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Foundation hands out awards tonight

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A treasure chest of "jewels" in the San Bernardino area will be singled out and honored at tonight's Time for Change Foundation's annual awards dinner.

The Celebrating Life's Precious Jewels awards recognizes outstanding members of the community who have contributed to the well-being of homeless women and their children.

Since its inception in 2002, Time for Change Foundation has helped more than 800 families to realize their potential and value as "diamonds in the rough," officials say.

By providing knowledge, tools, dedication and commitment and its "family-model" housing, the foundation provides homeless women and their children a safe place to heal, recover, and develop skills necessary for self-sufficiency, officials say.

The event not only honors outstanding members of the community and celebrates the resilience of the precious jewels the foundation serves, but continues the fundraising efforts to assist more families.

This year's honorees include: Chancellor Bruce Baron, San Bernardino Community College District; the Race, Gender and Human Rights Giving Circle of the Women's Foundation of California: Santa Claus Inc.; Mi Cocina Restaurant, High-land; June Collison, president of Community Hospital of San Bernardino; Dr. Dora Barilla, Loma Linda Public Health Institute; Angela and Victor Myles, House of Prayer Gospel Outreach Ministries; National CORE; and Premier Medical Transportation.

Mistresses of Ceremonies will be County Supervisor Josie Gonzales and Fontana Mayor Acquanetta Warren.

The event is set for 6:30 to 9 p.m., with the social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Valencia Room at the National Orange Show Events Center, 690 S. Arrowhead Ave.

Tickets are \$125 per person and are available at the door.

For more information, call 909-886-2994.