

BUILDING BRIDGES *TO SUCCESS*

2024
ANNUAL
REPORT



2024 ASPSF Recipient
Alexis is working on
a bachelor's degree in
criminal justice at
National Park College.

1P
SINGLE
PARENT
scholarship fund

A NOTE FROM OUR CEO

DEAR FRIENDS,

For over 34 years, the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund (ASPSF) has provided a culture of support, equipping single parents to navigate their futures with confidence. In this time, ASPSF has grown to serve 69 of the state's 75 counties, including Bowie County in Texas.

ASPSF's work provides vital support for low-income single parents. Through flexible scholarships designed to be a financial gap filler, student development programs such as job training and life-skills workshops, and individual assistance through mentoring from staff and volunteers, ASPSF helps students attain an education and secure family-supporting wages in the workforce, lifting themselves and their families out of poverty.

None of that work is possible without the help of our volunteers, donors, and advocates like you.

2024 was a year of growth and change for ASPSF. We relocated our headquarters to Central Arkansas, added Jefferson County to our service area, and expanded our fundraising efforts. We partnered with more organizations, providing our students with additional wraparound services and a larger network of support. We also strengthened our relationships with affiliate organizations.

I am grateful for the openness I have received in my first year leading this incredible organization. From our students and volunteers to our advocates and donors, the individuals I have met as I have traveled across the state have been so welcoming and eager to share what ASPSF means to them.

In this annual report, you will find the impact of our collective efforts. I hope you will be as inspired as I am and be moved to join us in 2025. I look forward to all we continue to accomplish together, opening doors for brighter futures.



Jenn Morehead
ASPSF Chief Executive Officer



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1P SINGLE PARENT scholarship fund

THANK YOU

Because of your generosity, single parent students are transforming their lives through higher education. Here, ASPSF Spring 2024 recipients gather for a scholarship ceremony in Jonesboro.



IMPACT NUMBERS

Together, we're building bridges to success — and the impact is undeniable. These numbers show the incredible difference you're making for single parents and their families through Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund.

1,870

Applications Received

144

Graduates

86%

Graduates' Average Income Increase

839

Scholarships Awarded

3.11

Average GPA

49

Student-Development Workshops

\$1,135,200

Scholarship Money Distributed

1,102

Children Impacted



Left: October fundraiser, The Lunch Break, had three incredible speakers (from right): Current recipient Raquelle Roulette, past recipient Kwami Abul-Bey, and supporter Dr. Sherece Y. West-Scantlebury. ASPSF CEO Jenn Morehead (far left) was thrilled to announce the event raised about \$90,000, a 40% increase from 2023. Right: First Community Bank staff shared financial tips with recipients and their families at a Batesville workshop.

BRIDGING THE GAPS

Every day, single parents face gaps — gaps in resources, opportunities, and support. Together, we're bridging those gaps and paving pathways to success for these families across Arkansas, one scholarship at a time.



Left: ASPSF expanded into Jefferson County and has made great connections at University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Center: The ASPSF 2025 Outstanding School Partner Award, Enrollment Under 2,500, went to East Arkansas Community College at The Lunch Break. Right: The 14th annual Garland County Single Parent Style Show raised about \$17,000 in the spring.



Left: Thanks to a grant from the Arden J. Stephens Foundation, about a dozen children of Central Arkansas recipients attended educational summer camps and received school supplies at no cost. Center: A Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament in Jonesboro raised about \$5,200. Right: ASPSF received the 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Acts of Kindness Commitment to Service Award from Ozan-Inghram Iron Mountain Neighborhood Development Corporation in Texarkana. Board Vice President Sharmane Andrews (right) accepts the award from Morgan Warren.

ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

Your donations are empowering Brittany to become a teacher.

For Brittany, every day is a step toward a brighter future for herself, her children, and her students.

For 10 years, she focused on providing for her three children, and even more so after a divorce. She worked in the education sector to make ends meet, but deep down, she knew she wanted more — not just for herself but also for her family.

So Brittany enrolled in online classes at Reach University to become a certified special education teacher. “I returned to school to better my family’s life,” Brittany said. “I love what I do and want to take it further to make a difference for our future leaders.”

