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**Kansas City Nonprofit Shines in National Spotlight**  
*HALO Founder Rebecca Welsh Honored Alongside Winfrey, Hayek and Paltrow for Outstanding Philanthropy*

KANSAS CITY – **Rebecca Welsh**, founder of the Kansas City-based nonprofit **HALO Foundation**, received the “**Inspiration to Action**” award at **Variety Magazine’s** 9<sup>th</sup> annual “**Power of Women**” event October 9 in Los Angeles. The event, in partnership with Lifetime Television, gathers an intimate group of Hollywood’s most philanthropic women who have made a significant impact in their chosen causes through their humanitarian efforts.

“It is such an incredible honor to be recognized among this truly inspiring group of women,” **Rebecca Welsh** said. “Our mission at HALO is to empower youth in the greatest need to become contributing members of their communities, and this event is a powerful reminder that women and girls have the ability to make a meaningful difference in our world and in the lives of others through our actions.”

The “Inspiration to Action” award was presented to Rebecca Welsh by Moroccanoil for her commitment to HALO and what she has done to change the world.

Variety Magazine’s “**Lifetime Impact Honorees**” include Salma Hayek Pinault (Chime for Change), Anna Kendrick (The Trevor Project), Gwyneth Paltrow (L.A. Kitchen), Oprah Winfrey (Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy Foundation), and YouTube CEO, Susan Wojcicki (Room to Read).

**HALO Foundation**

Featured on “American Spirit” of CBS Evening News, The TODAY Show and “Heroes Among Us” of PEOPLE magazine, The HALO Foundation empowers youth in the greatest need to become contributing members of their communities. HALO is a volunteer-driven, grassroots non-profit with more than 80 percent of donations going directly to programs. HALO serves more than 1,000 youth each year. Domestically, HALO supports future-focused programming for at-risk youth to help set tangible goals for becoming contributing members of their communities. HALO currently has HALO Centers in Kansas City, and Jefferson City, Missouri, and programming in New York, Portland, and Los Angeles. Internationally, HALO supports 21 orphanages and programs in Uganda, Kenya, Mexico, India, Guatemala and Nicaragua. This includes providing food, water, shelter, clothing, education, art therapy, caretakers, and vocational training or college for youth in the greatest need. Learn more at [www.haloworldwide.org](http://www.haloworldwide.org).

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