

What You Should Know About CAMEO

Who We Are ...

- CAMEO Professional Auxiliary, an auxiliary of the Assistance League® of Long Beach, a chartered chapter of National Assistance League®.
- We are 120+ volunteer women from diverse professional backgrounds.
- This organization is a tax-exempt, charitable corporation, exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- We have no compensated staff.

Why We Exist...

- CAMEO members provide a unique one-on-one mentoring program targeted to promising Long Beach high school and community college students. The program is designed to encourage personal growth and development with financial support and internship opportunities to facilitate achievement of their academic goals.

About CAMEO's Philanthropy...

- CAMEO was the first organization in Long Beach to organize and implement a one-on-one mentoring program for area high school and community college students.
- In collaboration with the Long Beach Unified School District and Long Beach Community College, academically promising students, who may face financial, language or personal challenges, are selected to participate.
- More than 400 students have benefited from CAMEO's mentoring program over the past 20 years. Most of these students continued higher education and are now employed, productive community members. Many students have achieved advanced degrees and are now volunteering in our community.

How CAMEO Supports Our Philanthropy...

- The financial support for CAMEO's Philanthropy comes overwhelmingly from the community.
- CAMEO raises the entire budget through one annual event, a fashion show luncheon with live and silent auctions. This premier event attracts a sell-out audience of more than 1000+ guests.
- Grant opportunities are being cultivated.

Benefit to the Students...

- 8-Week Summer Job Internships. In collaboration with community partners, CAMEO shares the cost of the stipends and reimburses 50% of total wages paid to students.
- Graduation scholarships; annual stipends for school expenses; higher education scholarships.
- Computer equipment including laptops, printers and support software.
- Academic workshops; SAT preparation; tutoring; career planning; and college preparation.
- Cultural enrichment; field trips; college tours; Dress for Success Seminar and Shopping Spree.
- The mentor-student relationship cultivates role modeling and a life-long relationship.