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Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund

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MARJORIE MARUGG WOLFE HONORED

“Marjorie Marugg Wolfe is a visionary, one who has viewed the impoverishment of women and children with a keen eye and has known instinctively that only through learning can people permanently break the chains of disadvantage. She has been unafraid to devote her life to helping people help themselves, one person at a time.”

Jim von Grep



ing and current Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Foundation board member and on the Benton County Single Parent Scholarship advisory counsel, was awarded the 2005 Community Service Award by the

Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Volunteers along with the Governor’s office. She was one of eight outstanding volunteers chosen from across the state.

Marjorie Wolfe has invested the past twenty-two years with the passion in her heart and the creativity in her mind to the Single Parent Schol-

arship Fund. Through research, motivation and knowledge of what low income single parents need, she has pioneered the way for single parents to educate their lives out of poverty.

As an advocate and a committed volunteer for impoverished adults, Marjorie has changed many lives and we at the Single Parent Scholarship Fund applaud her for this great recognition.

Benton County Tid Bits & Facts

- Celebrating its 20th Anniversary in 2004.
- 370 Scholarships were awarded in 2004 totaling \$359,500.
- 90% recipients are working full/ part-time while attending school and caring for their families.

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➡ Please submit **spring** and/or **summer** semester Scholarship Award Reports ASAP.

➡ Is your supply of promotional evergreen folders running low? Contact Chris Womack for more.

➡ The ASPSF website is getting a new look. Stay tuned!

➡ If you have not submitted your 2004 Follow-up Report, please do so!

➡ Help your applicants get more scholarships! Refer them to www.arkansas scholarship connection.org.

MUSINGS BY RALPH NESSON

We all do a lot of fundraising to create support for Single Parent Scholarships. There is a very wide and varied assortment of strategies among SPSFs to attract needed dollars, many of which are on the cutting edge of innovation. From brunch in the gardens of lovely homes to "dark night" at community theaters to dunking the sheriff at the county fair, we are always coming up with new and different ways to bring in the dollars. Every so often, a fundraising idea may sputter, but we hopefully learn from mistakes and disappointment and move on. One thing, though, is for sure: we need to build a base of donations from every possible source! Dependence on only on or two donors or events may spell disaster.

Disaster is a harsh term to use---it suggests great damage and calamity! What could be worse for a scholarship fund, however, than to experience so severe a loss of support that few or no awards are available to very deserving and needy students? This *is* damaging to the students' belief in us and to

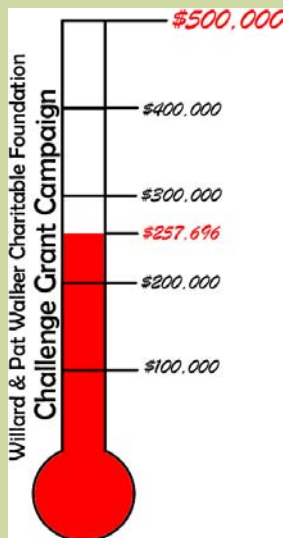
our own self-confidence as board members and leaders. It also suggests to the community that we are not an effective organization.

The way to build a strong base of funding begins with board members willing to make a personal contribution each year. The next step is to call on friends and colleagues of board member to make donations. From there, annual requests to local businesses, civic organizations, churches and foundations will further strengthen the donor base. Annual fundraising events seen as "signature" events with their own identity will be the frosting on the cake. Add to all of these sources memorial contributions, donor/student recognitions and contributions from community-wide events organized by other organizations, and a highly diversified funding base will result.

We are a lively and talented network of leaders and "do-ers" that seldom leave a stone unturned in search of donations for scholarships. This is what made us successful to the tune of over \$994,000 awarded in scholarship in 2004. With a little luck and a whole lot of effort, that dollar figure will be over one million in 2005, thanks to the great diversity of fundraising strategies employed by SPSF affiliates. ■

WALKER CHALLENGE GRANT

We have achieved 52% of our goal and working even harder to complete the match! The deadline for completion is December 31, 2006. All funds raised through the Walker Challenge will go to ASPSF affiliates in increased annual matching grant support. Let us know how you would like to help!



