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Welcome to Unlocking Doors!

Welcome to the first Unlocking Doors Newsletter!

Unlocking Doors is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit scholarship foundation that firmly believes in the power of higher education for future success and recognizes the challenges that many female high school students endure in their educational and career pursuits. Unlocking Doors aims to foster equal opportunities to underprivileged, low income women of the San Francisco Bay area, by providing financial resources and empowering these students as they pursue a higher education. The overarching goal is to help these female students achieve their dreams of becoming successful first generation college graduates, and also to inspire them to serve as role models for other young women in their communities.

Unlocking Doors was created to address some of the personal challenges and struggles I experienced as a first generation college student. Being a Hispanic female from a working class family presented severe obstacles of achieving my dream of attending a four-year university. Despite the triple challenge of race, gender and soci-economic class, my parents believed that the United States offered unlimited doors of opportunity and that higher education was the key to unlocking those doors. Keeping our dreams alive with hard work, perseverance, and with the generous help of scholarships, members of my family have graduated with BA's, MA's and PhD's from top universities such as Cornell, Cal Tech, USC, and proudly, I received both my BA and MA from Stanford in 2003.

A college education makes a difference now more than ever in shaping one's future and chances of achieving the American Dream – it has become a requirement for social and economic advancement. Please join our efforts in breaking down barriers to provide equal opportunity for underprivileged young women!

Our current goal is to raise \$8,000 by December 31st in order to award scholarships of \$1,000 to women entering the graduating Class of 2011. **Your gracious support will help us achieve our goal!!**

Unlocking Doors gives you the opportunity to express your generosity through us. You may send your tax deductible donation by mail to:

Unlocking Doors: A Scholarship for Women  
530 Lawrence Expwy  
P.O. Box 335  
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Or please visit our website at [www.unlockingdoors.org](http://www.unlockingdoors.org) to make a secure online credit card donation through PayPal.

As a token of our appreciation, we would like to publicly recognize you by including your name on our website's list of sponsors.

Additionally, you will continue to receive our monthly newsletter that will highlight:

- Updates on our fundraising progress
- Profiles of our scholarship recipients
- News headlines featuring Unlocking Doors
- Academic research and news articles that focus on the future of young women and higher education

Thank you for your support and interest in Unlocking Doors!

Sincerely,

Lupita Garcia-Reilley  
*Executive Director and Founder*