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**Long Beach Community Foundation
Almost Doubles Scholarships Granted in 2022**

LONG BEACH, CA – The Long Beach Community Foundation (LBCF) awarded over \$180,000 in scholarships this spring, helping students achieve their educational dreams. This amount almost doubled the \$100,000 granted in scholarships last year.

“Providing support to local students as well as educators and employees who are continuing their education are examples of how LBCF works to strengthen our community,” said Frank Newell, LBCF Board Chair. “We look forward to seeing how these deserving recipients will use their education to help build a brighter future.”

LBCF added a new scholarship, the Early Childhood Educator Scholarship, which was established by the Rudolph J. and Daphne A. Munzer Foundation. Scholarships are awarded to educators pursuing continuing education in early childhood development and who are employees of Long Beach childcare centers including Child Lane, Long Beach Day Nursery, Un Mundo de Amigos, and the Long Beach YMCA. In addition to the Early Childhood Educator Scholarship, LBCF administers four other scholarship funds:

The *Ensemble Scholarship Fund* was created by the Ensemble Hotel chain to support the academic goals and career dreams of Ensemble employees. This year scholarships were awarded to employees who will continue their education at California State University Long Beach, University of Southern California, University of California Berkeley, Chapman University, Stanford University, Montana State University, and Western Oregon University.

The *Don Knabe Safe Surrender Scholarship* awards scholarships to college-bound students who were safely surrendered at birth and this year awarded to students who will continue their education at the University of California Los Angeles, University of Southern California, University of California Davis, Duke University, and California State University San Marcos. 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 children old enough to attend college beginning in 2020. This is the third year LBCF has offered this scholarship.

The *Larry Acterman Public Education Award* provides scholarships to future public-school teachers. Having taught for 33 years in the Long Beach Unified School District, Larry Acterman is remembered as a tireless advocate for public education. He championed improvements in the public school system at the local, regional, and national levels. To honor their father’s lifelong commitment to public education, his children Steve Acterman

and Amy (Acterman) Tenderich established this scholarship with the goal of encouraging students interested in pursuing a career as California public school teachers.

The *Patricia K. Buck Scholarship Fund* awards to graduating seniors of Wilson High School in Long Beach. Scholarships are selected by Wilson High counselors and can be used for tuition, room and board or expenses relating to college or university enrollment.

“Granting almost \$200,000 in scholarships is the highest amount we have awarded in our company’s history,” said Marcelle Epley, LBCF President & CEO. “As our funds grow, so does our impact. It’s exciting to think about the future of our community and how many students will benefit from our support.”

Since 1996 LBCF has been managing charitable funds that have been established by individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofits. To learn more about our scholarship funds, visit longbeachcf.org/scholarships or contact LBCF’s Administration & Grants Manager Issis Vargas at (562) 435-9033 or issis@longbeachcf.org. To donate to an existing scholarship fund visit <https://longbeachcf.org/donate>.

About the Long Beach Community Foundation

The Long Beach Community Foundation (LBCF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, public organization. A local team manages 193 charitable funds totaling over \$70 million, which are pooled with \$5 billion in charitable funds through a national team in Greater Kansas City. LBCF was established in 1996 to make strategic grants to nonprofits and assist individuals with their philanthropic goals today and through legacy giving. Fees charged to manage funds at the Foundation support local programs through strategic grantmaking, convening, and other community support. 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 Frank Newell, Vice Chair Susan Nosworthy, and Board members Gary DeLong, Michele Dobson, Bob Foster, Tony Gales, Mark Guillen, Donita Joseph, Annette Kashiwabara, Steve Keesal, Kevin Peterson, Judy Ross, and Robert Stemler.

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