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**THE MUSES “WOMAN OF THE YEAR” Awards Luncheon
Honors “Dear Abby” and Dr. Helena Chuang Chui**

Los Angeles - Each year, the California Science Center and its non-profit affiliate, the MUSES, celebrate the accomplishments of an outstanding woman who has contributed to the field of science through THE MUSES Woman of the Year Award. This year, THE MUSES honored two outstanding women - “Dear Abby” and Dr. Helena Chui. Both women are recognized for their dedication to the support of Alzheimer’s research. Presiding at the event were Joyce K. Cramsie, THE MUSES President, and Dorothy Fuller, Woman of the Year Chairperson. Proceeds from the luncheon benefit the annual California State Science Fair and Hands-on Science Camp.

“Dear Abby,” undoubtedly the most popular newspaper columnist in the world with her column appearing in more than 1,400 newspapers, is read by more than 110 million people each day. “Dear Abby” was early to understand the importance of assisting in Alzheimer’s research when she put the Alzheimer’s Association on the map over 25 years ago through her column’s focus on the fledgling Association. She has since been a tireless spokesperson and received the Association’s Advocacy Award in 2003.

Dr. Helena Chui is Director of the Alzheimer Disease Research Center at USC and the McCarron Professor and Chair of Neurology at the Keck School of Medicine at USC. She specializes in Alzheimer Disease, vascular cognitive impairment and other memory disorders. The world-renowned neurologist is building a strong translational program at USC, bridging discoveries in the laboratory with clinical applications.

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