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Long Beach Community Foundation Names Jean Bixby Smith Chair Emeritus
LBCF is one of Bixby Smith's Philanthropic Career Highlights

LONG BEACH, Calif.— The Long Beach Community Foundation (LBCF) named Jean Bixby Smith “Chair Emeritus” at its June 7, 2017 State of the Foundation event last week. More than 120 guests, comprised of philanthropists, LBCF fundholders and other stakeholders were on hand to help her celebrate the surprise announcement.

Jean Bixby Smith is often described as one of Long Beach’s matriarchs due to her tremendously generous spirit of giving to local nonprofits and her family’s impact on the development of Long Beach, dating all the way back to the mid 1800s.

The Long Beach Community Foundation was established in 1996 when Bixby Smith, along with Founder & CEO Jim Worsham and Founder Kevin McGuan, championed the need for Long Beach to have its own community foundation serving the needs of Long Beach. She served as Board Chair of the Community Foundation for 18 years between 1996 and 2014. More than 20 years later, LBCF is successfully facilitating philanthropy in the community and has more than \$31 million in assets under management.

“Being part of this Foundation is one of the greatest accomplishments of my life,” said LBCF Chair Emeritus Jean Bixby Smith.

Jean has lived in Long Beach all her life. She had a very successful professional career serving as both the President & Chairman of the Bixby Land Company and the Alamitos Land Company. She is a tireless volunteer and has served on many other nonprofit boards including: Long Beach Day Nursery, Rancho Los Cerritos, Long Beach Rotary, Musical Theater West, American Red Cross Long Beach Chapter, Tichenor Orthopedic Clinic for Children, Rotary Scholarship Foundation, California Community Foundation, Scripps College, Community Hospital, UniHealth Foundation, and PacifiCare.

“Jean Bixby Smith has been one of our biggest supporters over the years. She gives new meaning to the adage of *Time, Talent and Treasure*,” said LBCF President & CEO Marcelle

Epley. “She is a leader and a role model. Long Beach is lucky to have a community leader like Jean.”

A Community Foundation is a tax exempt, nonprofit, publicly supported, philanthropic organization with the long-term goal of building permanent, named charitable funds for the broad public benefit of the residents of a given area. This is generally accomplished through the financial and administrative management of a variety of charitable funds. Some are very defined, for specific charities and causes, such as scholarships, while others are established to support very broad areas of improvement in the community, such as a Field of Interest fund. Some funds can be advised by individuals like a private family foundation and other funds are directed at the discretion of the LBCF Board of directors.

Individuals looking to support LBCF’s efforts can make tax deductible contributions through various charitable gifts including cash, credit card, appreciated stock, real estate, illiquid assets, bequests, life insurance policies, donations of business interests, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts, and other charitable giving vehicles. For more information, contact the Foundation’s office at (562) 435-9033 or email info@longbeachcf.com.

About Long Beach Community Foundation:

The Long Beach Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, public organization with more than \$31 million in assets and more 140 charitable funds. It was established in 1996 to make strategic grants to nonprofits, and assist individual donors with their philanthropic goals today and through planned giving. Fees charged to manage funds at the Foundation are invested directly back into the community in the form of discretionary grants. LBCF’s mission is to initiate positive change for Long Beach through charitable giving, stewardship, and strategic grantmaking with a vision of being the preeminent steward of endowments serving the needs of Long Beach in perpetuity.

LBCF operations are led by President & CEO Marcelle Epley and oversight is provided by Board Chair Gary DeLong, Vice Chair Robert Stemler, and Board members Blake Christian, Michele Dobson, Bob Foster, Tony Gales, Mark Guillen, Randal Hernandez, Donita Joseph, Annette Kashiwabara, Steve Keesal, Frank Newell, Judy Ross and Judy Vander Lans.

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