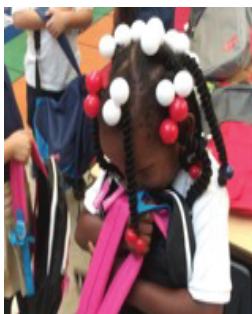
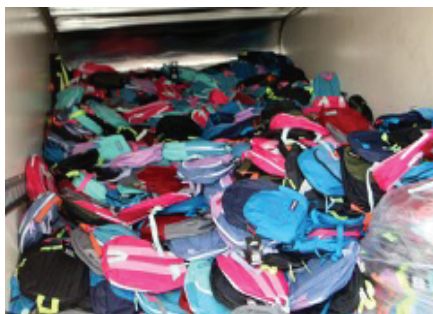


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SPECIAL EDITION: ANNUAL STAY IN SCHOOL PROGRAM Presenting the 22nd Annual Stay In School Activities June through September



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OUR MISSION:

TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF LOW INCOME/AT RISK CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

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This Special Edition is featuring the 22nd Annual Stay In School Program covering the distribution of supply kits, essentials for families, and scholarship program. Lend A Hand is excited to have received the support from so many great sponsors. Because of this, over 9,100 children and youth received educational tools so they could be ready to return to school. How exciting it was for many to return to see their teachers and friends after a long-time of homeschooling. We continue to pray for everyone, and we continue to put an emphasis on those who can get vaccinated. We feel this will be the only way to get us back to some type of normalcy and the deaths decreasing because of the virus. Many of us have loved ones who have been affected by this. If you do not want to do it for you, please consider doing it for your family and friends. Thank you!



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22nd Annual Stay In School Program

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History of the Annual Stay In School Program:

The Lend A Hand Foundation developed the annual giving of school supplies in 1999. Former Councilmember/President Larry Reid provided 200 backpacks for the first annual giving, in downtown Oakland in front of the Henry Robinson Multi-Service Center at 16th and Clay Street. The event was held there for many years. We then went to Eastmont Mall one year and from there we started delivering the supply kits directly to the schools in 2006. We had no idea the program would continue as it has and to date, the organization has provided over 108,000 supply kits to schools in Oakland/Alameda County since the program began.

Years	Number of School Supply Kits Provided
1999 – 2010	31,125
2011 – 2021	76,875
Total	108,000+

Telling Our Story:

The Lend A Hand Foundation (LAHF) began in 1997 with a few members wanting to do something in the community. LAHF was introduced to The Henry and began our mission to enhance the quality of life of those living in transitional housing facilities. After the initial support to The Henry of Easter Baskets for 100 children, we found more services were needed so we rolled up our sleeves, held fish fries, raffles, and dug into our pockets to develop the Teen Talk Program which provided a way for youth to talk about and resolve matters affecting them. Through this program we were able to take youth on social and educational outings, brought in professionals to provide educational information, activities to build self-esteem, arts, and much love. Next, we developed the Annual Holiday Celebration to provide gifts for families and we helped with food insecurities, emergency situations, and much more. Having utilized the home of the founder for many years, we finally found a home with the help of Supervisor Nate Miley at the Masonic Hall in East Oakland. The school supply distribution and the Holiday Celebration now known as the "Joy of Giving" activity continues both in their 22 years of existence.

Fast forward, we bring you information about this year's community impact even though we are still in a Pandemic.

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On June 17, we held our 22nd Annual Stay In School Kickoff. Some of the sponsors, school officials, and members were in attendance along with some other guests. This is a yearly event that kicks off the massive community effort to purchase, assemble, and deliver educational tools to students before the new school year begins.



Thanking John Sasaki,
Master of Ceremonies

Thanking Mayor Libby
Schaaf for her impressive,
pre-recorded greeting

Thanking our speakers:
Judy Matthews, Presi-
dent/Board of Directors
and Jack Alotto,
Chair/Strategic Planning
Committee



Thanking Franco
Finn/Warriors Hype man, our
Auctioneer for the evening

Thanking Supervisor Keith
Carson for his wonderful,
pre-recorded greeting

Thanking Amina Michele
Scott for her musical
performance



Photos by Auintard Henderson and Carolyn Cornelius Wilkins

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On June 19, Councilmember Loren Taylor was the Honorary Host of the 2nd Annual Juneteenth Jubilee. It was a great event. We were honored and sincerely thank Councilmember Loren Taylor and Cathy Adams of CDA Consulting.

