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Dorothy Graham, President
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Dear Dorothy,

“Thank you. Without people like you, I would not be able to find such amazing opportunities for growth. From the bottom of my spirit, I want to thank you again for investing in my future...The opportunities you provide are beautiful.”

- Andrew Wilson, EBCF Alumni & College Advisor at Oakland Technical

We are deeply grateful to the Graham Family Foundation for helping us create a better future for the youth of Oakland, their families, and our community. Your generous scholarship contribution of \$9,125 to the East Bay College Fund for Great Expectations scholars Lee Simmons, Kelton Runnels, Malik Stills and a Launch scholar will support low-income, at risk students access and graduate from college. *A college degree remains the critical tool in breaking the cycle of inter-generational poverty; your gift offers hope not only to today's youth but to future generations as well.*

More than a scholarship. That's why it works.

The secret to our outstanding 80% graduation rate, four times the national average for this demographic, is a model we've been perfecting for over a decade that links our financial assistance with intensive support services. These include individual mentors, on-going counseling, peer mentoring support groups, and life skills training through graduation.

EBCF creates a pathway into and through college for Oakland students.

We nurture the college dreams of Oakland youth through:

- ✓ College Access Services to 600 public high school students
- ✓ Partnership with the African American Male Achievement Initiative and UC Berkeley Destination College to orient young African American men towards higher education
- ✓ Up to \$16,000 four and two year scholarships, mentoring, and counseling
- ✓ Peer-mentoring support through our on-campus College Crews Program

Visit our website and like us on Facebook to help us spread the word, learn more about how to become a volunteer or mentor, or form a scholarship group.

Together, we are changing lives and developing more compassionate, innovative leaders in our communities. Thank you again for your support.



Diane Dodge
Executive Director

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