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Honoree Carrie Fisher to speak at Marin Services for Women benefit

Marin Services for Women will hold its 2005 annual benefit dinner at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Embassy Suites in San Rafael. The event, themed "Weaving the Vision: Together We Build a Healing Community," will feature actress and author Carrie Fisher as keynote speaker.

Fisher will receive the 2005 Marin Services for Women (MSW) Founders Award that honors women who have shared their recovery experiences openly and honestly, and who serve as role models of survival, strength and empowerment for other women.

Fisher is best known for her role as Princess Leia in the Star Wars trilogy. She wrote the New York Times bestselling novel, "Postcards From the Edge," a survivor's tale about the addiction and hollows of Hollywood life.

The MSW dinner recognizes and celebrates the 16th annual observance of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, part of a national initiative supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"It's important that as a community we work toward providing people with the recovery services they need, despite social or economic circumstances," said MSW executive director Ann Harrison. "Once in recovery, people are able to build self esteem, and become empowered to maintain steady employment, obtain stable housing, and sustain healthy relationships. We all benefit from each individual's recovery."

Individual dinner tickets are \$125; Special Friend tickets are \$250 and include recognition in the dinner program. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

For more information about reservations and sponsorships, visit then Web at www.marinservicesforwomen.org or call 924-5995.

For over 25 years, Marin Services for Women has advanced community health by providing a full continuum of superior quality chemical dependency recovery services for women and families in Marin County.