Join Us For The
2nd ANNUAL JUNETEENTH IN THE TOWN

Juneteenth Jubilee

HONORARY HOST
Councilmember Loren Taylor
District 6
City of Oakland

Saturday, June 19, 2021

Host MC
Kamal Aaron
Morning Anchor and Reporter KGO-TV
The ABC Station In San Francisco

THE OVERLOOK
of The Port Workspaces

344 Thomas L. Berkeley Way
(Between Harrison and Webster)
Oakland, California
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Chef Robert Dorsey III
Robert Dorsey Catering & Events

Elegant African Attire encouraged or Cocktail Attire
Catering provided by Bay Area Chef Robert Dorsey, III

Oakland Community Impact Awards

Special Guest Entertainment

Sponsorship Opportunities
[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITTE.COM/E/COUNCILMEMBER-LOREN-TAYLORS-JUNETEENTH-JUBILEE-TICKETS-156913778335](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/councilmember-loren-taylor-s-juneteenth-jubilee-tickets-156913778335)

Face Covering requested if not fully vaccinated
Temperatures Taken upon entry.
All safety requirements will be enforced

Sponsorship Opportunities and Ticket Sales Available
Live Streaming for Paid Sponsors and Ticket Purchasers (who are able to attend)
Event Coordinators: CDA Consulting Group | cathy@cdaconsultinggroup.com



Getting Ready for the Massive Community Effort:

Now the preparation begins to get over 8,000 supply kits to the students. Blaisdell, our huge community partner, has for many years obtained the supplies we needed, and got them delivered to be ready for assembly. This year, the assembly took place at Elmhurst Middle School. It took two days instead of the usual one day. We also supported additional schools which took our original thought of 8,500 supply kits to over 9,100 and delivery to over twenty-three schools. We continue to do all that we can to make sure students have their needs met. However, so much more is needed. Here is how we began this year's process by bringing in some smaller hands. The children took a lot of pride in their task. We are so thankful to them.



Thank You
Economy Lumber
for providing over
20,000 pencils.

Photos by Carolyn Cornelius Wilkins

The Big Day Arrives - July 31st



We were honored to have many hands come out to make it all happen. It was truly a huge undertaking, but it brought us all much joy to get the supply kits packed and ready to go. We were also excited to have some special guests arrive to support our efforts: Supervisor Nate Miley and staff, Councilmember Loren Taylor and staff, Cathy Adams of OAACC and Board Member Alicia Kidd, Dr. Clifford Thompson of the OUSD School Board, John Sasaki of OUSD, Aaron Johnson of PG&E, and we could not have done what occurred without Amanda Graham of Blaisdell and their dynamic team. We salute the awesome volunteers from Target and the 100 Black Men of the Bay Area along with their young adult leadership team, staff from Supervisor Keith Carson's office who was also part of the packing team. We are also thankful for the staff from Councilmember Treva Reid's office, Port of Oakland, Alicia Bert of PG&E, Lambda Chi Chi Eta Phi Nurses who all helped in a huge way to get those 8,500 kits ready for delivery. A big hit was the delicious meal donated by Mary Everett/Everett & Jones Berkeley feeding 100 plus volunteers. Thanking Tony Santos and Juan Sigler for getting the food donation and other support to make the day a success. Our continued thanks for our relentless website master, Andrew Drake for always being available to us in getting this magazine plus ready for your reading and always keeping our website updated. Another shout out to Blaisdell along with MCargo, Treeline Logistics, and the OUSD Transportation team for getting the supplies to the schools. Many thanks to our Board of Directors, Advisory, Ambassadors, Friends of Lend A Hand, and everyone who lends a hand.



Photos by Auintard Henderson

More Activities

On August 5, we participated in the distribution of the educational tools to Fremont High School. It was two-fold as they were also doing a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new state of art school campus. This school was sponsored by Wells Fargo with 1,000 of our new Cross-over bags for high school students.



Dee (photographer on all, Suzanne on poster, step repeat Karen)

On August 16, we partnered with the OPD to provide school kits to students at Parker School on Ney in Oakland.



photos by Carolyn Cornelius Wilkins



Thank You Supporters!

