



*Our nonprofit charity foundation exists to honor the memory of thirteen-year-old Emily Rose Shane, who was tragically murdered on April 3, 2010 on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, CA*



The Emily Shane Foundation’s flagship SEA (Successful Educational Achievement) Program provides essential mentoring and tutoring support to disadvantaged middle school students in the mainstream classroom who have no other recourse.

***SEA makes a difference in the lives of the children we serve.***

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## **A MESSAGE FROM ELLEN SHANE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

I write this at the end of April with a heavy heart, as I think of all who are suffering as a result of the current coronavirus pandemic. Life throws us challenges, and this one has affected the entire world and everyone's way of living.

The impact has been profound for our SEA Program, as schools have closed and online learning was initiated. At this time, there is a limited number of mentor/tutors working with students using online platforms. It is good to know that this model is possible should it be necessary next school year. As we serve a disadvantaged population of students who truly need our help to succeed, they are mostly compromised in electronic learning. The media has highlighted this issue. The need for our SEA Program will be greatly increased.

The postponement of our annual spring fundraiser has caused our foundation a serious financial toll, and will affect our operations. This month, we have many social media campaigns focused on fundraising to try to offset the impact. Please consider a contribution of any amount, if you have not yet participated. It is with regret that we had to make the decision to furlough our highly valued and fantastic SEA Program Manager, Kimberly Meyer, starting May 1. This was a very difficult decision and I will miss her terribly. My hope is that she can return as soon as possible to move forward for the 2020-2021 school year.

Our SEA Program achievements prior to the pandemic were truly remarkable for the 113 students participating!

I send everyone, who has supported us in serving the students in need of SEA, much gratitude. We will send email blasts to keep you informed of our plans for the future as circumstances dictate.

There are always solutions and a path forward and I stay positive in knowing that.

For now, I wish everyone well and hope you are staying healthy and safe.

Ellen Shane  
Executive Director  
The Emily Shane Foundation

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## WINGS OVER MALIBU 2020

Our Annual Spring Gala Fundraiser - Postponed

We were disappointed that the coronavirus necessitated the postponement of our annual fundraiser event, Wings Over Malibu. A new date has yet to be finalized, so please be sure to check your emails! We will alert you as soon as one is set. Please be sure to check your emails! The event will only be held when normalcy returns and it is safe to gather. We will all welcome when this time arrives!

Please note: Due to the postponement of Wings Over Malibu, the funds typically raised in the spring are not being realized. **Our SEA Program is severely impacted at a time when it will be needed more than ever.**

**Please take this opportunity to help us accomplish our mission.**

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## SEA Changes the Lives of Students in Need

Students Share Their SEA Experiences



### **Emily, 6th Grader at Rio Del Valle Middle School in Oxnard**

"I got better at organizing my backpack and binder. I got better at math and understanding it, and I am a better reader.

The SEA Program helps a lot and gets your grades up."



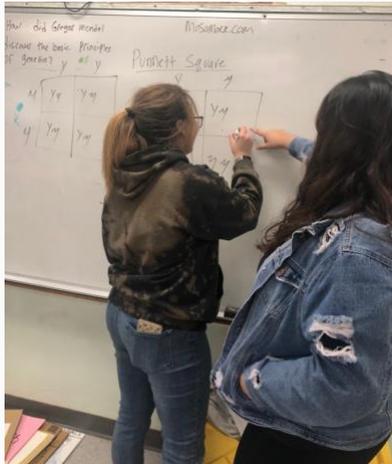
### **Takeya, 8th Grader at Wright Middle School STEAM Magnet in Westchester**

"SEA has helped me improve my grades, the ways I act, and also the good deeds help me with what I do. The good deeds help the way I treat people in my everyday life. I now have A's in both my resource and science classes. I would describe my mentor as: nice, helpful, understanding, always happy and makes me happy.

The SEA Program is helpful, good, has positive ways of helping you in your everyday life!"

## SEA PROGRAM SUCCESSES!

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES THIS POSSIBLE



### **Milanya, 8th grade, Pico Rivera**

"Milanya "Denver" Santos is an amazing student. At first, she was quiet and didn't want to reveal her struggles, but over time she showed her unique personality. She expressed that she struggled with testing in subject areas like Math and English. It took a lot of hard work and focus, but she managed to raise her D in English to an A, and F to a B+. We did flash cards, math games, educational hangman, and many more to get where she is now. Denver and I have grown very close and I couldn't be happier. She is a brilliant girl who was able to complete such a big goal she had set for herself. She is kind, loving, intelligent, and I love to see her improve in everything she does."

