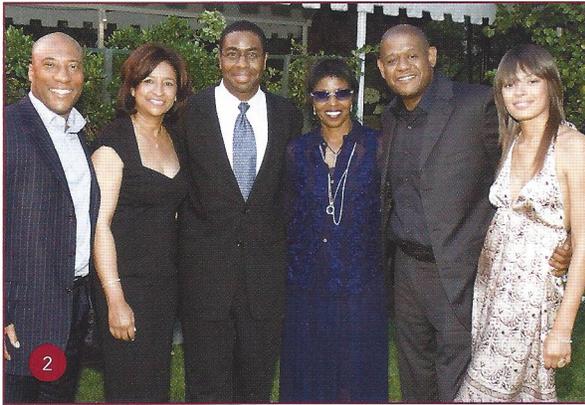


## The Brain Trust



The fund-raising campaign for the Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Brain Tumor Center at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center was officially launched last May with a \$25,000 contribution from the Union Bank of California Foundation. The announcement was made during a special event held at the Bel Air Hotel and hosted by Union Bank.

Union Bank of California Executive Vice President Mary Curren said, "Because Union bank is committed to help further the hopes and dreams of individuals and organizations within the community, we are extremely pleased to make this contribution to the Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Brain Tumor Center as a tangible investment into finding cures for brain tumors."

The Center—established with the support of Dale Mason Cochran, wife of the late attorney, Pauletta Pearson Washington, and the Brain Trust—aims to improve treatments and renew hope for patients suffering from neurological disorders.

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2. Byron Allen, Dale Cochran, Dr. Keith Black, Pauletta Washington, and Forest and Keisha Whitaker

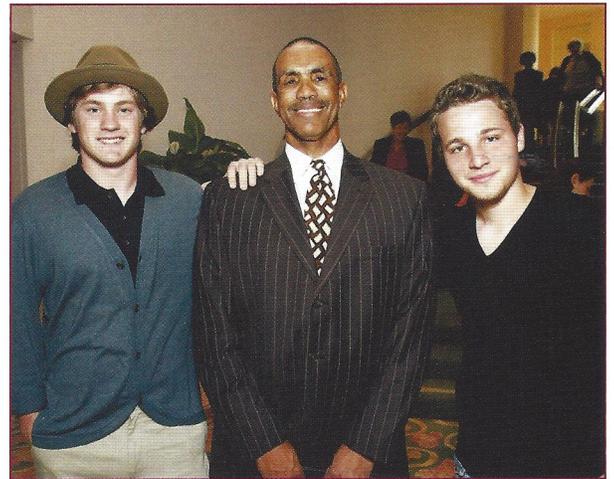
## Teen Line

Peer-to-peer counseling hotline and outreach program TEEN LINE held its **Food for Thought Luncheon** on May 3, 2006, and honored Kenneth W. Bentley, vice president of Community Affairs at Nestlé USA, Inc., with the 2006 VOICE Award. Bentley, a former TEEN LINE board member, is the sponsor of The Nestlé Very Best in Youth program, which honors young people who excel in school and help make their communities a better place.

Joining Bentley and supporters at the event were teen celebrity hosts Cody Kasch and Shawn Pyfrom of "Desperate Housewives" whose characters have experienced a myriad of troubles and issues similar to those handled by TEEN LINE's hotline operators each night. The young actors introduced a panel of teens who discussed their personal experiences "living on the edge," with risk-taking activities that sometimes ended tragically.

TEEN LINE was founded in 1981 to help adolescents address their problems through a confidential peer hotline and community outreach program. TEEN LINE is a sanctuary for the more than 10,000 youths each year who call the hotline to talk things out with another teen in a safe, non-judgmental environment.

The 2007 Food For Thought luncheon was held on April 26, and honored Anjelica Huston and Louis Gossett, Jr. Event coverage will appear in the Fall issue of *Catalyst*.



*Cody Kasch, Kenneth W. Bentley, and Shawn Pyfrom*

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