



  
**Helping Hands**  
FOR SINGLE MOMS



# Celebrating 500



**2025**  
ANNUAL  
REPORT





Sylvia Canizales ↗



↑ Allie Johnson

# FROM THE DIRECTOR

500 single moms. 500 walks across the stage. 500 careers launched and legacies begun. More than 1,500 lives changed (including children) and hundreds of thousands served each year by our graduates as nurses, teachers, social workers, and more. In December 2025, we surpassed our 500th success story!

From our first graduate, Sylvia Canizales, now a teacher of 20 years shaping the lives of hundreds of low-income children, to our 500th, Allie Johnson, an RN in a Neuro Trauma PCU who chose this path to help people through life’s most vulnerable moments, their stories reflect a common thread.

Across two decades and many career paths, our 500 graduates share a deep commitment to their children, the perseverance to overcome obstacles, and the support of people like you through your generosity, time, and belief in their future.

Thank you for being part of this work and all God is doing to help single moms earn a college education and move their families toward financial independence.

If you’re new to Helping Hands for Single Moms, I invite you to join us. Invest in success.

My contact information is below—I’d welcome the conversation.

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# OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES

## 2025 STATS

Milestone:

**500th** Single Mom Graduate!

**23 credits**

Average number of credits earned

Average  
GPA  
**3.2**

**55**  
graduates  
in 2025



**Adrianna A.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona College of Nursing. She is working as an RN for Dignity Health.



**Alexandra J.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Grand Canyon University. She is working as an RN for Banner Health.



**Alexis C.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Grand Canyon University. She is working as an RN for Dignity Health.



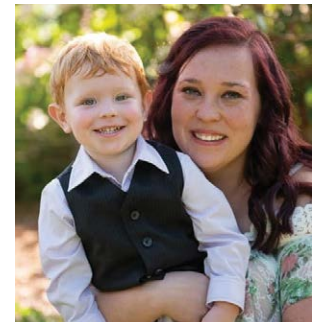
**Alina M.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona College of Nursing. She is currently working as a Caregiver and Customer Service Rep for Medicare, while she explores RN opportunities.



**Alix A.**

Bachelor of Science in Business, University of Phoenix. She is working as a Senior AR Specialist and Credit Analyst for a local financial company.



**Amber M.**

Certificate of Completion in Practical Nursing, Phoenix Community College. She is awaiting entrance into the RN program.

# OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES



**Amber M.**

Bachelor of Science in Social Work, Arizona State University. She is currently pursuing an MSW.



**Ambio A.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona College of Nursing. She is preparing to take the NCLEX exam this spring.



**Andrea G.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona College of Nursing. She is working as an RN for Banner Health.



**Aspen C.**

Associate degree in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Glendale Community College and Northern Arizona University. She is working as an RN for Banner Health.



**Avona C.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona College of Nursing. She has passed the NCLEX exam and is looking forward to a career in nursing.



**Azalea H.**

Associate degree in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Phoenix College and ASU. She is working as an RN for Banner Health.



**Beth T.**

Associate degree in Nursing, GateWay Community College. She is working as an RN for a local hospice facility.



**Betty M.**

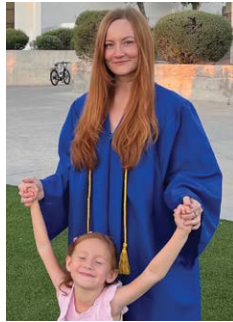
Certificate of Completion in Business, Chandler-Gilbert Community College. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Health.

# OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES



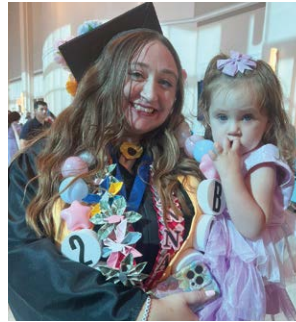
**Brenda Z.**

Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Arizona State University. She is interviewing and exploring job opportunities.



**Brianna B.**

Associate degree in Nursing, Carrington College. She is working as an RN for a local healthcare facility.



