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Your Name, Your Title and Name of Organization	Vanessa Bechtel, President & CEO, Ventura County Community Foundation
Cover Letter	<p>VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION</p> <p>OUR VISION We envision an engaged and thriving community inspired by growing generosity.</p> <p>OUR MISSION Connecting people, resources, and solutions to create lasting impact in our shared world.</p> <p>OUR VALUES Trust, Transparency, Compassion, Equity, Tenacity, Excellence, Authentic Connection</p> <p>Since its founding in 1987, the Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF) has believed that everyone has something of value to contribute. With more than 22,000 donors from every corner of our community and across the nation, we specialize in connecting people, resources, and solutions to create lasting impact in our shared world.</p> <p>VCCF serves Ventura County with a total population of 839,784 through 1.) Philanthropic Consulting and 2.) Community Leadership.</p> <p>1.) VCCF’s Philanthropic Consulting Office helps individuals, families, and businesses on their philanthropic journey. Services are tailored and include</p>

identifying causes, developing a strategy for impact, engaging future generations, researching pressing community issues, conducting due diligence on nonprofits, designing competitive grantmaking strategies, and providing education on how to maximize the benefits associated with charitable giving.

Our expertise in planned giving provides us with meaningful opportunities to support donors and their professional advisors, and our experience in designing giving strategies provides for a wide range of benefits, including helping to provide for immediate income, reducing taxes and creating lasting legacies that exist in perpetuity. VCCF accepts gifts of various types, including cash, real estate, investments, and certain personal property.

2.) VCCF is part of a network of more than 800 community foundations nationwide and so many more around the world. Together, we work to create a better future for all by pursuing our community's greatest opportunities and addressing the most critical challenges, inclusively uniting people, institutions, and resources from throughout our communities and providing significant, widely shared, and lasting results. We've partnered with hundreds of local nonprofits, in addition to government agencies, economic development organizations, faith-based organizations, local service clubs, and thousands of community members to make a difference on a wide range of pressing community issues.

The VCCF Scholarship Program opens doors of educational opportunity for students of all ages. We firmly believe that by affording access to higher education to individuals, our entire community is strengthened. A scholarship is more than a financial award—it is the key that unlocks the future for deserving students by building their confidence and removing obstacles that stand in the way of success.

The VCCF Scholarship Selection Committee is composed of community volunteers and scholarship donors who are committed to bettering the educational opportunities for students in Ventura County. Each year, selection committee members invest countless hours reviewing, reading, and rating scholarship applications. Their expertise and time are highly valued, and we could not do this work without them.

In the current 2023-2024 scholarship cycle, VCCF received 1476 applications, representing over 6690 submissions for the 121 scholarship fund portfolios. This is a 51% increase from the cycle before! The program is growing, and the need is increasing. Through their generosity and support, our scholarship donors make it possible for us to grant over \$1,723,531 to local students in the 2024 scholarship cycle. Thanks to them, our local students are able to make their academic dreams a reality.

If awarded, the Sherwood Cares Foundation grant would support our Training and Education for Achievement by Children (TEACH) Scholarship Program, specifically the TEACH Opportunity Scholarship Fund, that serves current and former foster youth in Ventura County.

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Major Donor List

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Name of Organization as it appears on the W-9 form Ventura County Community Foundation

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FULL address, including street, city, state and zip code 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd, Suite A, Camarillo, CA 93012

If your organization is awarded a grant, what ADDRESS would you like the check to be sent to? 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd  
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Website <https://vccf.org/>

Has your organization qualified as tax exempt under IRC Section 501 (c) (3)?

Yes

What is your Federal Tax ID # 77-0165029

Tax exempt status

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Annual Budget

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VCCF's annual operating budget is \$3,093,500 for FY 2024

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Has your organization been designated by the IRS as "not a private foundation" as defined in Section 509 (a) and 170 (b) (1)(A)?

Yes

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Financial Statements

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Are your financial statements audited, reviewed or compiled?

