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LOIDA NICOLAS LEWIS

Womankind 2017 Gala Honoree

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Filipino-born American businesswoman Loida Nicolas Lewis, widow of TLC Beatrice Founder and CEO Reginald F. Lewis, will receive The Phoenix Lifetime Achievement Award at Womankind's 35th Anniversary Benefit Gala on Nov. 1, 2017, for her contributions to Asian-American communities in the U.S. through her advocacy, influence and generosity.

Formerly the New York Asian Women's Center, Womankind is a leader in providing innovative and award-winning multilingual and culturally responsive services to survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual violence and later in life abuse.

For 35 years, Womankind has helped Asian women and their children rise above trauma and build a path to healing through counseling, safe and confidential emergency housing, immigration and legal services, economic empowerment programs and so much more.

"Every woman deserves the opportunity to rise above violence," said Nicolas Lewis.

"I applaud Womankind on its mission of providing refuge, recovery and renewal for countless women across New York City, my home. Womankind proves that, together, we can end the violence and trafficking that plague our society."

Mrs. Lewis was Chair and CEO of TLC Beatrice, LLC, a family investment firm.

A lawyer by profession, admitted to practice in the Philippines and New York, Mrs. Lewis was the first Filipino woman to pass the New York bar without attending law school in the United States.

Having won her discrimination case against the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in 1987, she integrated the agency now called Citizenship & Immigration Service (CIS).

Asian-American civic leader, author, lawyer & philanthropist Loida Nicolas Lewis to be honored at Womankind

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She co-authored "How to Get A Green Card," now in its 12th edition and a bestseller in its genre.

Mrs. Lewis is also one of the founders of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), as well as chair of US Pinoys for Good Governance.

Mrs. Lewis served as Chair and CEO of TLC Beatrice International, a \$2 billion multinational food company with operations all across Europe, from 1994-2000.

She assumed its leadership after the death of her husband, Wall Street financier Reginald F. Lewis who, in 1987, engineered a leveraged buyout for \$985 million of Beatrice International Food, thus becoming the 1st African-American to create a billion dollar company.

WHO: Loida Nicolas Lewis Honored with The Phoenix Lifetime Achievement Award

WHAT: Womankind's 35th Anniversary Gala

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

WHERE: Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum (Pier 86 - West 46th Street and 12th Avenue)

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For more information about the gala and to purchase tickets, please go online at: <https://womankind2017.auction-bid.org/microsite/about>

In Focus: Gala 2017

Every 98 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted.

Womankind believes in a woman's right to live free from violence and aims to cultivate feelings of hope and self-fulfillment within them.

We work with survivors of gender-based violence to rise above trauma and build a path to healing.

Whether you are in search of equality, healing, compassion, or you want to help others in search of these basic human rights, we are here for you.

We want you to say it proudly with us:

"I Am Womankind!"