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We are extremely grateful to every hand that helped. We also thank Principal Kilian Betlach for allowing us to hold our packing event at Elmhurst Middle School on both July 31 and August 1. We thank all the principals at each school for their patience and all that they do to teach and nurture the children attending their schools.

22ND ANNUAL STAY IN SCHOOL PROGRAM



Thank You to Our Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Volunteers!

Oakland Schools	Total	Sponsors
Coliseum College Prep - 670 Fremont - 1,000	1,670	Wells Fargo Premier Sponsor
Castlemont	818	100 Black Men of the Bay Area
Elmhurst	729	Cestra Butner Family Foundation
Esperanza	481	PG&E
Garfield	620	Honorable Wilma Chan/Kaiser
Life Academy	443	Safeway Foundation
Madison Park	443	Gloria Taylor Fund
Rudsdale Continuation - 270 Sojourner Truth - 165	435	Oracle
Oakland International	391	One Toyota of Oakland
Dewey - 207 Rudsdale Newcomer - 160	367	Square
McClymonds	359	Kazan McClain Partners' Foundation
Frick	346	The Hope Fund/The Amin Fund
Korematsu	328	OAACC
Dewey - 207 Ralph Bunche - 128 Young Adult Program - 150	301	United Way
Horace Mann	230	Lend A Hand Foundation
West Oakland Middle	215	Honorable Keith Carson
Street Academy	100	Port of Oakland
Other Support to OUSD Transitional Students w/supplies & basic needs	300	Julie & Guy Richardson/Honorable Nate Miley/National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Oakland Bay Area
Grand Total	8,516	

GRAND TOTAL: 9,100 Supplies through September

Chart by Suzanne Hidekawa

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Jacqueline Tinnin

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Step and Repeat by Karen Cheadle Enterprises



2021 Scholarship Program Honors

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CONGRATULATIONS!

We are honored to congratulate the students who received scholarship awards. We wish them much success.

High School Students

Carmen Shaw
Malcolm Mackey
Sebastian Madrigal
Antonella Alarco

Laney College Students

Loreah Saleh
Shabnam Zarisf
Kala E. McCarty
Melanie Corrales
Raven Richardson
Chunyu Li
Maria Leal Robleto
Kenia Josseline Alfaró Duran

Presented by the Scholarship Committee: Juan Sigler/Chair,
Wanda Stuart Scott/Co-Chair, Carolyn Cornelius Wilkins, and Lorelei Self

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2021 Youth Leadership Program Honors

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Building Excellence Leadership Program

Lend A Hand Foundation created a Building Excellence Leadership Program to offer students the experience, skills, and knowledge to prepare them for leadership roles in life. The Leadership Program was led by Judy Matthews where the students participated in the following programs:

Empowerment and Independence; Financial Literacy Money 101 for Teens; Scholarship Essay Writing; Health & Wellness, and a Youth Forum.

We culminated the program with a writing contest to prepare them for writing essays for college admission. Our winner pictured is Alexandria Williams, a 10th grade student from Skyline High School. Her topic "Climate Change Is Real: A Climate Disaster is Truly Coming For Us!" She received an 8th Generation iPad!



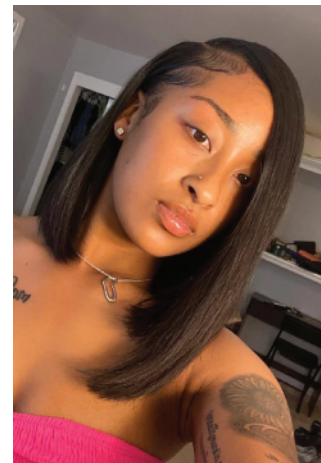
We also honored three additional students with \$250 Book Awards for their essays:



Jayce Spikes
8th grade (13 Years old)
Montera Middle School



Kalani Dunn
Freshman
U.C. Berkeley



Janissa Salazar
Transfer Student
Holy Names University

Presented by Judy Matthews

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A Fighter And A Gentleman

Gordon Greenwood is known for his civility, but he'll go to the mat in the hunt for justice
BY R.J. SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY BY GREGORY COWLEY

GROWING UP IN SMALL-TOWN MISSISSIPPI, Gordon Greenwood was immersed in a culture of Southern hospitality. A job offer lured him westward 33 years ago, and though he encountered many differences in his new locale, he says his Oakland neighbors have at least one thing in common with those in his hometown.



