

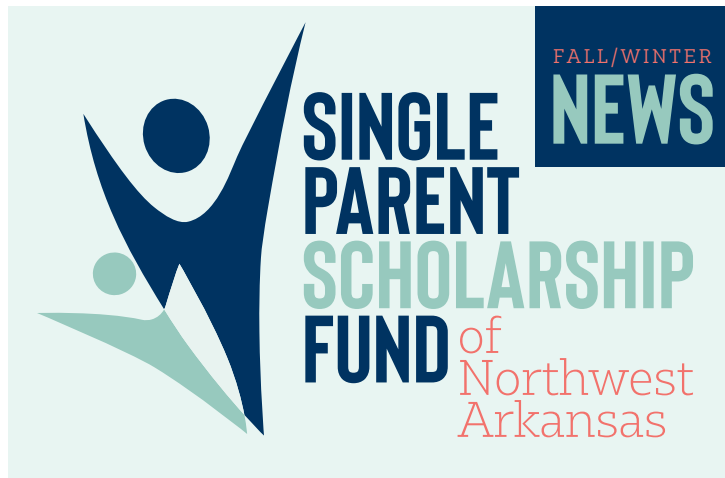
Dear Friends,

Fall has always been my favorite time of year, a season full of fresh starts, new possibilities, and renewed energy. This fall feels especially meaningful as I begin my first season as Chief Executive Officer of the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Northwest Arkansas. It is an honor to step into this role and continue the important work of *changing lives by encouraging personal success*. I am grateful to serve alongside you, our donors, volunteers, partners, alumni, and recipients, as we work together to empower single parents and strengthen families.

This fall, more than 200 single parents are walking onto campuses across Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties. They are carrying backpacks, dreams, and the hopes of their children with them, determined to build a better future. They are studying late at night after bedtime routines, finding creative ways to juggle work schedules, and showing their children what perseverance looks like.

Because of your generosity, these parents have access to scholarships, counseling, and support systems that help them stay the course. Every gift you give is more than financial assistance, it is encouragement, hope, and the belief that they can achieve their goals.

As we turn the page into this new season, I invite you to join me in cheering on our recipients. Celebrate every test passed, every challenge overcome, and every step toward graduation, because these victories belong to all of us.



Thank you for walking alongside us and for being a vital part of this community of support. Together, we are building opportunity. Together, we are Building For Success.

With gratitude,

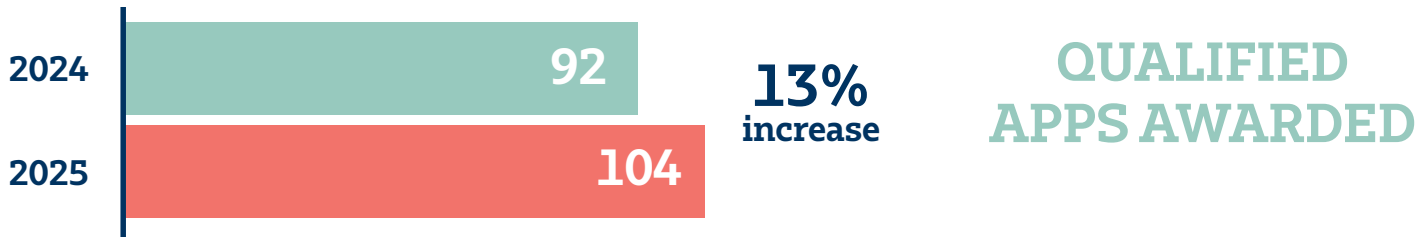
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SPARK OF HOPE

SPSFNWA hosted our 23rd Annual **Spark of Hope** event in July. This inspiring evening was dedicated to celebrating the achievements of our scholarship recipients, alumni, and the generous supporters who make our mission possible.

The night was filled with heartfelt moments, as hosts **Kyle Kellams** of KUAF and **Jaclyn House** of KNWA/FOX24 guided guests through a program that highlighted the remarkable journeys of our recent graduates from Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties.

A highlight of the evening was hearing from current recipients **Tasha Benz** and **Gloria Fuller**, along with alumna **Tammy Oakes**, who each shared powerful stories of resilience, transformation, and the life-changing impact of community support.

We are grateful to each of these honorees for their unwavering commitment to our mission.

Our Spark of Hope event was more than a celebration; it was a reminder of the power of community, the strength of single parents, and the brighter futures that lie ahead when we work together.



