

Newsletter: Summer 2022 Edition

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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. We transformed this tragedy into a positive mission of empowering underserved students.

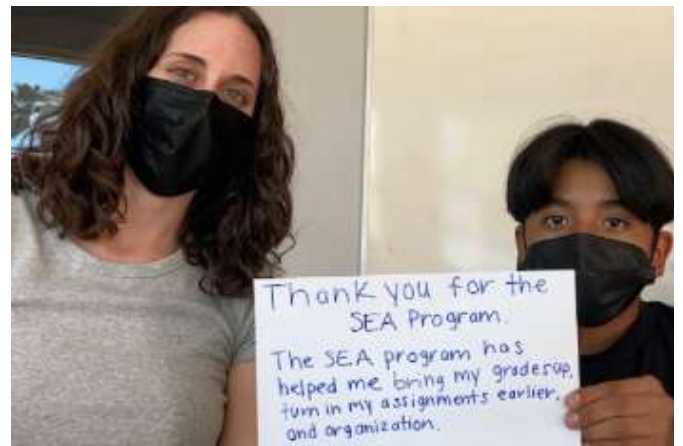


The Emily Shane Foundation provides essential academic tutoring and mentorship to disadvantaged middle schoolers, particularly those in underserved communities in Los Angeles. The SEA (Successful Educational Achievement) Program's objective is to empower these children to be successful students, so they can achieve their goals and dreams. Participants are guided on a path to success in school and in life. The foundation's "Pass it Forward" motto encourages kindness and social consciousness, as each student performs one good deed per session with their mentor/tutor.

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

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Mentor/tutor Chloe and her student Fernando, 7th grade, Rio Del Valle Middle School, Oxnard

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A Message From the Executive Director

To Our SEA Community,

We have just completed the tenth year of our SEA Program!

This is something of which I am very proud, and I want to express my sincere gratitude to all who have contributed to making this milestone possible. This includes our board members, donors, grantors, staff, site liaisons, event committee members and everyone who has played a part of our foundation in these years of operating. We all combine as integral components to carry out our mission.

As we wrap up the 2021-2022 school year, I am happy to formally welcome our new SEA Program Manager, Rhea, who began just days prior to our annual spring gala fundraiser in April. With an intense workload and much to learn, she quickly mastered a rather steep learning curve and demonstrated the key skillset necessary to oversee the SEA Program on all levels. She is proactive and responsive, and we are delighted she is part of the team!

Wings Over Malibu, held in-person on April 21st at a new venue and in a new format, drew less guests than we had hoped; however, the event and accompanying online auction proved to be a success. Our sincere appreciation to all who came to enjoy the fundraiser and to all who helped present the event. This includes the amazing ESF fundraiser event committee, Duke's Malibu and our sponsors, Strange Family Vineyards and Élever Wines.

The summer is a time to applaud the progress and successes realized by our SEA Program students. It is also a time to reflect and prepare for the next school year. We aim to learn from all the feedback submitted by everyone involved with our SEA Program this year, and do our best to be ready for all to come when school resumes following the summer break. The summer is a busy time! We'll be enhancing our website, working on our yearly contracts with our partner universities and school districts, interviewing and hiring staff for the next school year and more! We also will be preparing to serve our newest SEA Program site located in Watts.

Wishing all of our SEA family a relaxed, happy and safe summer!

Warmly,
Ellen Shane
Executive Director

Wings Over Malibu 2022

A Night to Remember

Our annual spring fundraiser was presented on April 21st, 2022 at Duke's Malibu. The memorable evening featured fine handcrafted wines, music, an opportunity to socialize, a variety of delicious appetizers, and both silent and live auctions.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the video presented at the event. It features testimonials from those who participated in our SEA Program, and it shows those who support our mission the incredible impact of our work.



Ellen Shane with SEA student Leah, 7th grade, with her mom Jamie Olguin, and Brett Hankie



Bidding during live auction



Some of the ESF Committee Members: Rhea, Kathy, Ellen, Mary, Kelly, and Melinda. (Not pictured: Dori, Mary Carmen, and Monica)



Ellen Shane and Robin Hild

We are grateful to **Robin Hild**, who has been present at every foundation event since our inception. He generously provides the sound system which is essential! We also want to express appreciation to our event sponsors: Club Med, Duke's Malibu, Élever Vineyards, and Strange Family Vineyards.

We are grateful for their participation!

We want to express our gratitude to everyone who attended Wings Over Malibu, to those who participated in the online silent auction, and to all who so generously donated in support of our SEA Program. It is because of you that we can pursue our mission of making a difference in the lives of the students we serve. We attempt to acknowledge all who contributed to making our event possible, and we apologize for any errors or omissions.

