and CEO of the Horowitz Family Foundation. The Foundation partners with the American Jewish World Service, the GLIDE Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Boys and Girls Club, and many other organizations to advocate for and provide help to those in need. Felicia works tirelessly herself, preparing warm meals for 2,200 people a day through GLIDE's Daily Free Meals Program in San Francisco, and traveling the world fighting for human rights and dignity.

In Uganda, Felicia supports the LGBTQ activists who overturned a draconian anti-gay law. In Cambodia, she helps empower youth leaders who promote free speech and seek to stop their oppressive government from repressing civic freedoms. In Mexico, she stands with indigenous activists who work to stop illegal land grabs and protect their properties and natural resources from the ravages of climate change. In India, she supports women and girls seeking to stop the practice of child marriage, and sex workers fighting for their right to work safely and without abuse. And in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, Felicia is helping survivors of the 2010 earthquake rebuild their lives. She is also a strong advocate for Dominicans of Haitian descent fighting to restore their citizenship. In all these cases, Felicia does not merely send a check -- she shows up on location and advocates side-by-side with the people she helps.

Felicia has been inspired by two life lessons. The first is an observation of Albert Einstein: "There are only two ways to live your life; one is as though nothing is a miracle, the other as though everything is a miracle." The second comes from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late."

WACO Theater Center is proud to present Felicia Horowitz with its Everyday People Award at the 2019 Wearable Art Gala on Saturday, June 1 in Los Angeles. For more information, visit www.wacothatercenter.com.