Now in her third year of school, she is a pro at studying for classes, working full-time as a paraprofessional at Clarendon High School, coaching softball, and raising her children — all while maintaining straight A’s.

“The biggest thing I’m proud of is that I’m doing all this with no family support — just me and my kids,” Brittany said. “I’m showing them that no matter what life throws at you, you can keep going.”

Brittany’s journey hasn’t been easy, but she’s determined to cross every obstacle. Your donations to Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund are building a bridge that helps Brittany move forward, not only with financial assistance but also with encouragement that keeps her going.

“The scholarship helped me pay bills and buy groceries,” she said. “But more than that, ASPSF staff and volunteers check in on me, sharing kind words. It is more than my own family has done, and it makes me happy to have people like that in my life.”

To the donors who are building bridges for parents like her, Brittany has a simple but powerful message: “Thank you. Your support has been a blessing, and I will forever be grateful.”

Because of your support, Brittany isn’t just surviving — she’s moving forward, step by step, toward a brighter future.



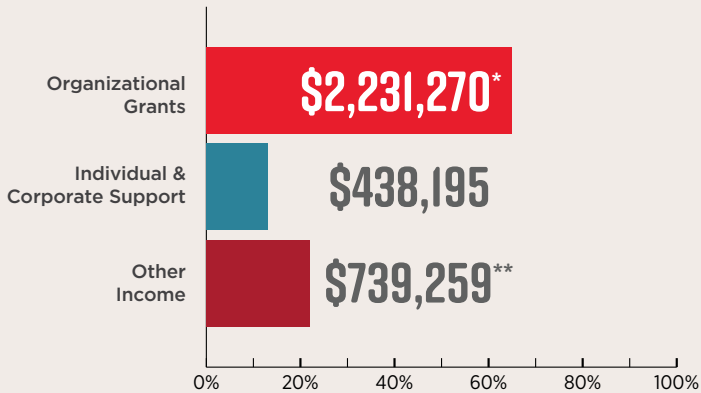
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OUR FINANCIALS

See your generosity in action! Every dollar you give ensures that hardworking single parents have the support they need to achieve their dreams.

INCOME

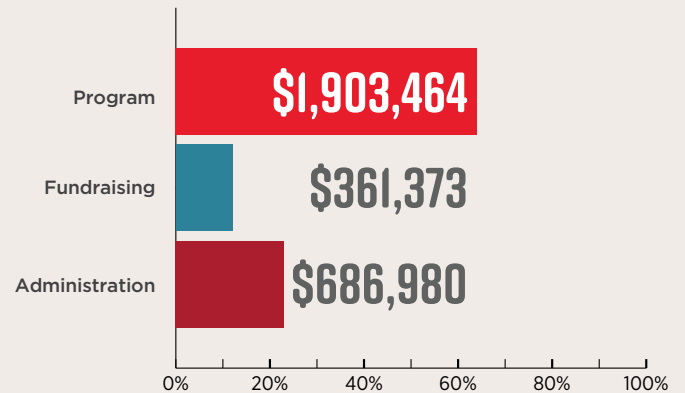


Total = **\$3,408,724**

*\$406,636 in grant funding is restricted for Spring 2025 scholarships.

**Includes endowment and investment income.

EXPENSES



Total = **\$2,951,817**



Volunteers from North Arkansas College gave 530 hours of their time to help single parents.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

573

Annual Donors

314

Volunteers

14¢

Cost Per Dollar Raised

2,139

Total Volunteer Hours

69

Counties Served

\$71,635

Value of Volunteer Time

A COMMUNITY OF CHAMPIONS

We are honored to recognize these incredible donors who **gave gifts of \$2,500 or more in 2024***. Because of their generosity, single parents are overcoming obstacles, earning degrees, and building a stronger future for their families.

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OUR MISSION

Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund provides a culture of support, equipping single parents to navigate their futures with confidence.

Support single parents at:
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“One major factor that made me succeed and made all this possible was **the encouragement and practical support** from ASPSF.”

— Zannon, 2024 Graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock

