

Lauren's
SCHOLARSHIP



Legacy
FOUNDATION

Impact **Report**
2025



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GIVING THANKS

2025 has been an extraordinary year for Lauren's Legacy Scholarship Foundation. It has been a year of growth, stretching, and deep purpose. More than anything, it has been a year where we saw Lauren's legacy come alive in ways that continue to move me.

Because of your support, we proudly awarded four scholarships totaling more than \$10,000 to four remarkable young Black women who reflect Lauren's spirit of excellence, resilience, and purpose. Chosen from a strong pool of applicants, these scholars stood out not only for their academic achievement, but for their leadership and commitment to serving others. One scholar shared, "This scholarship didn't just help me pay for school, it reminded me that someone believes in me." That is the heart of this work.

This year, we also brought our Legacy in Bloom Scholarship Celebration to life, expanded our reach through our first Long Beach Gives campaign, secured grant funding, and built meaningful partnerships with the Port of Long Beach, the City of Long Beach, Chick-fil-A, and City National Bank. Each milestone affirmed that this work is growing and that Lauren's legacy is making a real impact.

What began as a vision has become a movement rooted in education, leadership, and service. As we look toward 2026, we remain committed to expanding opportunities for young Black women and raising awareness about Deep Vein Thrombosis, the condition that took Lauren from us too soon. Thank you for standing with us. Your support is helping build something lasting.

With heartfelt gratitude,



**EDITH HICKS,
FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



Photo: Councilwoman Tunua Thrash-Ntuk and Edith at the Legacy in Bloom Scholarship Celebration on Dec. 13, 2025

Board of Directors: Whitney Jackson, Teodora Lancaster and Sheryll Cummings



OUR LEGACY

BUILT FOR IMPACT

Lauren's Legacy Scholarship Foundation was established in loving memory of Lauren D. Hicks, whose life was marked by grace, academic excellence, leadership, and a deep commitment to purpose. After her unexpected passing, our family and community chose to transform profound loss into lasting impact.

What began as a tribute to Lauren's life has grown into a movement dedicated to uplifting and investing in the brilliance of young Black women.

Founded in 2024, the organization was created with a clear and focused goal: to provide scholarships that remove financial barriers and open doors to higher education.

OUR VISION

is a world where every young Black woman has access to the educational opportunities she needs to flourish and succeed.

OUR MISSION

is to empower young Black women by providing scholarships for higher education. We honor Lauren's spirit by breaking financial barriers and nurturing confident, resilient, and compassionate leaders who are prepared to excel and lead in every sphere of life.

CORE VALUES

At the heart of our work are our core values. **We believe in the limitless potential** of young Black women and are committed to equipping them with the skills, confidence, and support needed to lead, inspire, and create change. **We believe collaboration and empowerment create pathways** for self advocacy and community leadership. **We believe young Black women deserve financial literacy**, resources, and opportunities to break barriers and build sustainable futures. Above all, **we believe** that passion, purpose, and perseverance **can transform grief into legacy** and legacy into generational impact.