"They are driven to make life better for others. There's a lot of that here," he says. "People care a little more about who you are substantively. ... There's a big premium on being genuine."

Making life better for others is what he tries to do every day at Kazan, McClain, Satterley & Greenwood in Oakland, where he has worked for 23 of the firm's 46 years. Its focus is on representing working people suffering from mesothelioma and other effects of longtime exposure to asbestos.

"I'm fighting for somebody's life," Greenwood says. "They're six months from leaving all of the troubles of the world, and I've got a company saying, 'We don't want to pay that much money because that's gonna hurt our bottom line.' Those two sides of the table are not even close to being equal. That keeps you going."

GREENWOOD WASN'T ORIGINALLY drawn to personal injury law. In 1988, when he graduated from George Washington University Law School, the savings and loan crisis was in full force. Banking law—on paper—looked appealing. Greenwood moved to the Bay Area to work in a bank's legal department. But after about a year, the weekly three-hour case review meetings had him reevaluating his course. He was bored.

A friend, Douglas Rappaport, had just taken a job at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office, and Greenwood decided to watch him in court one day. Not only did it resonate, it activated a passion.

"I was really moved by the idea of making a difference in people's lives," he says. "It helped me figure out why I went to law school."

Rappaport has fond memories of working with his friend, who he says is never not in a suit and tie. The entire time they worked at the public defender's office, "Gordon never raised his voice," Rappaport says. "He just has common courtesy and is a very good listener."



Our Friend and Super Attorney

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A Fighter And A Gentleman (continued)

"When you come from Los Angeles like I do, you tend to be frenetic. But he is from the South," Rappaport says. "Gordon takes it all in before acting on it. He's the true definition of a gentleman. And those are the qualities that make him such a fabulous attorney."

When Frank Fernandez, a mentor at the public defender's office, moved to Kazan McClain, he recruited Greenwood. To his surprise, the public defense skills were transferable, Greenwood says, noting that the concept is really the same: "Somebody says, 'Hey, I have this problem,' and you have a chance to help them and chip away at some of the structures that allow large institutions to win."

For his first six months at the firm, Greenwood says he had trouble finding his footing. Then he got a chance to start on a case right from the introductory call, and it was transformative. Direct contact with clients brought him to life. The woman who called was the widow of a man who had worked at a Chevron refinery in working-class Richmond. For years, he was unknowingly bringing asbestos particles home from his job, and after he died, his wife developed mesothelioma.

It all clicked for Greenwood: "You represent people who need help."

In the last few years, his firm has won major verdicts against Johnson & Johnson for selling baby powder containing talc contaminated with asbestos. These lawsuits have put the firm in the news, but it's the smaller cases that really stick with Greenwood.

"It's the individual," he says. "To do something that has real impact on a person's or family's life—to me that's bigger than anything else."

One day in 2017 he drove out to meet a new client—a retiree who worked for a decade in the engine rooms of Navy ships. The Oakland apartment building he lived in was dilapidated, the doors didn't close properly, and he was sleeping on a mattress on the floor.

"He had done the dirtiest, nastiest work in the world. And, from the look of things, he had never gotten compensated much." The man was sick, and Greenwood suspected it had to do with asbestos from the ships. "Unfortunately, he didn't live to bring it to the jury," says Greenwood. But after a high seven-figure settlement was reached, "we were able to change the trajectory of [his] family's life," says Greenwood. "That was powerful."

ON A RECENT FRIDAY, Greenwood is working his pandemic hybrid schedule, having put in some office time and some Zoom time with clients. He has just returned to the East Bay from a quick visit to his hometown of Meridian, Mississippi, to visit his 86-year-old mom. "I just check in to make sure she's OK," he says.



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Mississippi's Southern hospitality is for real, he says; you can feel it, even in casual conversation. But lean too far into those conversations and they can become very polarized.

