

# Kids' Chance **California**

Educating Children of Injured Workers

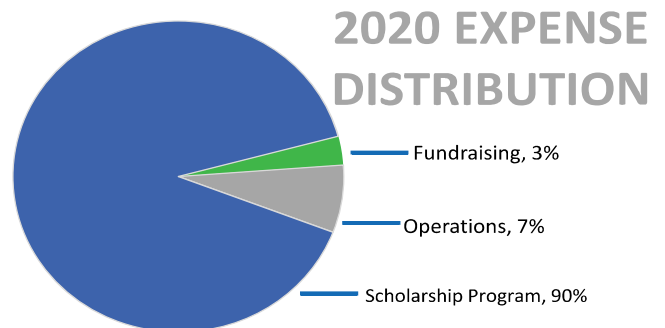


**2020 - 2021 Annual Report**

# President's Message

This past year has again reminded us that the resilience of our organization is directly linked to the passionate support of our team of volunteers, corporate sponsors, and individual donors. Heading into the COVID-19 pandemic, it was quickly clear that we had our work cut out for ourselves to maintain our pace. It is with great honor that I formally announce that with the 2021/22 academic year scholarships, Kids' Chance of California (KCOCA) has officially awarded \$1,000,000 in scholarships directly paid to students. It was the financial strength of our organization and the undying support of our volunteers and contributors that led KCOCA to not only stay on track to meet our goal of awarding \$1,000,000 by the end of 2022 but allowed us to meet and exceed that goal EARLY! Here are some of this year's highlights:

- We awarded scholarships to 51 students, our largest class yet and another record-breaking year for our state organization. This accounts for a 16% increase from 2020 and 34% increase since 2019.
- Awards issued to these 51 students totaled over \$244,000 which was a 10% decrease from 2020 however a 28% increase from awards in 2019.
- While in past years we have awarded 75% to 100% of the students' unmet financial needs, this year we were only able to cover 40%. Not only was the pool of eligible students the largest we have seen yet, but their financial needs were at an all-time high. To award all 51 students 100% of their need, we would have issued over \$800,000 in awards this year alone.
- We are proud to report that we have aggressively continued to manage our operational costs to 10%, with 90% of every dollar going directly into the scholarship program.



## Looking ahead...

According to the latest Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, workplace fatalities in California continue to rise to the highest we have seen in our state in over a decade. Workplace fatalities are up 20% just over the last two years. When I hear these alarming statistics and the stories of the families impacted by these tragedies, I know KCOCA has helped and will continue to support these children and their families.

## We need your support!

- If you are a current sponsor or donor, your continued financial support is critical
- Spread the word about KCOCA to help us recruit other corporate sponsors or donors
- Have any creative fundraising ideas? We are all ears and looking for your participation
- Help us use social media and community outreach to find more money for more kids
- Make KCOCA your Charity of Choice at an event or on Amazon Smile
- Volunteer your time and/or resources; we are always looking for folks to join our committees and contribute to our mission in different ways

While we are celebrating our \$1,000,000 milestone, we are already climbing the next mountain. We are on our way to \$2,000,000 by 2025. Let's do this!