*-Destiny, SEA Mentor/Tutor*



### **Takeya, 8th grade, Westchester**

"Takeya has grown into a proactive and motivated student during her years in the program. I've known her for a bit, but it was awesome to get to work with her this year and see her become more in charge of her learning. She struggled at the start of the year, getting consistent D's and F's in her classes, but she has worked incredibly hard to raise them and catch up on countless missing assignments. She and I have worked on everything from organization, to multiplication tables, to getting better at asking for help in class. I know she will take these skills with her in the future and has already made some great improvements. I've seen her get some of her first A's and a 100% on some math tests this past semester."

*-Zoe, SEA Mentor/Tutor*

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**Dayami, 6th grade, Santa Monica**

"Dayami is a very bright and motivated girl who is consistently ready to learn. When I first met Dayami, she was struggling a lot in mathematics. While her foundational skills were good, there were a few concepts that she wasn't quite picking up in the classroom. It only took a small push in the right direction for her to learn these, and after a few weeks of us working together, I really saw an improvement in her grades. By the end of our first semester together, she was regularly receiving A's on her math assignments. As her grades improved, so did her confidence and passion for the subject! It was so rewarding watching Dayami grow as a student, and I'm excited to see what the future has in store for her."

*-Krysten, SEA Mentor/Tutor*



**Dayana, 7th grade, Malibu**

"Dayana has been a courageous, driven student, since the day we began the SEA Program together. She had just moved from Nicaragua and spoke very little English. Initially, we had to rely almost entirely on a translator to get through our sessions. As the year progressed, we were able to slowly move away from in-person translation, to Google Translate occasionally, to barely needing one at all! Dayana's eagerness and willingness to learn have increased with each session, and I have watched her form a true love of learning, all despite a language barrier. Getting to know Dayana and sharing our goals and experiences with one another have been a truly rewarding opportunity, and I cannot wait to see all that she will accomplish!"

*-Georgia, SEA Mentor/Tutor*

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## SPRING 2020 SEMESTER

### Staff Spotlight

#### Cathy, Oxnard SEA Mentor/Tutor



My name is Catherine Magana, and I am finishing up my senior year at CSU Channel Islands. I am originally from a small town known as Caruthers, where students like myself are not fortunate enough to get help from programs like the SEA Program. By becoming part of SEA, I have been able to make a true impact for students. Working side by side with the SEA Program to make a difference in students' lives and their academic achievements has been one of the greatest experiences, because what we do to help these students does not just make a short-term difference, but a long-term difference in their education. The SEA Program is driven by passion, love, and support, which really shine through every student and mentor that they welcome into the program.

Pictured Above: Cathy with her SEA student, Diana, 7th grader at Ocean View Junior High

#### Karina, Santa Monica SEA Mentor/Tutor



One of the things I am most proud of is the successes of my three SEA students. Since we started together, I could clearly see that they wanted to perform well in school, but they just needed someone to give them the extra push and support. Their attitude towards school has grown so much more positive, and I love when they come excited to do work during our sessions. The bond I have with each of my students is very important to me, because it allows them to be honest and trusting in me. Some of my favorite moments are when their faces light up when we see a grade improvement, all due to their hard work and never giving up! It is truly the most rewarding work as a college student to help other students in need, because no matter the age or grade, we all need help sometimes. I am so grateful for the Emily Shane Foundation and its mission to spread kindness and give our students an opportunity to be just as successful as anyone else.

Pictured Above: Karina with her SEA student, Daniel, 6th grader at John Adams Middle School.

# SEA PROVIDES ESSENTIAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO STUDENTS IN NEED

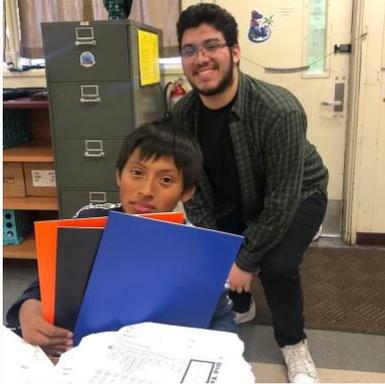
We are grateful to the Arbonne Charitable Foundation for past grants to help us provide necessary school supplies to our SEA participants over the last two years.

