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THE EMILY SHANE FOUNDATION NAMED A 2024 CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

"Empowering Students to Thrive: The Emily Shane Foundation Celebrates Milestone Recognition"

Los Angeles—The Emily Shane Foundation proudly announces that U.S. Senator Ben Allen has named it A 2024 California Nonprofit of the Year. This prestigious honor recognizes the foundation's exceptional work in empowering underserved middle school students through personalized academic tutoring and mentorship.

At the heart of the foundation's mission is a profound commitment to fostering positive relationships that inspire dreams, unlock potential, and champion education equity. By carefully matching struggling students with successful college mentor/tutors, the foundation provides the individualized support these students need to overcome academic challenges and build a brighter future. This is accomplished via its unique, comprehensive educational initiative, the SEA (Successful Educational Achievement) Program.

Senator Allen stated the following on why he chose this nonprofit charity to merit this award: "I served on the school board when we tragically lost Emily Shane 14 years ago on PCH. I'll never forget it. That Ellen and Michel have been able to turn that unthinkable loss into such a powerful force for good is commendable and inspiring. And the data is clear: students served by the Foundation's individualized tutoring and mentorship programs are more likely to graduate high school and enroll in college and less likely to miss school or turn to illegal substance use. I am pleased to honor Emily's legacy by recognizing this life-changing work."

"Every day, our dedicated staff and mentor/tutors work to make a profound difference in the lives of students who might otherwise slip through the cracks," said Ellen Shane, Executive Director of The Emily Shane Foundation. "To receive this recognition from Senator Allen is deeply humbling and validates our vital work. We are incredibly proud to be named a Nonprofit of the Year and grateful to all who have supported us on this journey."

The CalNonprofits Nonprofit of the Year initiative, now in its ninth year, allows each California state legislator to honor a nonprofit organization doing outstanding work in their district. The program culminates with a celebratory luncheon at the Capitol on California Nonprofits Day, June 5. The Emily Shane Foundation will join more than one hundred other honorees, recognized by state senators and assembly members for their exceptional contributions to their communities.

CalNonprofits, the leading policy voice for California's nonprofit sector, sponsors the program in partnership with the state Senate and Assembly Select Committees on the Nonprofit Sector. Through advocacy, education, and research, CalNonprofits works to build a more powerful and politically engaged nonprofit network across the state, amplifying the voices and impact of organizations like The Emily Shane Foundation.

As the foundation celebrates this milestone, it remains steadfast in its commitment to educational equity and student success. Through the power of personalized tutoring and mentorship, The Emily Shane Foundation's SEA Program is transforming the lives of middle school students, one child at a time.

To learn more about The Emily Shane Foundation and its impactful work, please visit our website at www.emilyshane.org. Join us in empowering underserved students to reach their full potential. Donate, volunteer, or spread the word about our mission. Together, we can make a difference.