Foundation Happenings

Our new SEA Program Manager!

Rhea Patteri



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The Emily Shane Foundation would like to welcome our new SEA Program Manager, Rhea Patteri! Rhea joined us in April of this year. She studied computer science and business and technology management at New York University and hopes to use both skill sets to make a difference in underserved communities!

Rhea joined The Emily Shane Foundation as she has always wanted to work at a nonprofit that makes a direct difference in the lives of the people they serve. Additionally, Rhea believes in the power that education has in opening doors for students, and she is very passionate about helping the students that our foundation serves. We are excited to have Rhea as part of the team!

Foundation Happenings



Strange's tasting room in Malibu

"Wine on Thursdays"

April Fundraiser in Collaboration with Strange Family Vineyards

During the month of April 2022, Strange Family Vineyards generously presented a month-long fundraiser for The Emily Shane Foundation.

For every Thursday in April, between specific hours, a percentage of any purchases made either at the tasting room or online was donated to the foundation.

Thank you to everyone at Strange Family Vineyards!

We are delighted to inform you that we will again collaborate to present an exclusive wine tasting with food pairings at the tasting room in November. Stay tuned for more information to be announced!

Acknowledging Our Experienced, Professional Advisors!

We are indebted to our experienced, professional collaborators who give their time and talent to assist the foundation in various areas. In this issue, we present two who help us tremendously with technical aspects of our website and Google ads/analytics.



Craig Hart

Hamilton County Government | Senior Programmer Analyst

Craig helps manage the Emily Shane Foundation website as he is more than well versed with IT and programming knowledge. He holds a B.S degree in Information Technology and has been a programmer for six years now. Outside of helping the foundation, Craig works as a fulltime webmaster and senior programmer analyst for the Hamilton County Government in Tennessee. He also manages the Dangerous Drugs Task Force site for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations. Craig generously helps not only our nonprofit, but other nonprofit organizations with their website management in his free time.



Tyler Vacca

Assistant Media | Account Manager & Team Lead

Tyler assists the foundation with search engine optimization and Google ad grants! His daily approach to account strategy, marketing, content creation, web design, social media, and more is characterized by a smile and a sense of humor, allowing him to make work effortless for clients. By supporting organizations, he becomes a powerful resource that aids non-profits and companies that support social causes. Away from work, Tyler enjoys traveling, spending time on the coast, golfing, and cycling.

SEA Student Successes

2021-2022 School Year



Fagen, 7th grade, Wright Middle School, Westchester

Fagen worked with her mentor/tutor Mike to improve all her previously failing grades, such as a D in science and English, to fully passing!

"I have reached my goals this school year. I'm passing all my classes like I wanted."

Daniela, 8th grade, Clinton Middle School, South LA

Daniela had mostly F's in key subjects such as math, science, and history. Thanks to her work with mentor/tutor Rae, they are all C's and above!

"My math and English grades have gotten better, I would always get F's but now I have A's."



Leah , 6th grade, Palms Middle School, Culver City

Leah started with a C in math and D's in English, science, and history. She now has all A's after working with her mentor/tutor Ciara!
"My study habits have changed because of the SEA Program, and the way I learn things has improved."



SEA Student Successes

2021-2022 School Year



Angel, 8th grade, Clinton Middle School, South LA

Since working with his mentor/tutor Timothy, Angel has brought up his failing grade in math up from an F to a C and his previous D in science is now a B!

"Working with my mentor has helped me do a lot better in school."

Francis, 7th grade, Malibu Middle School, Malibu

Mentor/tutor Eva helped Francis raise her failing grades in science, English, and history to B's! Her F in math was up to a C before final report cards; it may be even higher now!

"The SEA Program is life changing and taught me how to become more organized!"



Fernando, 7th grade, Rio Del Valle Middle School, Oxnard

Fernando entered SEA with two failing grades; a D in science and an F in history. His mentor/tutor Chloe helped him to turn that D in science to an A! His F in history is now a C, and the previous C in English is now an A!

"I met my goals for the year. I wanted to participate more in class and turn all my work in on time."



SEA Program Staff

Spotlights 2021-2022



Anna-Kay

Pepperdine University

Thousand Oaks Area Coordinator and Pico Rivera Mentor/Tutor

Anna-Kay mentored one student at our Pico Rivera site and was the area coordinator for Thousand Oaks this school year.

She was proud of her student at North Park as his grades improved in multiple subject areas, while working together. Anna considers "working here as such a blessing and cannot wait to see the great things in store for the foundation."