As we only serve disadvantaged youth, many of these children do not have access to the school supplies that are necessary to function as a successful student.

It is unfortunate that due to a shift in Arbonne’s funding profile, we were made aware this year that our Foundation will no longer be qualified to be considered for future grants.  
*By clicking on the donation button below, you can provide these essential supplies to a student and allow them to have the tools they need to be successful.*

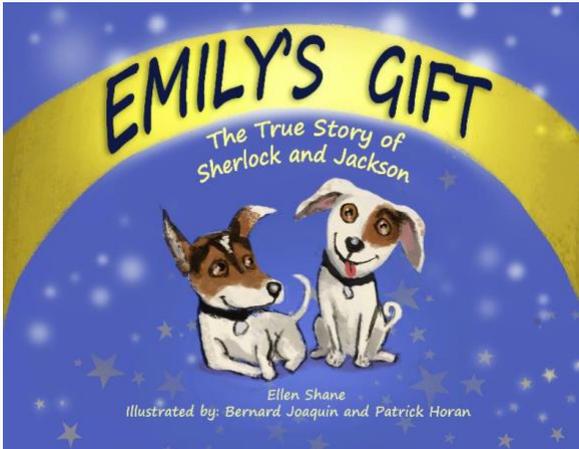
[\*\*Click Here to Provide School Supplies to a Student in Need!\*\*](#)

SEA students with the supplies they needed and received this school year.  
Thank you for helping us to continue making this possible.



## FOUNDATION NEWS

### CHILDREN'S BOOK TO SUPPORT FOUNDATION



Ellen Shane, Executive Director of The Emily Shane Foundation, has written a children's book (the first in a series) called *Emily's Gift, The True Story of Sherlock and Jackson*. It is a true story about how Emily brought the family's dogs into their lives. Sales of the book will help support the Foundation. This book is the first of a series of true stories about the dogs.

It makes a great present, and is a heartwarming story with a positive message. It will be available in hardcover, softcover and in a digital version.

You may choose to "Pass it Forward" by ordering the book to donate to women's shelters, schools, disadvantaged children's organizations, or other nonprofits that serve children, etc.

Due to Covid-19, the dates of the book's publishing and formal launch were postponed. We will be sure to send you a link to the book once it is available.

Ellen is now working on the second book of the series.

### THE EMILY SHANE FOUNDATION EVENT COMMITTEE

An Amazing Group of Hardworking and Dedicated Women



**Much appreciation to our fantastic event committee! We are indebted to the women listed below, who so generously give of their time, to make our events possible.**

From Left to Right: - Mary Garrison, Susan Krevitt, Kathy Landmann, Aimee Raine, Kimberly Meyer, Ellen Shane, Lisa Ellis, Kristin Swindal, Angela Thacker. Missing from photo: Kelly Kincaid and Mary Faherty.

## SEA STUDENTS PASSING IT FORWARD

### A Sampling of Good Deeds

"I helped my mom bring my brothers down from the car." - Hector, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Rio Del Valle Middle School

"Someone fell in the water and I helped them up." - Francis 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Rio Del Valle Middle School

"I helped do the laundry." Ilene, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, John Adams Middle School

"I helped someone with their work." Emily 6<sup>th</sup>, Rio Del Valle Middle School

"Today my good deed was i helped my friend with her homework because she didn't do it."

Diana, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Ocean View Junior High School

"I let someone borrow my book." Alexis, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Ocean View Junior High School

"I helped my mom carry the groceries." - Kenzie, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, John Adams Middle School

"I helped fix the microwave for a teacher." - Hector 7<sup>th</sup>, Rio Del Valle Middle School

"I tied my friend's shoes." Francisco 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Rio Del Valle Middle

"I helped my friend when she was having a bad day." Christopher, 6<sup>th</sup>, John Adams Middle School

"I helped my teacher pick up all the cones in the gym." Anthony, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Ocean View Junior High School

"I helped my dad move." Jonathan, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Colina Middle School

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*In Loving Memory of*

*Emily Rose Shane*

*8/9/96 - 4/3/10*

*Emily as a young child reading with her dad.*