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Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation Gives \$70,000 to Local Community Services *\$35,000 Benefits Emergency Funds of CSULB, LBCC, and Salvation Army*

Long Beach, CA – Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation (LBRCF) President Gail Schwandner announced today a recap of donations made during 2019-2020.

“We are particularly pleased to award these grants to organizations that are assisting community members during the health and economic crisis caused by the global pandemic”, said Schwandner.

Grants totaled \$70,000 with half of that providing direct COVID-19 relief to:

- **California State University Long Beach (CSULB) Student Emergency Fund**
\$10,000 for Emergency Student Services, providing food from the Beach Pantry, assistance for students who lost jobs due to COVID-19 business closures, and computers to assist students manage remote learning.
- **Long Beach City College Emergency Fund**
\$10,000 for assistance to the 25,000+ Viking students impacted by COVID-19.
- **Long Beach Community Foundation Coronavirus Relief Fund**
\$10,000 to assist frontline COVID-19 workers and their families as well as businesses affected by the pandemic.
- **Salvation Army, Long Beach Citadel COVID-19 Response**
\$5,000 to provide food for vulnerable families and low-income seniors.

Thanking the LBRCF Board members, Salvation Army Captain Sergio Garcia said, “This support is especially appreciated at a time when the number of people needing our assistance has skyrocketed due to loss of wages members of our community are experiencing.”

CSULB President Jane Close Conoley said, “Our Beach community is grateful that the LBRCF funds came at a time when many in the community were not aware that throughout this pandemic, we have been

delivering services to our students. Through our Student Emergency Fund we have been providing basic needs assistance.”

Additionally, \$5,000 was donated to each of the following Long Beach nonprofit organizations for programs benefitting local youth and education: Children Today; Long Beach Camerata Singers; Long Beach Day Nursery; Leadership Long Beach; Operation Jump Start; and Pediatric Therapy Network.

The Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation (LBRCF) is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation, for Rotarians and other interested parties to make tax-deductible donations to benefit the Long Beach community. The LBRCF grants funds to nonprofit organizations focusing on youth and education.

The Rotary Club of Long Beach is the oldest service club in Long Beach, the largest Rotary Club in District 5320, and among the top 50 in the world. The Rotary Club of Long Beach is comprised of approximately 300 Long Beach business and community leaders whose motto is “Service Above Self”.

Current President, Mollie Bennet Beck, is the 103rd President of the Rotary Club of Long Beach.

For information about the LBRCF: www.rotarylongbeach.org/projects/long-beach-charitable-foundation

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