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## HACLA & Build Hope Inc. partner with LAPD Community Safety Partnership to award over \$130,000 to graduating seniors and continuing students

**LOS ANGELES** – On Thursday, July 15, 2021, The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) hosted the 9th Annual Build Hope Inc. (formerly known as Kids Progress Inc.) Scholarship Celebration. Although COVID19 restrictions have begun to lift, the organizations decided to host this year’s event virtually for the second time. Over 90 students, either beginning or continuing their post-secondary education and reside in HACLA and Community Safety Partnership (CSP) communities in the City of Los Angeles, were awarded \$134,250 in scholarships to support their academic success. Some of the schools the students will be (or are currently) attending include: UC Berkeley, UCLA, Yale, Spelman College, Morehouse College, San Francisco State, and various California State Universities. The event was well attended by students, families, sponsors and colleagues and included two surprise messages from the LA Dodgers and LA Rams celebrating the scholars’ accomplishments.

Welcome remarks were given by HACLA Board Chair, Cielo Castro, followed by HACLA President and CEO, Doug Guthrie. Poet & Actress Marquesha Babers provided the students with two uplifting spoken word pieces and Danielle Brazell, General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, brought an inspirational Keynote address. A special “Heart of Lion” scholarship was also presented by Chief Emada Tingirides and Joel Lopez of the CSP Program.

“Thank you for this enormous opportunity, which will affect so many students in a positive way,” said Deputy Chief Emada Tingirides. “The CSP officers who have worked tirelessly with the youth will be able to continue to watch them follow their dreams and eventually become leaders in the community. The families of these students will also have a little less to worry about now, as they support and encourage them to dream big.”

The scholarship event was supported in part by the Los Angeles Rams and the Ballmer Foundation and was also made possible through the generosity of donors including the County of Los Angeles Probation Housing Based Day Supervision (HBDS) Program, and HACLA’s Section 3 Partners Xerox, Yardi, efi global, Labor Compliance Pros, Goldfarb & Lipman LLP and AEI Consultants.

“Since 2012, Build Hope Inc. (BHI) has been providing college scholarships to high school seniors in HACLA housing communities,” said Build Hope Inc. President Jenny Scanlin. “With the generous support of our sponsors and donors this year, we were able to award returning scholars who continue to demonstrate a strong commitment to higher education.”

If you are interested in donating to Build Hope Inc., please contact (213) 252-5458 or visit [www.haclabuildhope.com](http://www.haclabuildhope.com).

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### About HACLA

*The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) was established in 1938 by City of Los Angeles Resolution No.*

1241. HACLA is one of the nation's largest and leading public housing authorities, providing the largest supply of quality affordable housing to residents of the City of Los Angeles. HACLA provides affordable housing to over 83,000 households in its Public Housing and Section 8 departments, and offers a range of permanent supportive housing programs for homeless households, including: Project-Based, HUD – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing, Homeless, Tenant Based Supportive Housing, Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA), Continuum of Care and Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy program. For more information, visit [www.hacla.org](http://www.hacla.org).

#### **About Build Hope Inc.**

*Build Hope, Inc (BHI), is a registered 501(c)(3) and was created under the name Kids Progress Inc. (KPI) in 2002 by the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), to ensure that residents living in the city's public housing developments receive the full social, health, educational and work opportunities to which they are entitled, and to enhance quality of life, through long-term academic and economic success. In 2019, KPI transitioned into Build Hope, Inc. and expanded its services to include HACLA's growing portfolio of properties, adding residents of affordable housing and Section 8 households. In addition to fulfilling HACLA's mandate of safely housing residents, BHI is dedicated to improving life outcomes and addressing intergenerational poverty.*

#### **About LAPD Community Safety Partnership**

*The mission of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Bureau is to use community relationship strategies to strengthen trust between law enforcement and the community. The development of long-term relationships, enhanced community capacity, and community partnering lead to decreased crime and improved community perception of safety.*

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