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13th Annual Evening Under the Stars Award Show Gala to Honor CEO Scott Laurie,
Emmy-Nominated
Actress Niecy Nash and Dr. Fred Parrot with Special Musical Performance by
Grammy-Nominated R&B Singer, B Slade

The Special Needs Network, Inc., one of the U.S.'s leading autism advocacy organization, will host its 13th annual Evening Under the Stars Awards Show and Gala on Saturday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. with the red carpet from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the California African American Museum located at 600 State Dr. in Los Angeles.

The evening will include a cocktail reception and awards ceremony. Hosted by CBS broadcast journalist, Susie Suh, the honorees include CEO Scott Laurie (The Olson Company) who will receive the Corporate Citizen Award, Emmy-nominated actress, Niecy Nash (star of TNT's hit drama series, Claws) who will receive the Vanguard Award, and Dr. Fred Parrott who will receive the Dr. Ruth and Dr. Ludlow Creary Lifetime Achievement Award. The event will also pay tribute to ten women who have changed the face of autism by tirelessly volunteering.

About Special Needs Network

Special Needs Network (SNN) is based in Los Angeles and is California's leading grassroots advocacy organization. Founded by CNN legal analyst and talk show co-host (Face the Truth), Areva Martin, she was inspired to create the organization after going through the challenges of raising an autistic son. Martin explains, "There is no greater joy in my life than seeing the positive impact SNN has had on countless families." Since its inception, the organization has provided critical direct services to over 50,000 kids and adults with a range of developmental and mental health disorders in the state's poorest communities. As a nonprofit organization, SNN was established to help families faced with autism and other developmental disabilities. The organization focuses on raising public awareness, impacting public policy, increasing education and access to resources for families, children and adults.

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