Audited  
Reviewed  
Compiled

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When was your organization incorporated and in which state?

The Ventura County Community Foundation was incorporated in 1987 in California.

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Has your organization received prior funding from Sherwood Cares?

No

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If you have received prior funding, please provide your latest grant report documenting how you utilized the funds received.

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Amount of current grant request.

\$50,000

Please tell us about your organization, the project you want funded, and any other pertinent relevant information.

Established in 1987, the Ventura County Community Foundation has focused on building philanthropy in our region by stewarding legacies through careful management of the charitable capital entrusted to us. We are committed to a long-term perspective for Ventura County. We specialize in connecting philanthropic resources with community needs for the benefit of all. We invest in the future through scholarships, grant making, and collaborative partnerships. We envision an engaged and thriving community inspired by growing generosity. We connect people, resources, and solutions to create lasting impact in our shared world.

The scholarship (the “project”) to be funded with this grant is our Training and Education for Achievement by Children (TEACH) Opportunity Scholarship Fund, that serves current and former foster youth from Ventura County. The TEACH Scholarship Program offers educational scholarships to support post-secondary education. Since 1994, the TEACH Scholarship Program has given financial assistance to students who have the drive, but not the support from parents or guardians, to achieve their educational goals. When the original TEACH Scholarship Program was established with an endowment in 1994, the scholarship program was designed to serve foster youth up to age 24.

As the TEACH Scholarship Program grew, and we learned more about the specific needs of foster youth and the barriers they face in attaining an education, a second endowment was established in 2010; The TEACH Opportunity Scholarship Fund, which does not limit support to foster youth that are age 24 or younger, this addresses the real need of extended financial support for foster youth, who typically take more to finish a post-secondary educational program and/or graduate.

Both the TEACH and TEACH Opportunity Endowed Scholarship Funds serve current and former foster youth who are or have been in out-of-home care (foster care or a group home) in Ventura County and who have graduated from high school or earned a GED. These scholarship funds give our County 's foster youth the opportunity to enroll in an accredited community college, four-year college or university, or a vocational, career, trade, or technical institution to further their education and prepare them to be contributing members of our community.

“Education really is our only way out,” 2012 TEACH Scholarship recipient Jessie Peterson said. “Without any support from family members, without a fallback, somebody to lean back on when we’re out of the system, we have nothing. So education is the opportunity to really be somebody and do something in life.”

The TEACH Scholarship Program is very unique, in that the program is supported by a large and very involved TEACH Scholarship Committee, made up of staff and volunteers representing over twenty local organizations that serve current and former foster youth in Ventura County. This interagency and interpersonal collaboration of expertise and support is the greatest strength of the TEACH Scholarship Program. Each member of

the committee brings knowledge and experience from working with the foster youth population in our county. Because of this collaboration, more foster youth are reached through the TEACH Scholarship Program, they receive assistance through the application process, and many of our county's foster youth are mentored by these dedicated members of the TEACH Scholarship Committee.

The ongoing work of the TEACH Scholarship Program and Selection Committee can be witnessed each May by attending the yearly TEACH Scholar's Night event, where each and every scholar is recognized and celebrated for their educational achievements and future goals.

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Sherwood Cares only gives grants to nonprofits within a 25-mile radius of Sherwood Country Club. Tell us how your nonprofit provides services within 25 miles of Sherwood Country Club?

The Ventura County Community Foundation serves all of the communities within Ventura County, and we are committed to a long-term perspective for all of Ventura County. The Foundation office is located in Camarillo (93012), approximately 20 miles from the Sherwood Country Club.

The Ventura County Community Foundation Scholarship Program was established in 1987 and has grown exponentially since its inception. In the current 2023-2024 cycle, VCCF received 1476 scholarship applications, with over 6690 submissions for the scholarship funds available. This is a 51% increase from the previous year's cycle. The program continues to grow as the need increases. The scholarship program has added sixteen new scholarship funds in the past few years that represent an increase of \$32,000 in scholarship funds available each year. Through generosity and support, our scholarship donors make it possible for us to grant \$1,723,531 to local students in the 2024 scholarship cycle.