REACHING FOR THE STARS ★



Here are some achievements made by your fellow affiliates and their recipients.

Desha County

The May 2005 University of Arkansas Chancellor' list included the name of Janet E. Tullos. Janet is a resident of McGehee, AR and has two young daughters. After graduating from high school, she attended college one year at Ole Miss and transferred to UAM for one year. After twenty years she decided to return to college. She is presently attending UAM pursuing a major in criminal justice with a minor in Human Services in hopes of pursuing a degree in law. Janet expects to graduate in 2006.

Flora Simon

Sevier County

Sevier County Single Parent Scholarship fundraiser, "Flipping for Scholarship Funds" was held on Tuesday night, March 22, at McDonalds. The All You Can Eat Hotcake Dinner raised over \$600, and will help individuals in the community further their post-secondary education.

Terrie James



Madison County

Madison County SPSF held a golf tournament June 4th at the Oak Ridge Golf Course in Huntsville and raised \$3,195. This was their first official fundraiser, and they were thrilled. They had 2,250 in hole sponsorships, \$800 in golf fees and \$145 in donations. It was a two person scramble and 10 teams participated at \$40 per person. ARVEST Bank of Huntsville provided lunch. Prizes were awarded to the first and second place teams, plus area businesses donated door prizes. "With the SPSF state match, that will mean our efforts resulted in \$6,390 to our County SPSF fund. Thanks!!"

Donna Samples

Cross County

The Cross County town of Wynne gets frequent air time on a local radio show called Yawn Patrol. In a recent radio interview they stated that 16 people have received scholarships totaling over \$21,750, since the first scholarship in spring 2002. They also talk about the great support and sponsors. Cross County had a fundraiser at the movies and raised \$2200.

Kim Dollins

CRAIGHEAD COUNTY FUNDRAISER

Former NFL tight end and Arkansas native Keith

Jackson grew up in a single-parent household. Keith joined Craighead County on April 29th for a successful fundraising dinner. Keith Jackson was the featured speaker. With education as the theme of his speech, Jackson spoke about the importance of education.

"This Single Parent Scholarship Fund is an inspiration to all of Arkansas."

Holiday Inn donated \$600 in meeting space. Tickets were \$25 each. Approximately 130-140 people attended. A silent auction raised over \$1,500.

A local magazine, local ABC affiliate and local newspaper covered the event.

Craighead County, one of the SPSF affiliates mentored by the Delta Scholarship Program, was organized in 1993. In 2003 and 2004, CCSPSF awarded 30 scholarships worth \$12,500.

Wendy Alexander

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PORTRAIT OF A SUCCESSFUL RECIPIENT

Edith Greenwood with the Nevada County Single Parent Scholarship offered to share the following letter her organization received from one of their recipients.

To the Members of the Single Parent Scholarship Foundation,

How can I possible thank you for your constant support in receiving the single parent scholarship in September 2004 and in January 2005. You helped me a great deal with my future plans to continue my education.

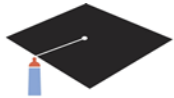
Since then I have advanced to finish courses I needed to receive the Associate of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education. I will graduate on May 10, 2005 at the University of Arkansas CCH in Hope, Arkansas. I took Mrs. Janet McAdams advice, which was the best

thing I ever did. I did not want to see my future go down the drain because of low finances.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to every member in the Single Parent Scholarship Foundation for your concerns and help. You helped when I needed help and you can do the same for other single parents.
Sincerely,
Mildred Scott

Nevada County Tid Bites & Facts

- SPSF of Nevada County was incorporated on September 23, 2003.
- 4 awarded scholarships of \$500 each.
- Have several applicants for the fall semester



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