"Mississippi has this history on race, and it strikes me every time I go back," he says. Meridian, he points out, was where civil rights activists Andrew Goodman, James Chaney and Michael Schwerner were visiting when they were murdered just outside of town in 1964—an event that galvanized the movement and the country. It was a "comfortably segregated small town" Greenwood says, when he was growing up. His dad was a civilian employee at the local Naval base and his mom taught school. The family lived in a neighborhood stocked with the teachers who taught him at school—a major reason "there was a high degree of accountability all over the neighborhood," he says.

There was a "built-in ethos that the community put a lot into you and you had a responsibility to achieve."

A high school athlete, Greenwood was offered a football scholarship as a wide receiver to Mississippi Valley State, where fellow Mississippian Jerry Rice would go a year or two later. Greenwood jokes that Rice might not have become a superstar if Greenwood had taken that scholarship. But the truth is Greenwood was interested in academics, and put sports largely aside when he arrived at Morehouse College.

Rahn Kennedy Bailey, assistant dean of clinical education at UCLA's Charles R. Drew University of Medicine in Los Angeles, became good friends with Greenwood at college. "Once a week we went to a Wendy's, [could] barely afford to order French fries, and we'd sit there talking for two or three hours," Bailey recalls. "He was a very mature guy who was older than his chronological age." They were in Alpha Phi Alpha together. "He was the most humble, modest and clear-thinking," Bailey says. "It was Greenwood who kept the rest of us in good stead."

Greenwood and Bailey still get together when they can, and they encourage each other to work out. Greenwood, who is very health-conscious, runs the steps of Joaquin Miller Park and bikes to stay in shape. He lives in Hayward, and enjoys visiting the vineyards of Napa and Sonoma on weekends with his wife, Tamika, with whom he has a blended family of four children, ages 19 to 28, as well as his 9-year-old nephew.

WHEN HE GETS GOING, Greenwood likes to tell stories—in even tones. His favorites include stories about the flurry of pro bono work he's picked up recently, much of it from the local Black community. "I've developed a soft spot for elder financial abuse work especially," he says.

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He relates how the niece of "a smart 93-year-old woman" approached Greenwood to help fend off lawsuits after credit card purchases piled up; but after some investigation,

Greenwood realized most of the debt was accrued after the niece showed up. Greenwood wound up representing the aunt to help her protect the rest of her savings.

Greenwood is also busy helping his firm bring in a new generation of lawyers. He interviews students fresh out of law school, some of whom want to know, "Do you work evenings and weekends? Is there overtime?"

He tells them, "When you work with somebody who is depressed and just been told they're gonna leave this earth in six months—if that doesn't motivate you to get up and fight the company who knew their products were dangerous, then nothing will.

"It's that fight that motivates you—and if it doesn't, this isn't the right job for you."



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CONTINUING TO SUPPORT FAMILIES/NOURISHING NEIGHBORS' PROGRAM WITH ALBERTSONS/SAFEWAY & EVENING WITH THE OAKLAND ATHLETICS

We sincerely thank the Albertsons/Safeway Nourishing Neighbors' Program which is allowing us to provide gift cards to 25 families (selected from agencies we partner with) for the next three months (September through November). We continue to seek support so we can continue to be a blessing to others. We thank Reverend Gregg Brown of the Miracles of Faith Community Church for allowing us to use the church grounds for the distribution and Mills Grove Christian Church for helping us with additional food items the families. We also thank Bishop Sam Robinson and his assistant Jim Collins for their continued support in providing food baskets through the bishop's ministry on Tuesday and Fridays until further notice. Thank you to the Community Outreach Committee: Carolyn Cornelius Wilkins/Chair, Barbara Taylor/Co-Chair, Suzanne Hidekawa, and Deborah Clabiorne.

Youth Evening with the A's

On September 8, we were able to take 80 youth to the Oakland A's game. We are sincerely thankful to the Athletics for providing us with a monetary donation and 100 tickets to bring youth and escorts to the game. The A's won which made it even more exciting for the children who many had not been in the stadium. We were able to use the monetary donation to make sure the youth had food to eat. That was truly a blessing. We are very thankful for getting help to get the youth there. Thank you, Darryl Richardson/100 Black Men, Claudia Quezada/Oakland Latino Chamber of Commerce, Nicholas Brown of We Go Brazen, Karen Allen and Gail Johnson Murphy of Lend A Hand for all your huge community outreach efforts.