The Sherwood Cares Foundation grant would specifically support the TEACH Opportunity Scholarship which serves Ventura County foster youth. In 2024, the TEACH Opportunity Scholarship Fund is able to award \$67,801 - this total includes current year gifts from donors as well as the spendable balance from the Endowment Fund.

The TEACH Opportunity Scholarship Fund is one of 121 scholarship funds that the Ventura County Community Foundation will administer this year. The scholarship program is cyclical; each November, the scholarship application opens to Ventura County residents and students graduating from Ventura County high schools. The scholarship staff team does extensive outreach, visiting dozens of school sites to inform counselors, students, and parents about the scholarship opportunities that are available. The scholarship application is available online, through a web-based application portal, and includes 77 questions, that include essay responses, financial need verification (if required by the funder), the applicant's educational transcript and GPA, and the applicant's school, community, work and family involvement. The application closes in mid-January so that staff can complete technical compliance on all the applications received.

In March and April of each year, VCCF's Scholarship Selection Volunteer Committee members and community volunteer readers review and score each scholarship application. This is a team of about 125 dedicated volunteers, each spending 10 to 40 hours on this task. The final list of awardees is approved by VCCF's Board of Directors in early May and awardees are then notified.

Scholarship recipients participate in a scholarship orientation and must submit proof of enrollment before the Foundation sends the scholarship funds directly to the educational institution that the awardee is attending. Our scholarship awards range from \$500 to over \$10,00 each, and many of our scholarships encourage past recipients to reapply for funding support throughout their college career.

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What is the geographic area in which your services are delivered?	<p>The TEACH Scholarship Program serves current and former foster youth who are or have been in out-of-home care (foster care or a group home) in Ventura County. Students living in the unincorporated areas, along with the incorporated cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, San Buenaventura (Ventura), and parts of Westlake Village are all served through the scholarship program. The cities of Oxnard, Santa Paula, and West Ventura are considered the most at-risk with the highest number of underserved and under resourced individuals and families in the county.</p>
If this is a new program offered by an existing organization, how does it fit within the overall goals of your organization?	<p>N/A</p> <p>The TEACH Scholarship Program was established in 1994 and has served foster youth in Ventura County for over 30 years; the need for funds to serve the post-secondary educational needs of foster youth in Ventura County continues to grow each year. The TEACH Scholarship Program expanded in 2010 with the addition of the TEACH Opportunity Scholarship Endowment Fund. To date, this Program has served 100's of youth in Ventura County.</p>
What are the specific outcomes of the program for the current year and the long term?	<p>The specific outcomes for the TEACH Scholarship Program are:</p> <p>Ensure that Ventura County youth who are currently in foster care or have spent time in the foster care system have the financial support available to pursue an education once they graduate from high school or earn a GED. The educational path that the TEACH Scholarship Program provides can take many forms; it can be a certificate of completion that trains him or her in a job skill, an associate degree from a community college, a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, or even a Ph.D. The educational support that the TEACH Scholarship Program provides prepares TEACH scholars to become successful and contributing members of our community, many of whom give back in incredible ways. We have included a few biographies of past TEACH Scholars in the application attachments for your review; their stories from the beginning of their education to the success they have achieved serving our community is inspiring.</p> <p>Many of our TEACH scholars are supported throughout their educational career through the TEACH Scholarship Program. One case in point: Raquel. During her high school years, Raquel was entrenched in gang culture, moving in and out of the county and placed in various group homes and juvenile hall. Although she encountered many challenges, Raquel always wanted a better future for herself and for her children. Through many years of struggle and sheer determination, she completed her master's degree with the help of TEACH. She is now a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and is employed as a clinician with Ventura County Behavioral Health. Raquel was able to change her family's trajectory with the help of the TEACH Scholarship Program, she and her children are now thriving &amp; forward focused. We have included additional TEACH Scholar biographies in our application attachments to illustrate the success of the program.</p> <p>In addition to TEACH Scholar biographies, we have also attached some current research and statistics that represent the great need for</p>



