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*****Press Release*****

Single Parent Scholarship Fund of NWA Announced Merger with Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County with Merger Celebration

What: Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Northwest Arkansas (SPSFNWA) hosted a celebration to commemorate the merging of Single Parent Scholarship Fund of NWA and Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County (SPSFBC) into one combined organization. This merger comes after many years of planning and collaboration to be able to serve more recipients and strengthen the Northwest Arkansas workforce and economy.

SPSFNWA Marketing and Communications Director **Katie Marie Glenn** welcomed approximately 100 attendees, as well as those viewing virtually. SPSFNWA Board Chair **Shelle Summers** and Vice Chair **Randy Werner** introduced student speakers.

SPSFBC graduate **Heather Hodge** shared her gratitude to the supporters who have helped her along the way:
"I would not have had the confidence or ability to work in all these areas without the support and guidance of the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County."

SPSFNWA current recipient **Hillary Bell** shared what she hopes her children see in her:
"I'm showing them determination, ambition, and that no matter what obstacles may be thrown your way you can learn through grace and forgiveness and keep moving forward to achieve your goals."

SPSFNWA Chief Executive Officer **Tyler B. Clark** spoke about the bright future that SPSFNWA has with this merger and thanked the many volunteers and staff that dedicated hours of work into seeing this to fruition.
"With our staff, board of directors, Community Ambassadors, Alumni Network, Committee Volunteers and donors, the next 37 years look just as bright as the last."

When & Where: Wednesday, July 7th 11AM | Record Downtown, 104 SW A Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

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Over the past 37 years, Single Parent Scholarship Fund of NWA and Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County have collectively given away 20,160 scholarships, totaling over \$15.3 million dollars and impacting thousands of families.