Ashton Donham, Tasha Benz, Bobbie Benz



Hershey & Denise Garner, Frankie Rankin, Anthony Sumlin

The event also gave us the chance to recognize outstanding partners who go above and beyond to support single parents in Northwest Arkansas:

Outstanding Individuals:
Hershey & Denise Garner

Outstanding Corporate Partner:
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Outstanding Community Partner:
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Gloria Fuller

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE THRU

On July 31st, we celebrated back-to-school with our fall recipients and their kids with a drive thru pickup. 200 brand-new backpacks filled with the essentials were given out, and parents got a scholarship of \$100 per child to help pay for clothes, shoes, and other needs. We had great volunteers who were able to stuff backpacks and donate supplies. Special appreciation to Coldwell Banker Harris McHaney & Faucette and Keller Williams for their support. Thanks to Leo the Bryers Ice Cream Man for keeping us cool in the heat and providing sweet treats for the children.



ARCONIC FOUNDATION

Thank you, Arconic Foundation, for believing in our scholars and the power of education to transform lives!

Their recent \$30,000 grant will directly support scholarships and recipient programming, helping single parents in Northwest Arkansas pursue higher education and break the generational cycle of poverty.



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BUILDING FOR SUCCESS: A NEW CHAPTER FOR SPSFNWA

This year, SPSFNWA embarked on one of the most significant milestones in our history, the Building for Success Capital Campaign. With a fundraising goal of \$7.4 million, this campaign will fund the construction of our future home: The Pat Walker Center for Success.

The need for this campaign is clear. For more than 40 years, SPSFNWA has walked alongside single parents in Northwest Arkansas, helping them pursue higher education and breaking the generational cycle of poverty. With the new campus, we will create a centrally located hub where families can easily access the support they need. The space will allow us to expand our services, create collaborative learning and counseling spaces, and provide a welcoming center where single parents and their families can thrive.

In June, we went public with the campaign at a Tent Party Celebration on the grounds of our future campus, located at Har-Ber Meadows in Springdale. Supporters, community partners, alumni, and friends gathered to celebrate the impact of SPSFNWA and hear stories of transformation that highlight why this project is so vital. The energy of that day launched the public phase of the campaign with excitement and hope.



Rendering of New Building: Front View



Rendering of New Building: Side View, Therapeutic Garden

“ The Building for Success campaign represents our commitment to developing and upskilling not just single parents but, lifting up their children as well. This facility will help us not only reach more of the single parents in our area, it will help us provide much needed wrap-around support services. From counseling and pantry support to providing school supplies and empowerment training, these initiatives reduce the burden and help address key issues that single parents face while in school. We are deeply grateful for the community's support, which not only fuels our mission but also amplifies our impact across Northwest Arkansas. Together, we are building brighter futures and a stronger community for generations.

Anthony Sumlin,
Board Chairman

With the support of generous donors and community partners, SPSFNWA is well on its way to making this vision a reality. Every contribution—big or small—brings us one step closer to opening the doors of the Pat Walker Center for Success.

MABEE FOUNDATION CHALLENGE GRANT

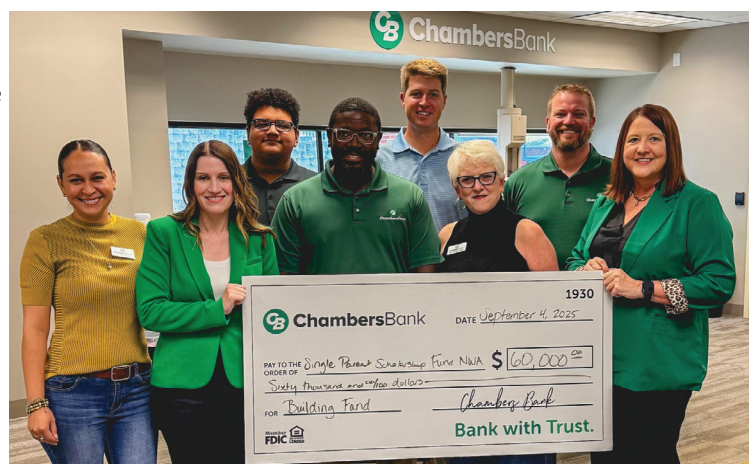


SPSFNWA received a challenge grant from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation in support of our Building for Success Capital Campaign. **WE need YOUR help to Unlock The Gift!**

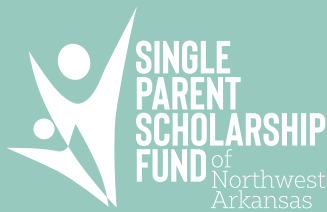
To fully realize the Mabee Foundation's support, we must raise \$1.8 million by April 2026.

Every dollar you donate brings us closer to unlocking this incredible \$1M gift that will transform the future for single parents in Northwest Arkansas.

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Become part of a community that is transforming lives through education. When you join the Sustaining Scholars Society, your monthly gift of any amount provides vital support for scholarships and services that empower single parents and their families.

As a member, you'll also enjoy special updates, early insights into upcoming projects and events, and personal messages from our scholarship recipients—keeping you connected to the impact you make possible.