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Parent Leadership Training Institute of Solano County Celebrates 10 Years of Empowering Families

VALLEJO, Calif. – The Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) of Solano County marked a decade of empowering parents and caregivers with a special 10th-anniversary celebration on May 17. The event honored the achievements of PLTI alumni, shared inspiring stories of leadership and community impact, and brought together graduates, supporters, and future parent leaders for an afternoon of reflection and celebration.

Held at the former Westamerica Bank building at 332 Georgia St., Vallejo, the program featured remarks from PLTI alumni, as well as presentations by local officials and education leaders, including Superintendent Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Solano County Office of Education, Mayor Alma Hernandez, Suisun City, and Assemblywoman Lori Wilson, who delivered a commendation recognizing PLTI's contributions to parent empowerment and civic engagement. Congressman John Garamendi's staff also presented a commendation to PLTI Alumni and The Children's Network, acknowledging their ongoing work in strengthening families and communities.

Representatives from the National Parent Leadership Institute (NPLI) shared insights on the broader movement to equip parents with leadership skills and policy influence. The event also highlighted the role of The Children's Network of Solano County and the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District in supporting the PLTI's mission.

A key moment of the celebration was the PLTI Alumni Panel, where graduates from various program years reflected on the skills they gained, how the training deepened their understanding of community issues, and the ways they continue to advocate for positive change. The discussion fostered connections among past and future parent leaders, reinforcing PLTI's lasting impact.

At the end of the event, Carlos Flores, a Vallejo City Unified School District Trustee, spoke about the importance of parent leadership in shaping policies that directly affect children's lives. And Jameelah Hanif, PLTI Alumni from Vallejo and executive director of Watch Me Grow, Inc., wrapped up the event by speaking about the importance of PLTI in her life and encouraging others to commit to the program. She also honored Alan Kerzin, who founded PLTI in Solano County, acknowledging his leadership in bringing this impactful program to our community. Attendees left inspired and empowered, reaffirming the vital role of PLTI in equipping parents with the tools to drive meaningful change.

For more information about PLTI's programs and upcoming initiatives, visit www.childnet.org. Contact Monica Soriano at msoriano@childnet.org for more information.