Amy Hanson  
President



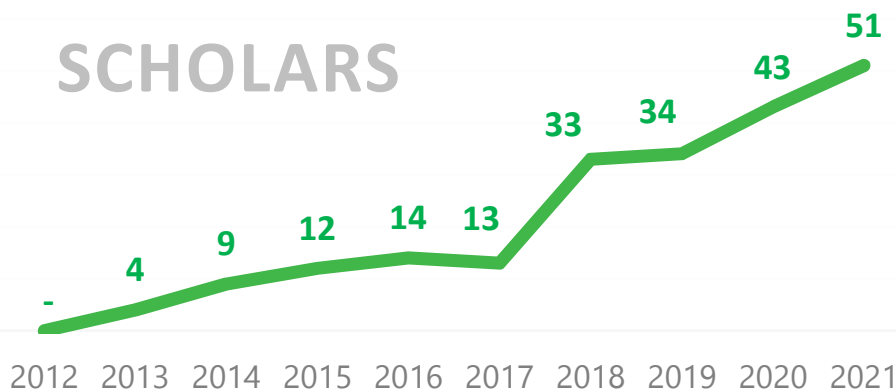


## Jennifer

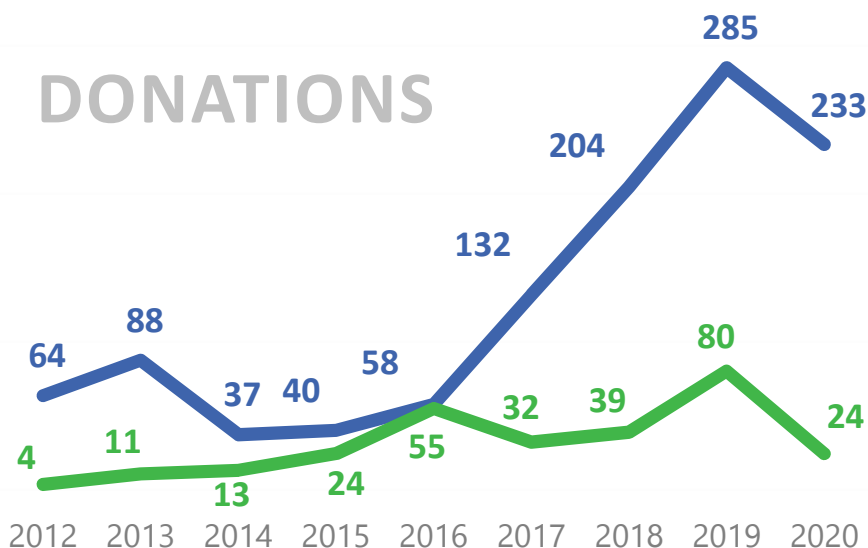
"After my mother's accident at work, we have been struggling financially. Fortunately, the KCOCA scholarship invested in my dream of attending the University of California Santa Barbara. I plan to graduate and apply to law school to become an Immigration lawyer."



## SCHOLARS



## DONATIONS

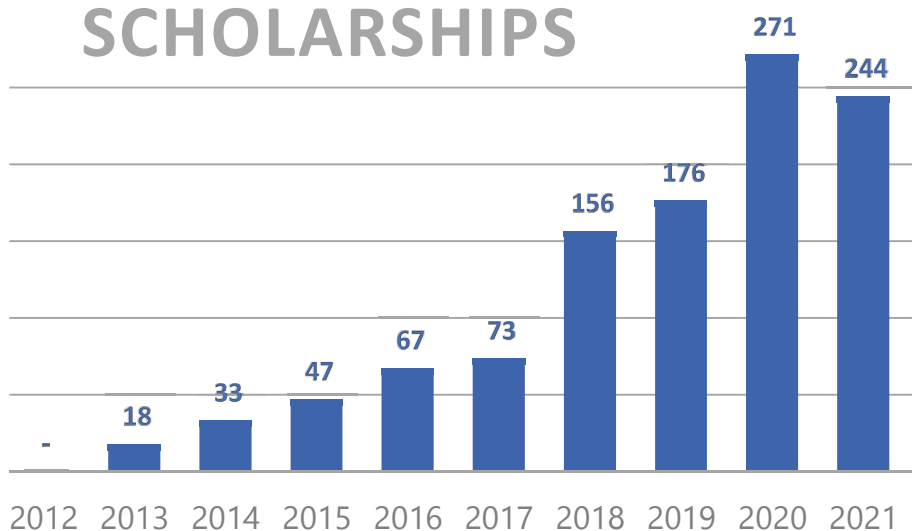


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— Corporate Sponsorship  
— Donations

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

## SCHOLARSHIPS



*"My mom's brain injury has brought our family a lifetime of challenges that at times feel insurmountable. I'm so grateful for how my KCOCA scholarship eases my journey through higher education by allowing me to focus less on paying tuition and more on maximizing my college experience."*

### Contact KCOCA

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## 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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*"What an amazing surprise and honor to receive your scholarship award! It is very humbling and has given me renewed motivation to continue volunteering in my community while working hard in classes for a degree in mechanical engineering at Cal Poly Pomona. Nose to the grindstone so to speak and one day improve the lives of others through innovation and technology I helped create. Thank you for your help, generosity, and believing in me."*

**Andrew**

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### Teresa

"I grew up caring for my mom after her accident. I was exposed to reality at a young age because money has always been an issue in my household. I wouldn't be able to afford college without the help of KCOCA. They have allowed me to pursue my goal of being a physician in order to care for individuals like my mother. I will be attending my mother's alma mater, California State University, Long Beach, majoring in molecular biology and physiology."