educational support for foster youth. One research report (attached in the supplemental materials) from the Institute for Research on Poverty entitled “When Foster Youth Go to College: Assessing the Barriers and Supports to Degree Completion for College Students with Foster Care History” found foster youth much less likely to complete a degree program than low income, first-generation students, a student subgroup that has been identified in higher education as being at greater risk of dropout. Such results reinforce the premise that young adults with foster care histories face a unique set of challenges above and beyond those of other groups that universities and colleges often identify as “at risk” of dropping out. The TEACH Opportunity Scholarship addresses three identified barriers found in the study that play a large role in degree completion for foster youth: 1.) economic hardships, 2.) the need to work full time, and 3.) being a parent.

1.) 34.7% of foster, college enrolled, students experience 5-6 economic hardships. Students enrolled in colleges that are less academically selective are affected more commonly. This applies to those students from low socioeconomic status families who live in rural areas and whose parents have no college degree.

2.) 60.8% of foster, college enrolled, students are working 35+ hours per week. Institutions with higher rates of employed students predicted lower odds of degree attainment.

3.) 62.7% of foster, college enrolled, students are parents. The monthly cost is approximately \$2,709 for 130 hours of childcare as of August 2023 (<https://www.care.com/cost/child-care/ventura-ca>).

TEACH Scholarship funds not only support the educational finance needs of foster youth in Ventura County. TEACH Scholarship awardees may also use scholarship funds to assist with expenses that enable him or her to successfully complete their education and lessening the financial barriers they face on their educational journey (for example, funds may be used for rent, transportation, childcare, etc).

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Will you be collaborating with other agencies? If yes, please list and describe how your program compliments other programs.

The greatest strength of the TEACH Opportunity Scholarship Program is the immense community collaboration that is in place to ensure that current and former foster youth have access to a post-secondary education, that foster youth have support through the scholarship application process, and that all scholarship funds are distributed in a fair and equitable way. The TEACH Scholarship Selection Committee includes 32 individuals that represent Ventura County programs (both universities and government, private nonprofits, and private sector organizations) that serve foster youth.

The TEACH Scholarship Selection Committee meets six times each year to support the scholarship program. The committee's tasks include outreach to foster youth, application assistance, training participation on the TEACH Scholarship guidelines and requirements, reviewing and scoring scholarship applications, and the planning and facilitation of the yearly TEACH Scholar's Night, which takes place in May of each year, and celebrates the accomplishments of the TEACH scholarship awardees.

The following agencies have a dedicated staff member that serves on the TEACH Selection Committee:

Cal Lutheran University  
California State University, Channel Islands  
Pepperdine University/Horizon Scholars Program  
Oxnard College  
Ventura County Office of Education, Special Populations (foster and homeless youth)  
Ventura College Foster and Kinship Care Education Program  
Ventura County Human Services Agency  
Ventura County Children & Family Services Agency  
Ventura County Probation Department  
Healthcare Foundation of Ventura County  
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)  
Casa Pacifica  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Camarillo  
Kids and Families Together  
Big Brothers & Big Sisters (of Camarillo)  
Raising Hope  
Smith Family Foundation  
Corwin, SAGE Publishing Company  
SAGE Publications  
Women of Substance, Men of Honor

What are the qualifications and background of your key personnel?

