

the Honor Role

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Celebrating the Important Role You Play in Single Parent Success

2022 Fall Newsletter



MUSIC FOR ALL

Thanks to generous donors, scholarship recipient Tuesday (left) and her children attended a concert benefiting Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund in Fort Smith by country music star Trey Taylor.



Your gift helped over **2,400 single parents and their children** experience the incredible power of education last year.

Investing in the next generation

Just like you, Gabrielle of Holly Grove believes children are our future!

She used her single parent scholarship to earn a child development associate credential and associate degree.

“And I’m not stopping here!” she said. “My future plans are to enroll in graduate school and eventually own my own daycare.”

Just two semesters away from a bachelor’s degree from the University of Arkansas at Monticello, Gabrielle inspires her boys to work hard for their dreams.



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A note from the executive director

Greetings and happy Fall!

I'm excited to welcome you to this edition of The Honor Role — a newsletter for ASPSF supporters across our ten regions.

As you see on page one, this newsletter celebrates the vital role YOU play in helping our single parent students prepare for success in work and life.

Each quarter, we'll bring you exciting stories to illustrate the difference you're making in the lives of single parents and their children in your community and across our 68 counties.

We'll also introduce you to others from our family of supporters and share news of events and activities.

We invite you to contribute! Email jpara@aspsf.org and tell us why you give. Send us pictures from the ASPSF events you attend. We'd love to feature you or your business in a future edition!

Many thanks,



Ruthanne Hill
Executive Director

Fall Scholarships Awarded

Your generosity funded nearly 400 scholarships to single parents in 68 counties this semester. Enriched by workshops, mentoring, and resources, these single parent families are becoming stronger, more educated, and more self-sufficient.



► Fall 2022 scholarship recipients gathered at the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville for an awards ceremony.

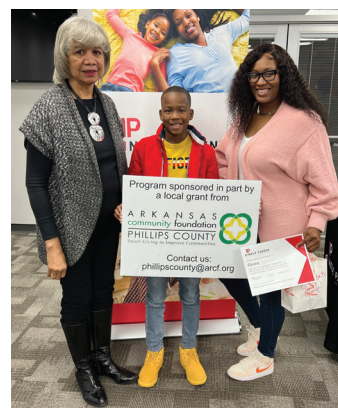


“Receiving this scholarship has provided me help with my tuition expenses, and it has motivated me to stay focused on my studies and maintain good grades without the stressors of worrying.”

**–Juscenta of Jacksonville, Business Major
University of Arkansas at Little Rock**



► Left photo: Jessica of Russellville is a nursing major at Arkansas Tech University.



► Right photo: Thanks to the Phillips County Community Foundation, Ebony (right) of West Helena received a scholarship to study nursing at Phillips Community College. She celebrates with her son and volunteer Edelman Simes.

Supporter spotlight



In memory of Mary Ann Greenwood

Aug. 14, 1940 – Sept. 17, 2022

With heavy hearts, we mourn the loss of Mary Ann Greenwood, the founder of Greenwood Gearhart, Inc. and a longtime ASPSF supporter.

Namesake of the ASPSF Mary Ann Greenwood Endowed Scholarship Fund, she was a past member of the Board of Directors, where she served as Finance and Endowment Chair.

With assistance from Mary Ann and husband, Reed, ASPSF awarded the first two Mary Ann Greenwood Endowment Scholarships in her hometown of Pocahontas in 2018.

After visiting with the recipients and their children over lunch, Mary Ann posed for pictures and encouraged the recipients. "Get as much education as you can," she said. "No one can ever take that away from you!"

ASPSF is proud to honor Mary Ann with 20 scholarships this year and many more in the years to come and to tell each scholar about the great woman for whom their award is named.



Photo captions

1. Edie Stewart, Dr. Charles Donaldson, Mable Donaldson, and Kevin Barnes eat dinner at A Night of Hope in Little Rock.
2. Fort Smith First United Methodist Church Foundation Executive Director Patti Cox (left) and Senior Pastor Bud Reeves present a grant to ASPSF's Abbie Cox.
3. Board Members Mike Weaver of Jonesboro, Ray Winiacki of Texarkana, and Jean Block of Little Rock attend a board meeting.
4. Judy Clem, Joyce Ellis, Brenda Seiz, and Terry Cokes attend the 12th Annual Style Show in Hot Springs.
5. Bonnie Nickol and Patricia Johnson attend A Night of Hope in Little Rock.
6. Nancy, Stacey, and Tom Robertson attend a benefit concert in Fort Smith.
7. First Financial Bank in El Dorado employees Arniteria Meeks, Jamie Goode, and Jade Beer show off items donated at a supply drive.

Why we give



"I truly believe if higher education is important to the parent, the children will likely follow in their footsteps."

-Janet Korenblat of Little Rock, Former SPSF board member & community activist

► **Tell us why you give!** Email a photo & quote to jpara@aspsf.org, and you may be featured in the next newsletter.

Inflation hits single parents hard

Skyrocketing prices are affecting all of us, but especially low-income single moms and dads. Now, more than ever, your donations help these students stay in school and prepare for a brighter future.

► *Scholarship recipients share their thanks*



Thia

► “It is not always easy to manage family, school, and work. This scholarship helps me pay for school expenses and gives me some financial freedom, allowing me to concentrate more on my studies. It brings me joy to be a positive role model for my children.”

Thia of Hot Springs is an integrated studies major at Henderson State University.



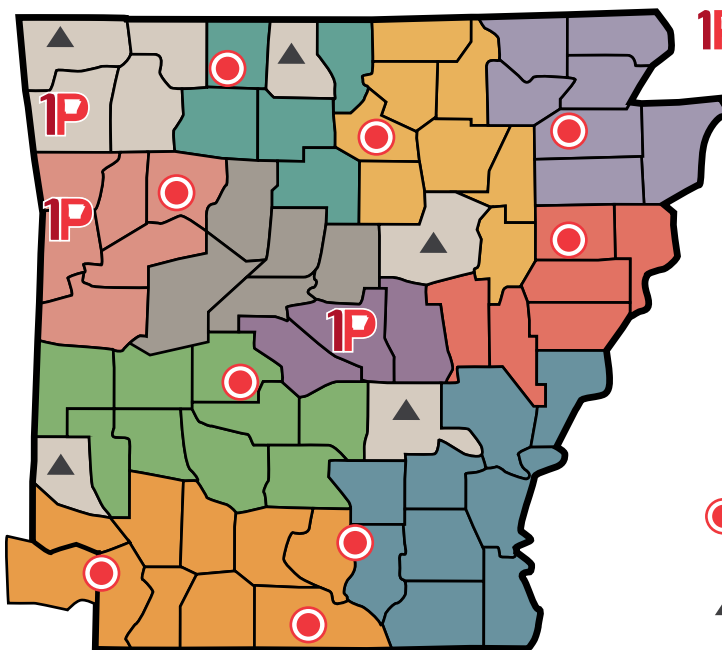
Courtney

► “The workshop seminars benefited me, my family, and my education. The mental health workshop gave me tools to help my children and me deal with difficult situations. And the homebuying workshop gave me the tools I need as an aspiring homeowner.”

Courtney of Hooks, Texas, graduated with a certificate in vehicle collision repair from Texarkana College.

Locations across the state

Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund serves **68 counties** in **10 regions**.



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Help keep tummies full!

School breaks and holidays are always hard on single parent families, and inflation is making it worse. As you shop for your turkey and sides, consider a gift to help our families with groceries during the holidays. Thank you, and Happy Thanksgiving!



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