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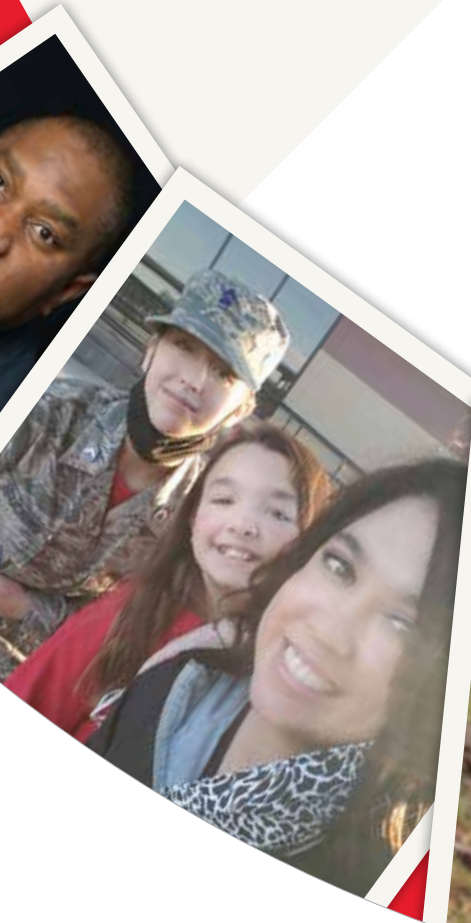
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2020 Annual Report



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Letter from the Director

Hello to you & goodbye 2020!

Something you may not know about me –
I *hate* to wish time away. Since my daughters were
young, I've wanted the world to slow down, but *2020 couldn't
end soon enough!* In a year that began with the unexpected death
of our friend and co-founder, Ralph H. Nesson, and with COVID-19
making its entrance into Arkansas just a few weeks later, this past
year challenged us in ways we never imagined.

Comments like this one from Tracy G. of Fort Smith tell the story: "I am home with three children
and no income. First, I lost my job due to the virus, and then my ex-husband lost his job, so I have no
income and no child support either. I'm home with the kids, all four of us trying to keep up with schoolwork
on our one computer. My food cost has tripled. My parents, who are seniors, need to quarantine at their home,
so they're not able to help me with the kids. It's all overwhelming, but we're trying!"

We hear you, Tracy! Our Program staff and volunteers were distributing spring scholarships
when the pandemic hit Arkansas in March. We quickly mailed the rest of the checks, closed
our offices, and sent all staff to work from home. With help from several major donors, we
re-routed grant funds to emergency relief. Soon after that, we had our system in place for
online scholarship interviews, drive-through check presentations, and virtual student
workshops. This virtual world continued through the rest of the year.

Whenever our staff faces a challenge, maybe something they've never had to do before, I'll always say,
"It's another learning opportunity brought to you by ASPSF!" Well, 2020 was an incredible learning
opportunity for all of us. You – our volunteers, donors, partners, and friends – helped us adapt
and serve our single parents well throughout a most unique and challenging time.
My heartfelt thanks and most profound admiration to every one of you!



Ruthanne Hill
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We're proud of the way our statewide network of staff, volunteers, and donors stepped up to provide a strong safety net for our scholars in every county.

She's doing what she's always wanted to do.

Garrett, Son of Scholarship Recipient



My life looks so different now than when I started the journey to get a college degree. I hope donors know that those dollars given really do make THE difference for recipients.

Amy King, Graduate

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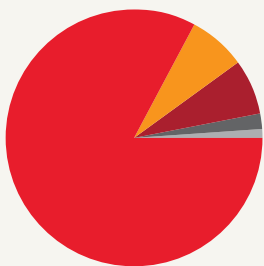
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Staff & Volunteers

Together, we EMPOWER.

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund! They make our work – and our impact – possible.

19 Staff members in communities across the state

6,706 Hours of service contributed

484 Generous and committed volunteers

69 New volunteers welcomed in 2020

\$144,172 Savings for the organization

Partnering with staff in communities across the state, volunteers review scholarship applications, conduct student interviews, coordinate award ceremonies, assist with fundraising, and more.

Together, our team empowers single parents to envision and achieve a new future for their families. Learn about volunteer opportunities at aspsf.org/volunteer.

I just graduated last December and looking back, I don't know how I would have made it if it had not been for ASPSF.

Nathan Whorton, Graduate



Working for ASPSF allows me to assist single parents in working towards a better life for themselves and generations to come.

Sandra Warren,
ASPSF Program Manager

Scholarships

Together, we

Our unique scholars! single parents overcome in a year FULL of obstacles! ASPSF awarded almost \$1.5 million to single parents pursuing their dreams!

\$1,446,800 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

1,688 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

And our single parents? They're superheroes! In the face of adversity, they're pivoting to online courses, juggling virtual school, and overcoming challenges – ASPSF students show us what's possible!

Together, their determination...

ASPSF not only helps single parents obtain secure professional careers with high wages, but also prepares them to prepare for professional employment.