Lynda Bowman, with a 30-year robust career as a telecommunication executive with GTE/Verizon, has visioned and trail blazed paths forward in business and upon her retirement has taken that passion and applied it to her charitable endeavors. Lynda's major focus for the last 25 years is primarily around foster youth transitioning out of County provided services. This work is a personal commitment for Lynda as she was a former ward of the State of North Dakota. Lynda was key player in developing the TEACH Scholarship Program and the Ventura County Foster Healthlink for Ventura County. Additional community efforts include prior fundraising and associated support to the Alzheimer's Association, Ventura County Medical

Resource Foundation, YMCA Camarillo Capital Campaign, Casa Pacifica, Mary Health of the Sick, Interface, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Pepperdine University, Community Memorial Hospital Capital Campaign, American Cancer Society, Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo, Milestones, For The Troops, and Scholars' Night. Lynda was a prior recipient of the Woman of the Year Assembly District 37 Ventura County, Volunteer of the Year Ventura County Medical Resource Foundation, Community Gem Award, Volunteer of the Year, Ventura County AFP, and the Illuminaire Award for Rotary Westlake Village Sunrise. Lynda currently resides with her husband David in Lake Sherwood, California along with their Miniature Schnauzer, Amazing Grace.

Vanessa Bechtel, AIFA, CSPG, serves as President and CEO of the Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF). Over the last five years, because of the support of thousands of generous donors, the foundation has been able to grant over \$111 million in service to our community, advancing a wide range of causes, including access to education, health care, housing, the environment, animal welfare, arts and music, disaster relief and response, and so much more! Prior to her work with VCCF, Bechtel served as executive director of the Santa Barbara City College Foundation. She co-founded Monarch Wealth Strategies in 2008 and was honored as Business Woman of the Year by the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce in 2010. Bechtel was recognized as Nonprofit Leader of the Year by the Ventura County Leadership Academy in 2019 and Humanitarian of the Year by the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation with her spouse, Jim. In December 2020, Bechtel was named Woman of the Year for 2020 by both the Camarillo Chamber of Commerce and the 19th Senatorial District and 37th Assembly District. In 2023, Vanessa was awarded the Trail Blazer Award by the Women's Economic Ventures (WEV). Bechtel graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a degree in Law and Society. In 2016, she received her master's degree from the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California. She also received her master's certificate from the International Institute for the Sociology of Law in Onati, Spain in 2002. In her spare time, Bechtel enjoys hiking, practicing the piano and violin, and is an avid reader.

Tracy Tagawa serves as the Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) for the Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF). She has over 20 years of experience in Risk Management. She is passionate in developing strong relationships while ensuring compliance and risk policies are being followed throughout the organization. Her responsibilities include the oversight of the VCCF Corporate Compliance Program and the adherence of VCCF's fiduciary responsibilities with its clients and future fund holders. Prior to joining VCCF in Sept 2020, Tracy was Vice President – Regional Brokerage Supervisor for Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC for 14 years. Her region included cities within Santa Barbara County, Ventura County, and Los Angeles County. She worked diligently in identifying potential risks in advance, analyzing them, and taking precautionary steps to reduce risk in the future. She was also responsible for all internal and external audits within her region. Tracy grew up in Marin County, California and graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara with a major in Business Economics. She enjoys spending time with her husband, daughter, and son. Both of her children play competitive sports and they travel to different

states throughout the year to compete in national and state tournaments. Tracy also enjoys spending time with friends and family and they love attending professional sporting events when possible.

Kirsti Thompson joined the Ventura County Community Foundation as the Scholarship Director in August of 2022. In this capacity, Kirsti oversees the VCCF Scholarship Program, which will award over \$1 million annually. In her role, Kirsti works closely with post-secondary education institutions, community leaders, and those seeking educational support. Kirsti directs the VCCF Scholarship Selection Committee and TEACH Selection Committee. Kirsti was born and raised in Ventura and has worked serving our county in the nonprofit and social service fields for over 30 years. Prior to joining VCCF as the Scholarship Director, Kirsti was the Director of Programs in California for a national nonprofit in the mental health field which provided emotional wellness coaching and training for those requiring mental health assistance through the COVID pandemic. Prior to that, she managed a statewide prevention grant that provided family strengthening and capacity building services to nonprofits and government agencies throughout California. Kirsti serves as an executive committee member on the Ventura County Volunteer Organizations After Disasters (VOAD). Kirsti graduated from San Jose State University and lives in Camarillo with her husband, son, and her spoiled pooch Rosie.

Emily Marostica serves as the Scholarship Coordinator at the Ventura County Community Foundation. Born and raised in the City of Ventura, Emily is passionate about serving and growing the community that she resides in. Emily shares a love for nonprofit organizations. She has spent her life volunteering and working for nonprofits in various capacities. Before coming to VCCF in January 2023, she started her career at the YMCA in 2016 working in Childcare and Youth Sports, then moved to Interface Children & Family Services in 2020 working with the 211 department as a Resource Specialist, and later serving as the 211Ride Transportation Coordinator. She has volunteered for organizations including Give an Hour, Gold Coast R.A.D., the Channel Islands YMCA and more. She received an associate degree in administration of justice from Ventura College, and later moved on to attend Arizona State University, completing her bachelor's degree in criminal justice. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, spending time with loved ones, and listening to live music. Emily is excited to be working for VCCF to continue her lifelong goal of supporting Ventura County, and helping others achieve great things.

Calleen Pardinias serves as the Philanthropic Services Officer & Board Liaison at the Ventura County Community Foundation after relocating to Ventura County in 2019 from Arizona. Born and raised in Mesa, she sees the importance of being involved within your community. Previous experience, in corporate philanthropy and serving on the board of Keep Scottsdale Beautiful, led her to her passion for collaborating with local nonprofits and growing philanthropy in the community. Calleen's role includes working with VCCF fund holders and local nonprofits to help connect donors with their passions. Calleen oversees the Donor Peer Network at VCCF, a community of philanthropists that serves as a network for members to connect through collaborative learning, exploring opportunities and best practices to effectively address issues to improve

Ventura County. With a BS degree in Communication and a minor in Sustainability from Arizona State University, Calleen oversees VCCF's Environmental Initiative and funding opportunities from the local to federal level. She holds certificates as a Certified Specialist in Planned Giving (CSPGCM), Fiduciary Essentials® for Foundations and Endowments (FEFE), Fundamentals of Effective Grantmaking, and UC Climate Steward. In her free time Calleen loves to travel the world, being outdoors in the sun or snow, exploring with her husband, son, and their two dogs.

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Key Personnel List/File Upload (if needed)

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If the grant is for a new program or an ongoing program, how do you plan to fund the program in the future?

The TEACH Scholarship Program is supported by two endowments housed at the Ventura County Community Foundation and will be awarded in perpetuity. Our goal is to increase these endowments to \$1 million to reach the growing need of scholarships to foster youth.

This grant will support and grow the TEACH Opportunity Scholarship Endowment Fund, which is one of the two endowed funds that support the TEACH Scholarship Program. Endowed scholarship funds held at the Ventura County Community Foundation generate approximately 5% in spendable income each year, without spending the endowed balance. Endowed scholarship funds, like the TEACH Opportunity Scholarship Fund, are invested in VCCF's investment portfolio serve now and for generations to come because the principal of the fund is never spent. An endowed fund lasts forever – a permanent testament to your compassion and a lasting resource for your community.

If awarded, the Sherwood Cares Foundation grant funds will be added to the TEACH Opportunity Scholarship Endowment Fund, which has a current endowed balance of approximately \$575,750. This current fund balance generates approximately \$27,400 annually that the TEACH Scholarship Committee distributes in scholarships each year to foster youth in Ventura County. A generous contribution of \$50,000 from Sherwood Cares Foundation will be added to the endowment, increasing the available scholarship funds available in perpetuity – helping more foster youth in Ventura County each and every year!

In addition to the spendable balances earned each year on the endowed funds, private donations are also a source of support for the TEACH Scholarship Program. Lynda Bowman, who joined the TEACH Committee in 1997 and has been the TEACH Committee Chair for the past decade, does an outstanding job of establishing and nurturing a strong community of program supporters. Lynda regularly presents to local groups small and large about the TEACH Scholarship Program and the huge need it fills in our local community. While our major donor list is confidential per VCCF's Donor Privacy Policy, you will see the total raised that Lynda spearheaded to raise each and every year to support the TEACH Scholarship Program.

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