Charlene Andersson Featured in Exclusive Online Interview Exploring the Heart of Education

A powerful Q&A reveals the vision, values, and voice behind one of Los Angeles' most quietly influential educators



Los Angeles, California May 12, 2025 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - Charlene Andersson, a widely respected educator and certified educational therapist, is the subject of an in-depth new interview titled *Teaching with Heart: A Deep Conversation with Charlene Andersson***. The feature offers rare insight into Charlene's approach to learning, healing, and the human side of education.**

In the wide-ranging Q&A, Charlene shares reflections on her decades-long career—from her early days in the classroom to her current role as a private educational therapist based in Los Angeles. Known for helping students who don't fit neatly into the system, Charlene speaks candidly about failure, creativity, and why real success begins when a child feels seen and heard.

"Education is not a vending machine," she says. "It's an emotional, cognitive, and social experience that requires trust, connection, and adaptability."

Charlene's journey includes earning the highest standardized test scores in her district for ten consecutive years, serving as a U.S. delegate for curriculum development in Japan, and supporting education reform efforts in Cuba and the Middle East. She has presented at national conferences and

co-authored a classroom book project that now resides in the Library of Congress.

Despite these accomplishments, Charlene keeps the focus on the students she serves—especially those who struggle with learning differences, confidence, or connection. Her educational therapy work is centered around customized, creative support tailored to each child's unique strengths and needs.

"I reject the notion that children need to be fixed, because that infers that they are broken," Charlene says in the interview. "I empower them to discover their own gifts."

The interview also highlights stories of transformation—like the student who earned a Mars Rover patent with classmates and received a letter from NASA, or the young boy who regained his confidence through a special experience with the LA Rams. Each story reflects Charlene's belief in the power of listening, adapting, and lifting students up from the inside out.

As she explains in the feature, "Your child is not behind—the job of a teacher is to ferret out a child's natural inclinations. Whether it's an engineer, athlete, or a writer. Find a child's core and personal inclination and build upon it and you will light the fire of academic enthusiasm.

"A mistake many parents and teachers make is believing that you can either legislate or force a child to love education, instead you have to first see the child and make an effort to appeal to the child's interest," Charlene explains.

Charlene's work blends therapy, curriculum design, and care. Her website, speaking engagements, and ongoing private practice continue to provide families with a thoughtful, human-centered alternative to standard educational models.

About Charlene Andersson

Charlene Andersson is an award-winning educator, children's author, and certified Professional Educational Therapist based in Los Angeles, California. With over 30 years of experience, she has helped students from diverse backgrounds thrive both academically and emotionally. Her work includes international curriculum development, arts and therapy programs in hospitals, and educational consulting. She currently operates a private practice offering individualized support for students with learning and social-emotional challenges.

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