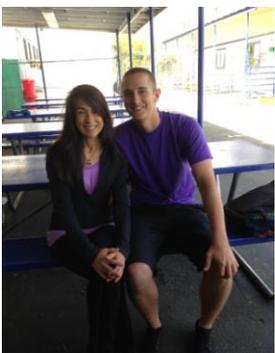


Dear Friends and Supporters,

What an amazing 2012/2013 school year we have had! This is the very first edition of our e-newsletter to provide an insight into the accomplishments attained by the SEA Program of the Emily Shane Foundation. We couldn't have done it without those who have supported our mission. This Foundation was created to honor the memory of Emily Rose Shane, who was tragically murdered at the age of 13. The Emily Shane Foundation has two main areas of focus: a "Pass it Forward" campaign to encourage performing good deeds for others, and the SEA Program, which provides one on one mentoring for struggling, mainstreamed middle school students who risk failure and are unable to otherwise afford any type of outside support.



Ellen Shane, SEA Program President, with Brian Sousa, Program Site Director, St. Anne School Boys & Girls Club.

We have successfully completed our first full academic year of the SEA Program! Operating out of three middle schools in the Malibu/Santa Monica area, we hired mentors from Pepperdine University, Santa Monica College and similar institutions. They helped a total of 22 middle school students at Malibu High School, John Adams Middle School and St. Anne School attain academic improvement. Not only that – we have found that many other positive results are directly attributed to the SEA Program. These include significant, positive changes in attitude, motivation, work habits, handing in assignments in a timely manner, greater feelings of self worth, to mention just a few things. Grades are only part of the story. Each student who participates in the SEA Program is at risk of failure – whether in one or all subject areas.



SEA Program mentor Young Cho working with student Sebastien at the Malibu Boys & Girls Club.

While we are an independent Program, our partnerships with the Boys & Girls Clubs in Malibu and Santa Monica have been invaluable, providing us with a physical space to operate and many other benefits. The SEA Program truly changed the lives of the 22 middle schoolers we worked with this year, by helping with all aspects of academic success – from organizational skills, study skills, help with homework, assignments, test preparation, etc. In addition, our mentors serve as a positive role models for our students. Our mentors are there to help, listen, care and not judge. Please take a moment to watch and listen to these interviews with students and their mentors:



SEA Program mentor Elia with John Adams Middle School student Michael and his mother, Miriam.



Mentor Maria working with Jala and Jalen at St. Anne School Boys & Girls Club



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Also check out this article featured in the L.A. Splash Magazine, [click here!](#) There are so many children in California and across the country that could use this type of assistance. We started in our own backyard and a community close by. For the upcoming school year we will be expanding to Oxnard. We are in the process of sourcing mentors for next year in that area. We recently attended Intern and Career fairs at CSUCI and at Santa Monica College in seeking prospective mentors. We were so impressed by the wealth of young adults ready to help our cause! We look forward to the challenges of this expansion.

One last note on this Program: All SEA Program participants are mainstreamed students who are struggling academically; they may have “processing issues” like Emily did, be on “504” plans, or simply are unable to keep up in one or more subjects. Do you know of a middle school student who fits this profile? Left with no recourse within the system, and without the financial means for additional help, the SEA Program is a response to a great need within our current education system. Every Program participant must “Pass it Forward” for each mentoring session by logging a good deed on our Foundation’s website. We hope this both encourages a mindset of kindness and serves as a way for the students to appreciate and value their mentoring sessions. We encourage everyone and anyone to add to our “Pass it Forward” campaign in Emily’s honor. Just go to: [emilyshane.org](http://emilyshane.org) and follow the links. Anyone can do this! Age is not an issue. You can do so anonymously if that is your preference.

Our mission requires funding. We have been operating on a shoestring budget (so far!) However, we are very proud to have received our first grants this year. A fundraiser/ awareness builder was held at The Malibu Inn in November.

This spring marked our second annual Musical Interlude Fundraiser Tea with attendance by over 120 of you! We were delighted by the music of

Mareclo Cesena (world class pianist and composer), Mike Ramses Wassef (who composed and sang a beautiful song for Emily), and a talented flute trio comprised of Kathleen Kinney, David Lamont and Janice Nikora. We were also treated to a spontaneous and delightful a capella vocal performance by Meme Gordy, one of



Ellen Shane, SEA Program President, with students who participated in the pilot program of the SEA Program last academic school year. Each participant continued in the Program this year.

**Special thanks for everyone who was so generous including:**

Whole Foods Market (Wilshire and 5<sup>th</sup> in Santa Monica), Malibu Colony Company, Starbucks Malibu, Colony Plaza, Teague Classical Pilates (Agoura Hills), Monroe Catering – Richard Chesterfield, Perricone MD Malibu, Tylie Malibu, SKIN Spa - Christine Rasmussen (Thousand Oaks), Salon at the Yard – Linda Ciana (in the Malibu Lumber Yard), LJ Jewelry Designs – Lauren Grant (Agoura Hills), ELANVEDA Inc. (Calabasas), Malibu Hot Yoga, Sun Life Organics (Malibu), Kaplan Family Treehouse Winery – Robert and Veda Kaplan, Leslee Cook MFT, Malibu Music Lessons – Sara Levy, Chef Ian Martin ([ian@chefianmartin.com](mailto:ian@chefianmartin.com)), Malibu Spray Tan, Dana Fineman Photography, Mary and Michael Garrison, Pavilions Malibu -Cynthia Rowe, manager



From left: Siugen Constanza, Program Manager, Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Teen Center, Michel Fowble, Director of Administration, and student Sergio at the annual Fundraiser/Tea



Libby Jacobson, who is tirelessly helping with all aspects of the SEA Program manning the Emily Shane Foundation table at the Cimorelli concert with Michel Shane.

our guests attending the event. We had the support of so many local businesses who donated to the event which were consumed and auctioned or were part of a raffle. We are always touched and grateful by the generosity of those who support

our cause. We continue to be involved in our community and PCH Safety Awareness. On May 5 we participated in a Concert event to benefit the family of the tow truck driver struck dead on PCH. Lastly, Ellen Shane was nominated by her daughter Leigh as Mother of The Year. [Please read the Malibu Times article awarding Ellen this honor.](#) Please take a moment to look at our website – [emilyshane.org](http://emilyshane.org) - and read about Emily Rose Shane – the inspiration behind the SEA Program. Both Libby



Ellen Shane and Libby Jacobson

Jacobson and Ellen Shane volunteer their time to make a difference in children's lives. We each have experience with a child struggling academically and are committed to helping those in the same situation who cannot afford the necessary support to help their children succeed to their best potential. PLEASE HELP US BY DONATING! ANY SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. YOU CAN DO THIS DIRECTLY FROM OUR [WEBSITE](#). THANK YOU!!

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