

Joan Liu

Joan utilized the funding from her Opportunity Grant to transform Second Chance into a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, enabling more structured fundraising and legal protections to assist high-achieving, low-income students in securing full scholarships for college. Originating from a volunteer effort in response to a scholarship revocation crisis, the organization now partners with universities to ensure its sustainability and expand its impact. The establishment as a 501(c)(3) has significantly increased Second Chance's ability to negotiate scholarships, successfully aiding students to gain full scholarships across Canada, the United States, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Hungary, underscoring the importance of the nonprofit status in fulfilling its mission.