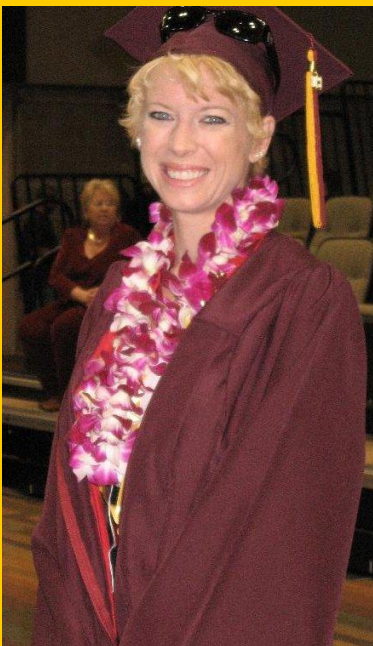


Success Happens Here!

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Tasha now works as a nurse thanks to the synergy generated by our partners



Thanks to Valley of the Sun United Way, Shelby is gainfully employed as an R.N.

"The Whole Is More Than The Sum Of The Parts"

Greek philosopher Aristotle wrote that adage over 2,000 years ago. Today we use the word "synergy" to mean "the interaction of two or more agents or forces so that their combined effect is greater than the sum of their individual effects." We at Helping Hands attribute our success to the synergy of five key parts that include:

- More than fifty community partners;
- Hundreds of volunteers;
- The investment of our funding agencies;
- Hundreds of individual donors; and
- Blessings from above.

This synergy is exponentially increased by the commitment and sacrifices of the moms as they attend college full time. The results of our efforts are plain to see: Our group of single moms, a group that traditionally struggles mightily to succeed in college, have collectively achieved an 81% college graduation rate - far above the national average.

Although we wish we had the space to acknowledge every organization and individual who has contributed to our success, we do want to take the opportunity to share with you a sample of those who make what we do possible.

Valley of the Sun United Way has invested in Helping Hands since 2005. They began as the financial sponsor for our "Together We Can" research project. In the subsequent years they became a major funder for the financial benefits of our single moms. In 2011 - 2012 Valley of the Sun United Way will provide financial benefits for 22 of Helping Hands 54 moms. We deeply appreciate the support we have received from Valley of the Sun United Way as well as the various training and resources that they offer. Valley of the Sun United Way isn't just a "funder" they are a true community partner.



Jon and Susan Sweet



NARPRO kept Kelly "on the road and in college." Today, Kelly is employed as a math teacher.



Holiday for Heroes

Jon and Susan Sweet have volunteered for Helping Hands for Single Moms during the past two years. Susan has helped with special events, miscellaneous office tasks, and updates to our data base. Jon serves on our Board of Directors. In their two years of service, the Sweets have made a major impact on our organization and have deeply touched the lives of the Helping Hands moms. We recently asked Jon why he has embraced the Helping Hands mission and he wrote:

"Helping Hands meets the needs of single moms, an often overlooked group, in a holistic way. In addition to educational funding, they provide a long list of services and support (offered at little or no cost) which helps these struggling young women do more than keep their heads above water while juggling almost overwhelming responsibilities. Very few organizations can point to empirical evidence of such success while ensuring that an extremely high percentage of the funding goes directly to its intended recipients. It surprises me that more attention isn't paid to single moms as they desire to better their lives and improve the future of their children, our next generation. Watching my mom struggle in similar circumstances, I vowed to get involved and make a difference."

NARPRO (The Network of Neighborhood Auto Repair Professionals) has played an invaluable role in the success of Helping Hands moms by providing them with no cost auto repair. In the coming months this newsletter will highlight NARPRO and share more information about how they contribute to the success of our organization.

Holiday for Heroes

We invite you to become a part of the synergy of the Helping Hands for Single Moms program. If you live in the Phoenix Metropolitan area we are looking for sponsors to adopt Helping Hands moms for our "Holiday for Heroes" event on December 17th. You (or your group) can honor a Helping Hands mom for her year of hard work and success in college as well as provide Holiday gifts for her children. To become a sponsor please call Chris at 602-796-7875 or Joanne at 602-475-1718 or by emailing Chris at chris.coffman@HelpingHandsForSingleMoms.org.

You can also make a donation to Helping Hands for Single Moms by clicking on the Donate Now link below.

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