Ciara

Loyola Marymount University

Culver City Mentor/Tutor

Ciara is an excellent mentor/tutor that has been with the foundation for three years now! She worked with three students at our Culver City site this school year.

She says "watching my students become more independent has been the most satisfying thing to me as a mentor/tutor."



Mike

Loyola Marymount University

Westchester Area Coordinator and Mentor/Tutor

Mike, returning to SEA for the second year, was fortunate to be able to pick up where he left off with his student, Fagen, who just completed 7th grade. This school year, Mike was

both an area coordinator and mentor/tutor at our Westchester site. Thanks to his work with her, Fagen made tremendous strides and improved her grades.



SEA Program Staff

Spotlights 2021-2022



Javier

University of Southern California

South LA Mentor/Tutor

Javier helped his student Genesis this school year "by making an effort to improve her grades through turning in homework and excelling in solving difficult problems step by step."

Gbemi

Cal Lutheran University

Oxnard Mentor/Tutor

Gbemi worked with her student, Dereck, at our Oxnard site this year. During their time together, they "were able to create a foundation of opening up more within meetings with wellness check ins and making sure Dereck stayed organized and on top of his assignments."



Viannie

Loyola Marymount University

Pico Rivera Mentor/Tutor

Viannie has proven to be an extremely dedicated mentor/tutor who took on three students at three different schools in Pico Rivera. She stepped in at a critical time and helped them by providing significant academic and personal support. She helped them get caught up with assignments and ensured that they were organized and submitting assignments in a timely manner.



Testimonials & Quotes



Good Deeds

We request that students perform a good deed for every SEA Program session. Here is a sample:

Hailey, 7th, South LA

"I helped my family cook dinner after school, and I helped a friend get help, when they fell and scraped their knee."

Nicolas, 7th, Thousand Oaks

"I gifted a Visa gift card to a friend for Christmas, because their family couldn't afford Christmas this year."

Francis, 7th, Malibu

"I treated my brother to ramen, after he got his braces done."

Fagen, 7th, Westchester

"I did the dishes at home to help my family and paid compliments to strangers to brighten their day."

Dereck, 6th, Oxnard

"I took my friends to the movies and paid for all of their tickets."

Our Students and Mentor/Tutors Say...

Naimah, 6th, GEA, South LA

"My grades have improved. Claudia has made math and many more subject's easy for me. I have made more progress and got A's on my report card. Claudia is gentle and helpful. She makes things fun and educational."

David, 7th, Colina Middle School, Thousand Oaks

"They help me do my homework and my missing assignments. They help me to understand more, and I got smarter."

Isaac, 6th, Rio Del Valle, Oxnard

"I've gotten better at submitting my work on time, becoming better organized, and I feel like I have more support."

Mentor/Tutor Alexandria, South LA

"Debriefing before the session and asking how my student has been doing helps me gauge how I should approach the session for the day. We always end up having fun in the end!"

Mentor/Tutor Krystany, Oxnard

"I got the most satisfaction out of seeing the extra help and effort put into her homework translated to better marks and an overall increase in my student's motivation."

Our Site Liaisons Say...

Monique, School Counselor, STEAM, Pico Rivera

"As Jim Ryun said, 'motivation is what gets you started, habit is what keeps you going,' and that is exactly what the SEA Program does for our students. It motivates them and gives them a personal mentor to access their full potential."



Markie, Club Director, Boys & Girls Club, Thousand Oaks

"Having SEA tutors at the Boys and Girls Club this year has been amazing! I have seen my struggling students gain more confidence and make special relationships with their tutors. It was a pleasure to have them here and we look forward to having them back in the future! I know all the parents of the participating students were also very pleased with the performance of their kids."

The Emily Shane Foundation Clubs at Local Universities

The vast majority of our mentor/tutors are sourced from local universities and colleges. We are lucky to have generated enthusiasm amongst those students involved with The Emily Shane Foundation to have official student clubs at both The University of Southern California and at Loyola Marymount University.

***Please join us in welcoming our new club presidents for the next school year,
Martina Prado and Reese Garcia!***

We bid farewell and send gratitude to Valerie Araki, who served as club president for two years at USC, and Bianca Salinas, club president at LMU for the past two years.



Martina Prado

University of Southern California

Emily Shane Foundation Club President 2022-2023 School Year

Martina is an incoming sophomore from Bogotá, Colombia who studies Psychology and plans to have Communications as a double major. She has worked with the ESF since last August and has been part of the club ever since. She likes to cook, hike and eat her way across LA! She loved working with her students, Anahi and Samary, this past year and can't wait to resume her mentoring and tutoring in the fall!



