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Long Beach Community Foundation Supports Students with Four Scholarships Offered in 2021

LONG BEACH, CA – The Long Beach Community Foundation announced four scholarship opportunities for 2021. They are the Don Knabe Safe Surrender Scholarship, the Larry Acterman Public Education Award, the Ensemble Scholarship, and the Patricia K. Buck Scholarship. All scholarship information is available at <https://longbeachcf.org/scholarships/>.

“One of the best ways we can make our community better is to invest in education,” said LBCF President & CEO Marcelle Epley. “These scholarship opportunities make a huge impact not only on a student’s life, but on their family’s lives for decades to come.”

Don Knabe Safe Surrender Scholarship awards scholarships to college-bound students who were safely surrendered at birth. The Safe Surrender Program, pioneered by former LA County Supervisor Don Knabe, was successfully adopted in Los Angeles in 2001, making the first cohort of 10 children old enough to attend college beginning in 2020. This is the second year LBCF is offering this scholarship. The application deadline is April 30, 2021.

Larry Acterman Public Education Award provides scholarships to future public-school teachers. This permanently endowed fund was created by Steve Acterman and Amy (Acterman) Tenderich in 2001 to ensure their father's lifelong commitment to public education continues through future generations of teachers. The application deadline is April 16, 2021.

The *Ensemble Scholarship Fund* was created to support the academic goals and career dreams of Ensemble employees. Current eligible employees and children and grandchildren

of current eligible employees of the Ensemble Real Estate Group are encouraged to apply. The Ensemble Real Estate group includes the Bernardus Lodge & Spa, the DoubleTree Carson, the Hotel Maya, and the Dream Inn. The application deadline is May 10, 2021.

The Patricia K. Buck Scholarship Fund is awarded to graduating seniors of Wilson High School in Long Beach. Scholarships are selected by Wilson High counselors and awarded to students based on scholastic achievement, service to their community, and financial need. Scholarships must be recommended by the principal of Wilson High School. Students should contact a Wilson High School counselor to apply for this scholarship.

About the Long Beach Community Foundation

The Long Beach Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, public organization with more than \$60 million in assets and 176 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 charitable funds at the Foundation are invested directly back into the community. LBCF's mission is to initiate positive change for Long Beach through charitable giving, stewardship, and strategic grant making 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 Frank Newell, and Board members Michele Dobson, Bob Foster, Tony Gales, Mark Guillen, Donita Joseph, Annette Kashiwabara, Steve Keesal, Suzanne Nosworthy, Kevin Peterson, Judy Ross, and Robert Stemler.

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