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UFC honors Meyer, wife at fund-raiser

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Warner Bros. chairman and CEO Barry Meyer and his wife, Wendy Smith Meyer, will be feted next month by the United Friends of the Children at the nonprofit organization's 25th anniversary fund-raising dinner, to be hosted by Ellen DeGeneres.



Meyer

The UFC is devoted to helping foster children in Los Angeles County through a range of programs and services, including transitional living, career planning, mentoring and educational assistance. The organization was founded in 1979 by a group of children's advocates, including Nancy Daly Riordan, who sought a private means of aiding children in the county's foster-care program.

"Wendy and Barry Meyer are extraordinary people who are having a tremendous impact at United Friends of the Children and beyond," UFC president Polly Williams said.

Smith Meyer, a psychotherapist and adjunct professor at USC's Graduate School of Social Work, is a member of the UFC board and the chair of UFC's Pathways Taskforce that oversees the group's transitional living program. Meyer, Warner Bros. chairman and CEO, has been involved with UFC since its inception.

Chairs for UFC's Brass Ring Dinner, set for April 21 at the Beverly Hilton, are Meyer's former bosses at Warner Bros., Bob Daly and Terry Semel, who is now chairman and CEO of Yahoo!, along with their wives, Carole Bayer Sager and Jane Semel.

"While Barry is enormously civic-minded, extraordinarily charitable and extremely generous with his time

and money, until now he has never agreed to be the honoree at a fund-raiser," Daly and Semel said in a statement. "This speaks volumes about his and Wendy's belief and dedication to the group and the pride Barry takes in the fine work Wendy does for the UFC kids."

The high-powered list of additional co-chairs for the dinner includes: Time Warner chairman and CEO Richard Parsons, Warner Bros. president Alan Horn, the Walt Disney Co. CEO Michael Eisner and Disney president and chief operating officer Robert Iger, Viacom chairman and CEO Sumner Redstone, Viacom co-president and co-chief operating officers Leslie Moonves and Tom Freston, News Corp. president and chief operating officer Peter Chernin, DreamWorks SKG principal Jeffrey Katzenberg and NBC Universal TV Group president Jeff Zucker.

