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Sharefest Receives \$1 Million From Melanie and Richard Lundquist

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Sharefest Community Development in San Pedro, California, has announced a \$1 million gift from Giving Pledgers **Melanie and Richard Lundquist** in support of programs for at-risk students in the Los Angeles Harbor area.

Sharefest works with civic partners to provide academic, personal development, and community service programs to middle and high school students in Los Angeles. The first seven-figure gift in the organization's history will be used to launch the

Lundquist Youth Leadership Center, support the expansion of community service projects, and enable the organization to increase the number of students served by its programming.

"The Lundquists are giving this gift because they recognize that Sharefest is doing God's work by giving our most vulnerable youth the tools to be successful contributors to their own well-being and to the well-being of our community," said Councilman Joseph Buscaino. "The Lundquists have always looked to make their philanthropy trigger others to look in the same direction, so I am very hopeful that this will not be Sharefest's only seven-figure gift."

"Sharefest is picking up society's responsibility to our young people — especially those at the greatest risk of dropping out of school," said Melanie Lundquist. "Councilman Buscaino has ensured the City of Los Angeles did its part, now it is our responsibility to do our part. I hope other philanthropists will join us in supporting Sharefest."

"Southern California Philanthropists Melanie and Richard Lundquist's \$1 Million Gift Launches Lundquist Youth Leadership Center." Sharefest Community Development Press Release 10/21/2019.

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