



HELPING HANDS FOR SINGLE MOMS TUCSON Program Update – August 2016

"I gave birth on a Wednesday and was back in class Monday morning. Nursing school does not provide maternity leave - you are either in or you're out. It was difficult, to say the least, but I couldn't stop. I couldn't give up. Helping Hands for Single Moms supports single mothers in completing our education, helps our families, and improves our future."

- Lirio Dichochea, B.S.N.



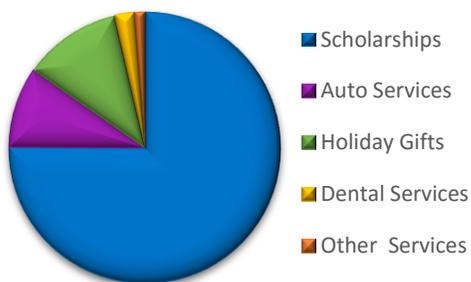
Thanks to the early support of community partners and donors, Helping Hands for Single Moms Tucson (HHT) has been able to successfully launch in the Tucson community, establish partnerships with local businesses, foundations and service providers and position itself for future growth. Because of donors like you, we have been able to make a significant impact in the lives of single mothers in Pima county as summarized in the below report.

Thank you for ongoing support and confidence in Helping Hands for Single Moms Tucson.

2015 COMMUNITY IMPACT

In 2015, its first year of operation, HHT distributed approximately \$42,000 to single-mom college students and their families through scholarships and services

2015 Program Distributions



With a graduation rate of 89% and a combined 3.46 average GPA, HHT participants have entered the workforce and are now earning an average salary of over \$41,000 annually. This represents a 355% increase in annual average salary.

As reported by College Success Arizona¹, each college graduate contributes \$660,000 to the economy over his or her lifetime through increased earnings, paying more in taxes, and depending less

on social services. HHT 2015 graduates represent a potential \$5.3 million contribution back to our local community, a significant long-term impact on Tucson's economic well-being.

2016 PROGRAM UPDATE

With awards totaling over \$33,000 in 2016 and a wait list of over 30 applicants, HHT has reached a pivotal point where its long-term success and ability to assist more families depends on the continued support of community leaders like you.

2016 Cohort

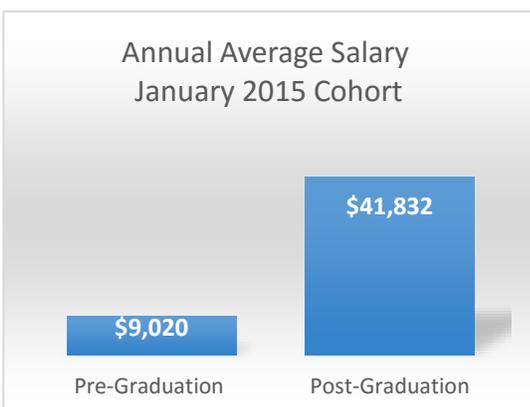
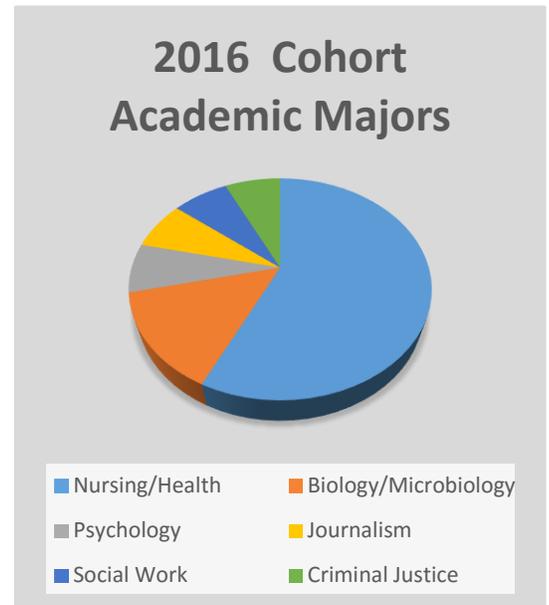
This year's cohort includes 14 single mothers and 22 children, representing five fields of study including nursing, biology, psychology, journalism, social work, and criminal justice. These women earned a combined average 3.32 GPA and completed 164 credit hours in the spring semester.

Spring Graduates

Three of our 2016 cohort participants graduated with a combined 3.55 average GPA. Acascia graduated with high honors Phi Theta Kappa and has transitioned to the University of Arizona as a pre-med student. Danyelle graduated with a 4.0 and is continuing in a dual Bachelor/Master program in journalism. Mindy passed her final board exam with a perfect score, accepted a dental hygienist position and will return for her bachelor degree.

Program Services

Program services have been expanded to include additional dental providers, laptops, online platform for graduates and current participants, Girl Scouts campership opportunities, feminine products and access to professional attire. Through our bi-monthly Single Moms College Community Meetings, participants form a support system with their peers and are provided with life skills and financial literacy education. Our meetings thus far have included: Getting to Know You, Vision for the Future, Meet the Graduates, Launch Party Networking, Practicalities of Car Buying, Budgeting 101, Promotional Video, A Journey through Single Motherhood (panel presentation and discussion with successful business women who have journeyed through single motherhood).



Organizational Achievements

Built upon the early momentum and support from The Steele Foundation, HHT has seen tremendous growth in leadership, program expansion and community support.

Our initiative to create a life changing impact on Tucson's women and children, local workforce, and economy could not be possible without a network of community collaborators who have joined efforts to help lift these families out of poverty. HHT has

established relationships with local colleges and universities as well as other businesses and non-profits including, but not limited to: YWCA, AXA Financial, Eagles Wings of Grace, Wings for Women, AZ Earn to Learn, TMA, 4Tucson, Teenage Parent High School, Automotive Partners Funding, Jim Click Automotive Team, NY Life, Girls Scouts of Southern Arizona, University of Arizona Eller College of Management Ad Cats and 4Tucson.

HHT was featured at the 2016 Women's Foundation Luncheon attended by 1000+ community members, with guest speaker and alumna Lirio Dichochea as well as appearances in The Morning Blend, 4Tucson at 4:00 Mike Shaw Radio Show, Sonoran News, Scholarship Universe, 4Tucson Publication and Sundt Foundation live interview.

By 2020, sixty-eight percent of all jobs in Arizona will require some form of postsecondary education. A college degree is essential in transforming the lives of low-income women and their children, from poverty to prosperity. Our proven, comprehensive approach offers a successful strategy for our scholarship recipients to reach that goal and could not be possible without your support. Thank you.

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"Receiving this scholarship has changed my life."



Adjusting to life as a single mother and student was challenging, but education was Danyelle's pathway out of poverty and toward financial independence.

"I've found my true purpose—something I am passionate about, really good at, and with which I can make a difference in my community and the world."

Danyelle recently received car repair services, avoiding a potential transportation crisis.

"Having a safe running vehicle is crucial to my ability to get Rio to school and get myself to class. My radiator had been cracking for months, and I had been patching it, unsure of how I was going to afford replacing it." Thanks to our community partner, the Jim Click Automotive Team, Danielle was quickly back on the road to achieving her goals.

- Danyelle Khmara, A.A.