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Special Thoughts

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25 Years of Service:

As we embark upon our 25 years of service, we hope to have a special in-person celebration, but if not, we still plan to hold a memorable activity so we can say our special thanks, provide awards best we can, and have some great entertainment. We thank everyone who came in the beginning for a long ride and those who were there for a brief time; we are grateful. It has taken many hands to get us to this point.

We do not know what is going to happen from one moment to the next, but we continue to push forward. We lost some great people along the way who became our extended family and will never be forgotten. The loss touched us deeply. We will acknowledge them as well as we plan our activities around the anniversary. There are so many to thank and we do not want to forget anyone so as names and deeds come up, we will give a shout out along the way.

We are looking at a Gala in May that will also be centered around the "No Child Left Behind" Initiative. We believe if we all come together, we can better leverage our dollars which will allow us to do more. That way we can help in a BIG way to make sure NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND in getting the getting their educational tools and other areas of need.

What A Blessing

Some of our members have some good news - Congratulations to Barbara and Richard Taylor for 64 years of marriage, Deloise and Jay Johnson for 48 years of marriage, Carol and Jim Collins for 42 years of marriage, Carolyn and Donald Wilkins for 16 years of marriage, and Gina and David Krashna for 13 years of marriage. Yes, what a blessing!

"Joy of Giving"

Our 22nd Annual "Joy of Giving" holiday event is scheduled to support at least 100 children, 25 teens, and 50+ parents. If you can make a donation, go to our website - lendahandfoundation.org to support the Family Essentials Fund.

Our Sincere Sympathy:

We send our sincere condolences to the family of Mary Everett, Owner of Everett & Jones Barbecue, Berkeley. She was truly a fantastic person and supporter of Lend A Hand's supply kit event for the past few years. We were able to give her some support with her toy drive. We are very thankful to Tony Santos and Juan Sigler. We will keep her family in prayer. RIHP Mary.

Also, sending our sincere condolences to the family of Harold C. Finney, Sr. (Finney Mo). He was a great entertainer known for his tap, comic, and being a master of ceremonies for many celebrity concerts. He also toured with Henry Clement Gumbo Band. He too will be sorely missed. RIHP Finney.

Our Sincere Thanks

Thank you Andrew Drake for your outstanding creativity in providing all the special touches to the magazine. Thank you Creativeveinz for your special social media clips.

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No Child Left Behind

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JOIN US in obtaining support to provide 25,000 or more students with their educational tools in 2022.

We are **FOREVER GRATEFUL** to all our supporters for many years. Next year, we will celebrate twenty-five (25) years of service because of our staunch supporters. Because of this never forgotten support, we have provided over 108,000 educational tools since the program began in 1999. We are humble and excited to have reached this milestone.

For our 25th, we are planning a spectacular activity and wanted to make sure you know all about it as early as possible and hopefully you will be part of the magic that will occur. We want to make sure as many students as possible will have their educational tools and other needs met year-round. We can do this!

What: Provide **25,000 students** or more in Oakland/Alameda County with educational supply kits. We also want to provide 25, 250, or 2,500 students with laptops.

How: **10 Funders provide \$40,000 or 20 Funders provide \$20,000.** This will allow us to raise the \$400,000 needed to cover the purchasing of 25,000 supply kits, hiring a fulfillment company, and delivery service to the schools by the end of July 2022.

When: The process begins now as we need to provide a deposit at the end of the year. Whatever amount you can provide will be greatly appreciated

Benefit: You will be part of this massive community effort making sure over **25,000 students** will have their educational tools to begin the new school year. Show others just how much can be done when we come together. Participate in activities up to a planned gala in May of 2022, and much more.

The Lend A Hand Foundation sincerely thank everyone who has lent a hand and who will. We wish the best for everyone with good health, safety, and prosperity. We are still facing challenges with the Pandemic and other storms but we believe things will get better. Again, we thank you for all that you do to help us to make lives better.

For more information on how you can become a partner or make a donation toward our "No Child Left Behind" Initiative, please visit our website - lendahandfoundation.org or send us an email to info@lendahandfoundation.org. Whatever amount you can provide will help to reach our goal. Remember 25,000 students receive their educational tools beginning of the school year, August 2022.

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