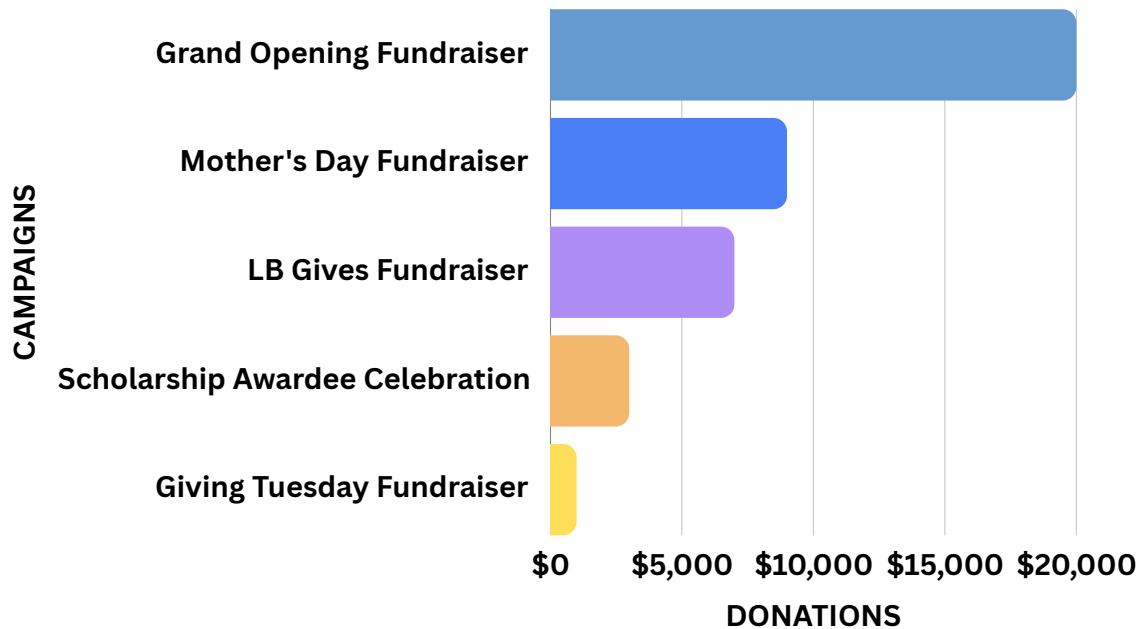


OUR DONATIONS

In our first full year, **we proudly raised more than \$40,000** through campaigns, individual donations, sponsorships, and generous in-kind contributions. We proved that purpose has no timeline. We also welcomed new sponsors and secured grants and partnerships with organizations including the Port of Long Beach, the City of Long Beach, Chick-fil-A, City National Bank, Long Beach Gives, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Pattern Beauty, Moondance Catering, and others who believe deeply in our mission.

Most importantly, a growing community of donors rallied around our vision to help young Black women thrive through education and scholarship support. With your support we are on track to continue to grow our scholarship impact.

2025 Event and Email Campaign Highlights



THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS



Our Highlights

2025



In June **2024** Lauren's Legacy Scholarship Foundation was created and received 501c3 status. the organization was created with a clear and focused goal: to provide scholarships that remove financial barriers and open doors to higher education.

Jan.

Where it all started

In February, we had our launch party at 908 restaurant in Long Beach, CA, with over 60 attendees who gathered to launch a movement. During the event we were able to spread awareness about our foundation's mission, be in community and raise money for our initiatives.



May

Mother's Day Campaign

Our Mother's Day campaign was very successful with raising \$5,400 in 48 hours. It truly touched our hearts as we came together for a mother grieving from child loss. Seeing the support from our community is a memory we'll never forget.



June

Scholarship Application Released

Our goal comes to life when the kick-off of our scholarship application became available on laurenlegacy.org We received 70 applications in our first pool of applicants.



Aug.

The Lauren Line :

SHUTTLE SERVICE

In January of 2023, Lauren's father, a long time District Attorney in Los Angeles, was speaking with her about a colleague who had been assaulted while heading to catch the train home in LA.

Concerned about employee safety, he wondered how the office could better support those who relied on public transit, and Lauren immediately suggested creating a shuttle service to safely transport staff between the office and nearby train stations.

Her father presented the idea, and within months, the shuttle service was implemented. Lauren had a vision to connect her community and the District Attorney's Office brought it to life in her honor.



Sept.

Long Beach Gives Community Fundraiser



We partnered with Chick-fil-a for our first LB Gives campaign and surpassed our fundraising goal which goes toward raising funds for the foundation. We surpassed our LB Gives goal, raising \$7,000 in our first community campaign!

Dec.

Legacy in Bloom Scholarship Celebration

\$10,000+ in 4 scholarship awards



In December, we celebrated our highest honor by awarding **4 scholarships totaling over \$10,000** to young Black women chosen for their brilliance, leadership and purpose.



DONATE:

Join us in serving, empowering, and supporting young Black women as they break through financial barriers and achieve their educational goals.

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