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What the Oral Lee Brown Foundation Does?

The Oral Lee Brown Foundation is a non-profit organization with the sole purpose of providing free scholarships, educational assistance, and life changing opportunities for underprivileged children in the Oakland area.

The Oral Lee Brown Foundation enhances the lives of its students with programs including:

- Mentoring & Tutoring
- Saturday School
- STEM Programs
- Computer Training & Coding
- Recreational Activities
- Monthly Meetings
- School Visits
- Grade & Attendance Monitoring

The Foundation is staffed by:

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The ***PROMISE***

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WHO IS ORAL LEE BROWN?

Oral Lee Brown is accustomed to hard work and challenges. Having left poverty in the Mississippi Delta and relocating to California as a young woman, Oral worked during the day and attended school at night while raising three daughters. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of San Francisco. With the confidence and determination to make her next professional move, she attained her Real Estate Broker's License and went on to become the owner of Nationwide Realty in Oakland, CA.

Ms. Brown's difficult start in life, and her religious faith, has led her to believe in helping others and "giving something back" to the community. In 1987 Oral Lee Brown adopted the entire first grade class from Brookfield Elementary School in Oakland, CA. Her vision was to support these at-risk students with financial support, afterschool curriculum, and grade monitoring so that they may gain a quality education. She deposited and continues to deposit \$10,000.00 annually to educate her "babies".

Through the years Oral Lee Brown has adopted many more young students and helped guide them through school and on to college. Not only is she supporting the children financially for their future

education, but she provides after school and Saturday School to tutor and mentor with the students, testing, and CAHSEE & SAT/ACT prep.

Ms. Brown meets with parents, school officials, and mentors to help provide students with a well-rounded academic and social program. She provides picnics, dinners, parties, outings, and cultural events on a regular basis. Ms. Brown sponsors an annual Scholarship Gala and celebrates the advances of the students in the Foundation.

"I feel the students must be given the financial assistance & inspiration to continue their education. If these children become successful, then my life will have been a success. After this, I will look forward to helping others."

Oral Lee Brown

THE STUDENTS OF THE ORAL LEE BROWN FOUNDATION?

The Oral Lee Brown Foundation currently sponsors nine (9) groups (or phases) of children.

The first phase of the students was adopted in 1987. An entire class of students was adopted from Brookfield Elementary School located in the troubled area of East Oakland. This group was labeled as Brookfield's "worst" first grade class. Nearly all the children were low-income and lived in the violence plagued flatland of East Oakland. At the time they were adopted by Mrs. Brown, statistically, 3 out of 4 students who started as freshmen at local high schools dropped out. Those who did graduate, only 1 in 3 had the grades eligible to enroll them into a State University. Of the original 23 Phase 1 students, 19 graduated from high school in 1999 and enrolled in college.

The Foundation has been successful! Phases 1 through Phase 6 students have graduated and are attending prestigious colleges, such as Morehouse, Florida A&M, Xavier, UC Berkeley, and other universities.

Phase 7 is currently enrolled in college, And phases 8.9 and 10 are in elementary, Middle, and High School.