Reese Garcia

Loyola Marymount University

Emily Shane Foundation Club President 2022-2023 School Year

Reese is a third-year film student at LMU, and she has been working with The Emily Shane Foundation since the fall of 2020. Reese acted as both a mentor/tutor and an area coordinator this school year. She loves helping students find a passion for academics and seeing them meet their goals. Reese is excited to continue working with the foundation as club president to witness more amazing student achievements!

Upcoming Events

3 Heart Strings

This is the second year that this nonprofit has selected The Emily Shane Foundation as one of their chosen charities for 2022. During the month of **September**, a new and lovely set of bracelets created uniquely for ESF will be available to purchase. These bracelets will be different than those offered last year and will be available for both online and at various tabling events in Los Angeles. Tabling dates to be announced. All proceeds will benefit our SEA Program. Prices will range from \$5 to \$15 per bracelet, depending on the materials used. We look forward to presenting the new 2022 ESF bracelets with links to purchase and providing you with more information as it becomes available!



A previous year's 3 Heart Strings tabling event



Samples of the prints by Steve Kaufman for sale to support ESF

Art Donation

David Davis so kindly facilitated the donation of a number of limited edition screen prints by Andy Warhol protégé, Steve Kaufman. Kaufman worked for Mr. Warhol and emulated his style in creating his own pop art.

Anyone interested in these prints, which are for sale to help benefit our SEA Program, should contact: info@emilyshane.org

Annual November Fundraiser

Stay tuned! We will be debuting a reimagined version of our annual fall fundraiser event this year in November.

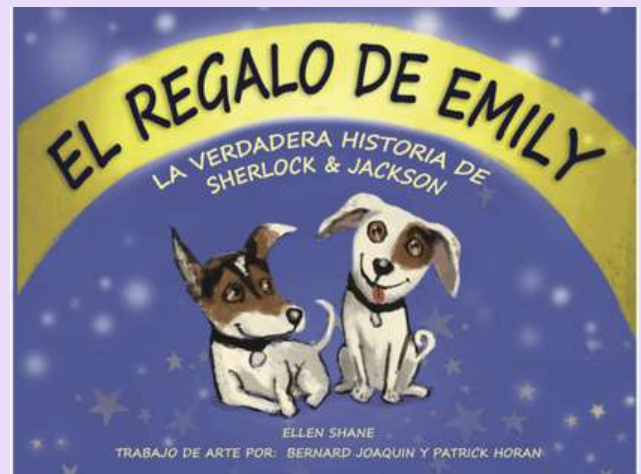
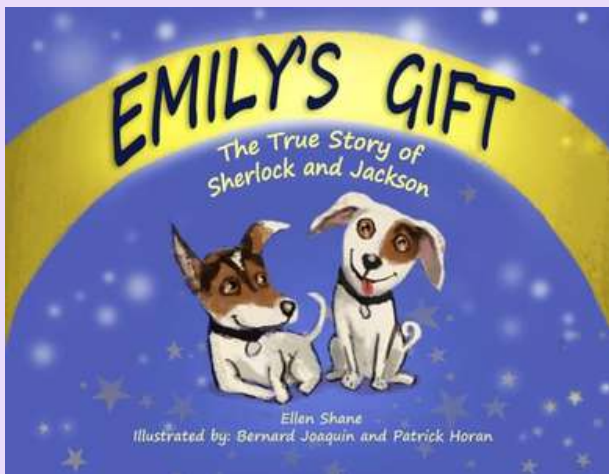


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***Emily Schmidt Goldstein, Shamra Strange, Maria Wojciechowski,
Jim Flock, and Michael Garrison***

Emily's Gift

The Emily Shane Foundation's Executive Director, Ellen Shane, had this first book in a series of true stories about the family's dogs published in August, 2020. This engaging and entertaining story relates how Emily, the youngest Shane sibling, aspires to bring a puppy into her loving and pet-less family.



The Inspiration for This Book - How it Came About

A vivid dream inspired the creation of this book. Ellen clearly saw the book in this dream, and literally turned the pages as the story unfolded until the end.

After waking, she felt compelled to write the story. Suitable for younger children (approximately 4 - 8 years old), the book entertains and conveys positive messages and themes to the reader.

The Emily Shane Foundation was founded by Emily's family, and her mother Ellen has served as Executive Director since its inception. The foundation empowers disadvantaged middle schoolers at risk of academic failure, with a particular focus on underserved communities. The SEA Program has served close to 1,000 students to date at 12 sites across Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Our focus on academic success and personal coaching has made a positive difference in these children's lives.

Every book purchased helps benefit the foundation's SEA Program.



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