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Dorothy Ross Memorial Scholarship

The Dorothy Ross Memorial Scholarship fund was established at the Community Foundation to honor the volunteer work and service that Dorothy Ross contributed to the young people in the San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Services Center. She spent over 12 years volunteering time as a mentor and firmly believed that all young people had special gifts and something to give back to the world. This program honors Dorothy's legacy and her belief in the young people she cared about so deeply.

"Congratulations! My mother deeply believed that everyone deserves a second chance in life (maybe even a third). She also deeply believed in the importance of education. She believed in education not only as the pathway to a better paying job, although she certainly understood that. She also understood the importance of learning to think critically and make sound decisions based solid facts and every part of our lives. She also believed in the importance of giving back to the community. In the last several years of her life, she was a volunteer at San Luis Obispo County's juvenile hall. My mother found immense satisfaction in the time she spent as a volunteer. She wasn't one to have a lot of second thoughts, but I think if she had her life to live over again, she would have become a counsellor or juvenile probation officer and she would have been great at it. When she passed away, I created this scholarship as a small step towards continuing the work that she found so rewarding.

I wish you all the best as you embark on this next stage in life. I hope that you will consider this scholarship as evidence that there are a lot of people out there who are confident in your ability to succeed. Good luck, work hard, and I hope that you are able to fulfill your dreams, whatever they may be."

*~ Jean Ross, daughter of Dorothy Ross
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