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Student Programs

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COVID-19 forced ASPSF to cancel all 2020 in-person programming. But we quickly pivoted to socially distant alternatives, celebrating our students at drive-through award ceremonies and continuing learning opportunities through a variety of virtual workshops.

2020 Student Events Included:

139 Scholarship Award Ceremonies

345 Single-Parent Workshop Attendees

2020 Workshop Topics Included:

Budgeting & Financial Preparedness | Cooking Matters (with Arkansas Hunger Alliance)
Job Skills & Resume Building | Delta Dental Foundation "A Reason to Smile"

ASPSF not only helps single parents complete the education they need to secure professional careers with high wages. We help our scholarship recipients prepare for professional employment, set them up to excel in their positions, and learn to manage their new income!

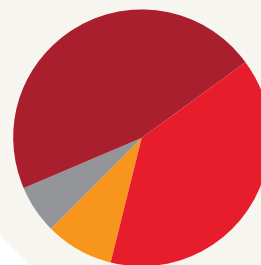
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Freda Grandy, Monthly Donor

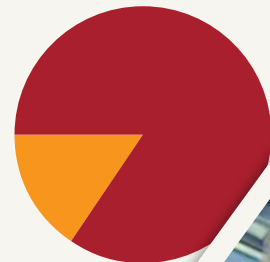
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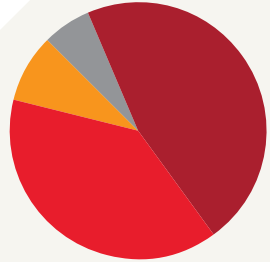
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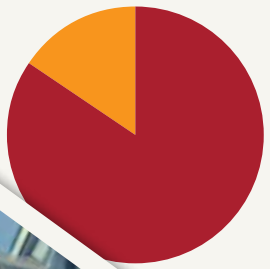
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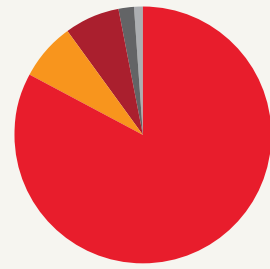
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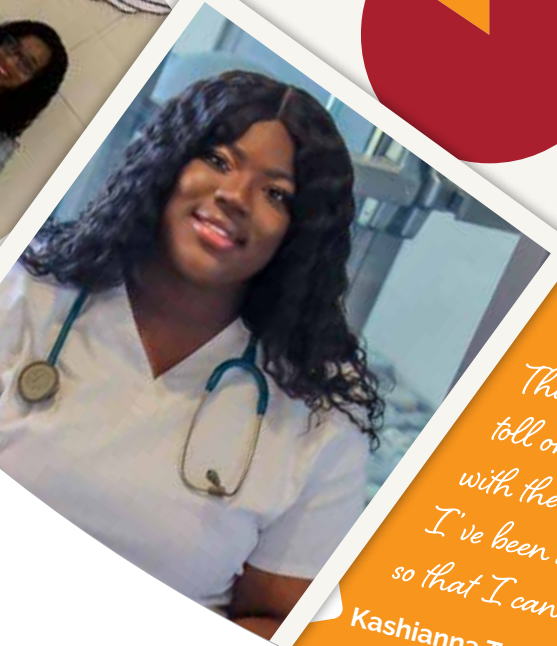


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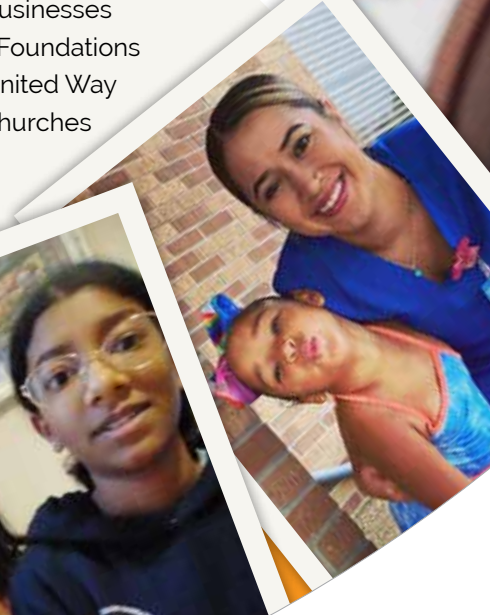


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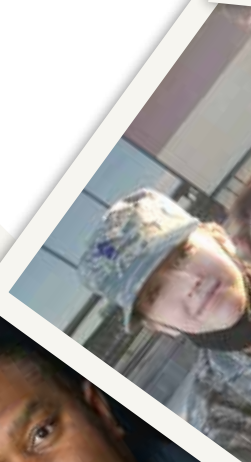
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Tony Thomas, ASPSF Board Member



ASPSF has made it
possible for me to channel
all my focus and energy into
my family and the pursuit of a
higher education.

David Wiggins, Scholarship Recipient



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