



2019 - 2020 Annual Report

# President's Message

It has been a challenging time for all of us. Not only has our world been rocked by COVID-19, campus closures, economic pressures and political unrest, our home state, California, has been beset by destructive wildfires.

Still, Kids' Chance of California (KCOCA), like the phoenix that rises from the ashes, is thriving as an organization. I am so grateful to have good news to report thanks to the compassion, persistence and generosity of our supporters, and the strong desire of our kids to achieve their educational goals.

This has been a record-breaking year for us. Here are the highlights:

- We awarded scholarships to 43 students, the most ever for our state organization and nine more than in 2019.
- We covered 100% of the students' unmet needs, with a \$10,000 cap. Last year, we were only able to cover 75%.
- We awarded over \$270,000 for the 2020/21 academic year, an increase of \$95,000 from last year.
- These accomplishments placed us as one of the nation's leading state organizations in scholarship awards and fundraising.
- We successfully transitioned to our new online application portal, and are happy to report that more students than ever before successfully completed the application process.

While the pandemic prevented us from holding our annual sponsor recognition event in person, we are proud to report that some of the funds previously budgeted for our event were reallocated to scholarship awards this year. In addition, we were able to take advantage of the opportunity to be creative and recognize our sponsors virtually, while maintaining a platform for a panel of our students to share their stories.

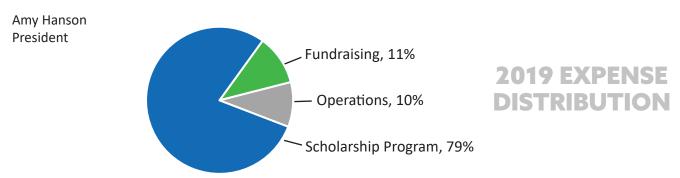
#### What Can You Do?

If you are a current KCOCA sponsor or donor, please renew and consider increasing your contribution level to help us continue to meet the growing need in California. There are also many other ways you can support our kids and their family members.

- Help us recruit other sponsors or donors
- Participate in innovative fundraising campaigns that reach broader audiences
- Use social media and community outreach to spread the word about our mission #WeSupportKCOCA
- Keep us in mind for any potential public speaking engagements to promote KCOCA
- Make KCOCA your charity of choice on Amazon Smile or encourage others to do so
- Volunteer your time and/or resources; we're always looking for folks to contribute to our mission in different ways

If you have an idea for a COVID-19 friendly event, please let us know. Across the country, golf tournaments, silent auctions, bike-a-thons, races and virtual mixers are examples of ways Kids' Chance state organizations are making it possible to award scholarships to young people who benefit from our support.

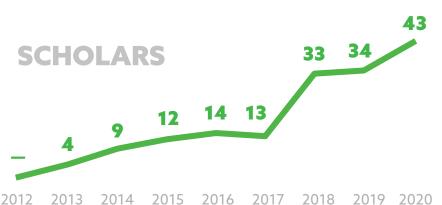
While we were able to continue our growth this year and meet the constantly growing need of our families, we can't let up. We are still on pace to achieve our goal to award \$1 million by 2022!



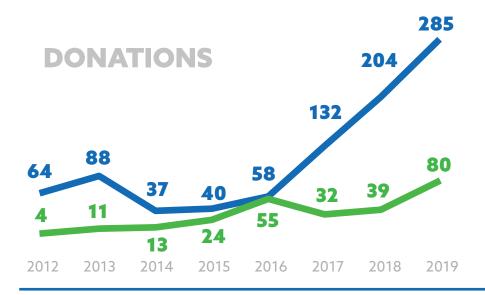
# **Daniella**

"My life has truly been a journey, and honestly it has not been easy. I am certainly grateful to have been through what I have been through as without this journey, I would not be who I am today. Thank you for your support, Kids' Chance of California."

Daniella is studying Biology at California Lutheran University and plans to go into sports medicine.

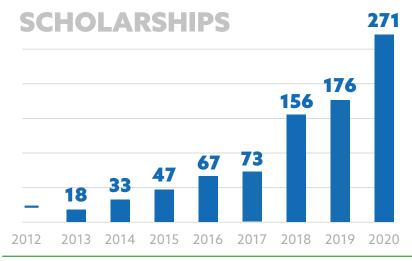






(\$ x 1,000) Corporate Sponsorship Donations

Since 2012, in addition to volunteering countless hours, 100% of our board members have donated every year.









"It changed my life knowing that there were places like Kids'
Chance with supportive people who help students whose
parents have been killed or hurt on the job. With the generosity
of Kids' Chance, I was able to focus less on the financial aspect
of planning for college and more on my workload as well as
football."

Harrison graduated from Azusa Pacific University in 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

**Thank You to Our Volunteers** 

Kids' Chance of California would not continue to thrive without the hard work and generous nature of our volunteers. Their passion for our mission is what has helped to grow the organization and reach more students in need. Thank you to all of our volunteers who support KCOCA!

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School Psychology PhD program."

**Angie Harris**College of Alameda

Kristen Chavez
WorkCompCentral

Randolph



"Graduating during the COVID-19 pandemic definitely had its ups and downs. Not being able to walk during graduation was hard to accept. However, with the support of my friends, family and KCOCA, I'm happy to say WE did it! Now, I'm preparing for UCR's

Randolph graduated in 2020 from the University of California, Riverside with a degree in Psychology.

# **Our Founding Sponsors**









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## Cameron

"After my mom and dads' passing, my sister and I knew we would face financial struggles. With the help of Kids' Chance of California, the financial struggle of attending college went away and made higher education an actual possibility for me."

Cameron graduated from Arizona State University in 2019 with a degree in Criminal Justice.

