

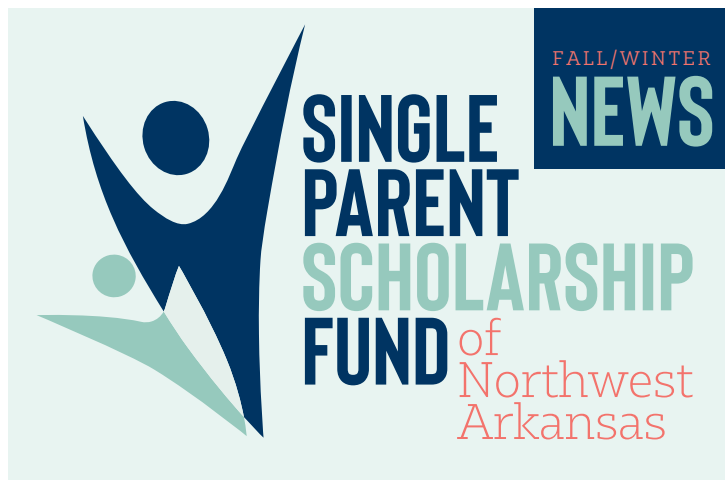
A LETTER FROM OUR CEO:

We often share the impact of SPSFNWA through numbers such as scholarships awarded, graduates celebrated, and families served. But the true impact of this work is best understood through the stories of the single parents and children behind those numbers. This fall, I hope you'll take a few minutes to watch a special video that captures the heart of why we do this work.

You'll meet **Erin**, who once wondered if she would make it through her first semester of college and went on to earn her master's degree; **Kat**, who shares her journey of rebuilding her life and discovering that she, too, was worthy of a better future; and **Leia**, a mother of four who is continuing her education to become a nurse practitioner while rebuilding a life of safety and stability for her family. You'll also hear from **Rowan, Kat's daughter**, whose perspective is a beautiful reminder that when a single parent pursues an education, their children are watching, learning, and dreaming alongside them.

Their circumstances are different, but each story reminds us of something important: single parents do not lack motivation. They are working incredibly hard toward their goals, often while navigating challenges many of us will never see.

At SPSFNWA, our role is to make sure they don't have to navigate those challenges alone. Scholarships are an important part of that work, but as these families so beautifully demonstrate, the impact reaches far beyond financial assistance. It is encouragement, resources, counseling, community, and someone believing in you when you may be struggling to believe in yourself.



And that impact doesn't end at graduation. It carries into children, careers, workplaces, and ultimately our entire Northwest Arkansas community.

I hope you'll take a few minutes to hear these stories. They are a powerful reminder of what your support makes possible, and why investing in single-parent families can change the trajectory of generations.

Frankie Rankin, CFRE
Chief Executive Officer



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WATCH VIDEO



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Kat Fahey & Daughter Rowan Fahey
Master's Degree
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SPARK^{OF} HOPE



SPSFNWA hosted our 24th Annual Spark of Hope event in July 2026, welcoming more than 300 guests for an inspiring evening celebrating the achievements of our scholarship recipients and alumni, along with the supporters who make our mission possible. Emcees **Kyle Kellams** of KUAF and **Jaclyn House** of KNWA/FOX24 guided guests through a meaningful program highlighting the determination and accomplishments of single-parent families across Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties.

Guests heard moving stories from **Hailey Edwards** and **Katie Gallagher**, as well as **Rowynn Fahey**, who shared a child's perspective on the impact of SPSFNWA's support. The evening also honored **Chris and Jene' Huffman-Gilreath** for their dedication to our mission and the families we serve.

Together, our community raised **\$108,841.50** to support local single parents pursuing higher education. Spark of Hope was more than a celebration. It was a powerful reminder of what single parents can accomplish when a caring community invests in their goals.



↑ Learn more about our Spark of Hope Honorees
Chris and Jene' Huffman-Gilreath



Hailey Edwards



Katie Gallagher



Jene' Huffman-Gilreath, Chris Gilreath and Frankie Rankin



GROUNDBREAKING EVENT

We are preparing to break ground on the Pat Walker Center for Success, the future home of Single Parent Scholarship Fund of NWA!

This new campus in Springdale will bring scholarships, coaching, counseling, technology resources and other supportive services together in one welcoming location designed for single-parent families.

Plans for our groundbreaking celebration are underway, and event details will be announced soon. Scan the QR code to learn more about the project and find the latest groundbreaking information as it becomes available.

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Thanks to the success of our Back-to-School Challenge and generous donations from Coldwell Banker, First Security Bank, Spade 33, Star Mechanical and Chambers Bank, we collected enough backpacks and school supplies to serve every eligible school-age child in our program.

This year, 318 children in grades K-12 were eligible to receive support, and more than 300 backpacks were donated for our families. This was one of the largest back-to-school donations we have received in many years, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make it possible.

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Join us at Kendra Scott in **Pinnacle Hills Promenade** on **Thursday, November 12, from 5 to 7 p.m.** During this special giveback event, 20% of your in-store purchase will benefit SPSFNWA scholarships and supportive services.

Whether you are shopping for someone special or treating yourself, your purchase will help single parents pursue their educational goals and create lasting opportunities for their families.



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Thank you, Arconic Foundation, for believing in our scholars and the power of education to transform lives! Their recent \$25,000 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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