



THE FOOTHILLS

Sun-Gazette

Serving the foothill communities of Exeter, Farmersville, Ivanhoe, Lemon Cove, Lindsay, Plainview, Strathmore, Three Rivers and Woodlake.

Lindsay senior receives 'Self-Help' with school costs

: June 10, 2015



Self-Help Enterprises, a community development organization whose mission is to work together with low-income families to build and sustain healthy homes and communities, has awarded \$6,500 in scholarship awards to nine local students in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement

The Doris "Do" Dooley Scholarship, named after Self-Help Enterprises' former Board member and dedicated friend of the organization, was established to help the children of families who have participated in one of Self-Help Enterprises' programs to further their education. This competitive academic scholarship is available to students who plan to enroll full-time in a vocational or trade school, community college or four-year university. The students were selected by

Self-Help Enterprises' Board of Directors based on academic merit and commitment to community service. "Self-Help Enterprises is very proud to impact the lives of students in the communities we serve," said Tom Collishaw, CEO of Self-Help Enterprises. "We honor their achievements and support the next generation of leaders in their pursuit of higher education."

Locally, Arturo Corona of Lindsay was one of four students to receive Self-Help's \$1,000 scholarship. Arturo lives with his farmworker mother and siblings in a home they built in Lindsay. Arturo received top scores in advanced placement physiology, earth science, biology and chemistry, while also participating in several campus clubs and volunteer opportunities. He has a 3.8 GPA and has been accepted at UC Berkeley where he will start on the road to becoming a doctor.

Other recipients of \$1,000 scholarships included Guadalupe Carrillo of Reedley, Miguel Flores of Livingston, Andrea Lopez of Dos Palos. The \$500 scholarship awards went to: Marylee Herrejon of Reedley, Sequoia Jordan of Chowchilla, Estephania Manzo of Wasco, Jeny Reyes of Goshen and Natyeli Yepes of Reedley.

The Doris "Do" Dooley Scholarship is possible because of the vision and generosity of many people including the Dooley family. Since 1997, Self-Help Enterprises has awarded 101 scholarships totaling \$81,250 to deserving students.

Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) is a nationally recognized community development organization whose mission is to work together with low-income families to build and sustain healthy homes and communities. The pioneer and

leading provider of mutual self-help housing in the United States, SHE's efforts today encompass a range of efforts to build better homes and communities for farmworkers and other hard working families. In the past 50 years, SHE has helped more than 6,100 families to build their own homes, rehabilitated over 6,000 unsafe homes, developed over 1,300 units of affordable rental housing and has provided technical assistance for reliable access to safe drinking water and sanitary sewer infrastructures to more than 160 small communities.

SHE's commitment to providing resources and training for individuals builds capacity of highly effective leaders in communities that also promote collaborative solutions for improving communities. These combined efforts have touched the lives of over 50,000 families, providing security and stability for families and building more productive communities.