**Brianna P.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona College of Nursing. She is working as an RN for Banner Health.



**Caitlyn J.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona College of Nursing. She is working as an RN for HonorHealth.



**Carolina R.**

Associate degree in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Estrella Mountain Community College and Northern Arizona University. She is working as an RN for Banner Health.



**Cintia R.**

Associate degree in Nursing, Scottsdale Community College. She is working as a Nurse Extern, while pursuing a BSN.



**Corrina B.**

Associate degree in Nursing, GateWay Community College. She is working as an RN-Cardiac PCU for Banner Health.



**Courtney M.**

Associate degree in Social Work, Chandler-Gilbert Community College. She is currently pursuing a BSW.

# OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES



**Cristina T.**

Associate degree in Nursing, Phoenix College. She is working as a Nursing Supervisor for a local healthcare facility for veterans.



**Danica B.**

Associate degree in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing, GateWay Community College and Grand Canyon University. She is working as an RN for a local hospital.



**Danielle H.**

Associate degree in Cybersecurity, DeVry University. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Information Tech and Networking.



**Debbie P.**

Certificate of Completion in Practical Nursing, GateWay Community College. She is working as an LPN for a local healthcare center.



**Diamond D.**

Associate degree in Nursing, GateWay Community College. She is working as an RN for Banner Health.



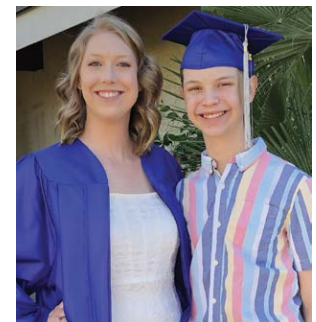
**Dominique M.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona College of Nursing. She is working as an RN for Banner Health.



**Ebony W.**

Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies, Bryan University. Currently working on a Master's degree in Legal Studies at ASU.



**Elizabeth C.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona State University. She has passed the NCLEX exam and is exploring RN opportunities.

# OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES



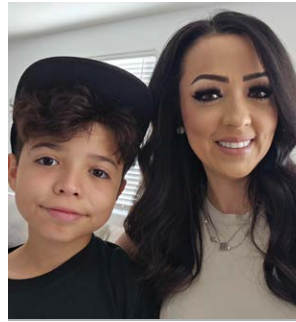
**Heaven S.**

PhD in Leadership and Innovation, ASU. She is working as the Director of the Early Childhood Education Center for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.



**Jacqueline B.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona College of Nursing. She has passed the NCLEX exam and will be working as an RN soon.



**Janet B.**

Associate degree in Nursing, Glendale Community College. She is preparing to take the NCLEX exam in the spring.



**Jessica B.**

Certificate of Completion in Practical Nursing, Glendale Community College. She has been accepted into an RN program and will begin in the fall.



**Jessica S.**

Associate degree in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Chandler-Gilbert Community College and Grand Canyon University. She is working as an RN for a local pediatric home care health system.



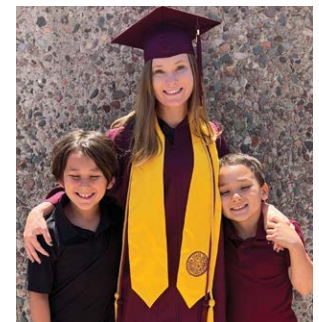
**Jocelyn A.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona College of Nursing. She is currently working at a local hospital as a Patient Care Tech, while she prepares to take the NCLEX exam this spring.



**Karina C.**

Associate degree in Nursing, Phoenix College. She has passed the NCLEX exam and is exploring job opportunities.



**Katelyn T.**

Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences, Arizona State University. She is working at a local elementary school in Special Education.

# OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES



**Kelly K.**

Associate degree in Nursing, Scottsdale Community College. She is working as an RN for Banner Health, while pursuing a BSN.



**Kinley L.**

Associate degree in Nursing, Scottsdale Community College. She is working as an RN for Banner Health.



**Leiana W.**

Associate degree in Nursing, Glendale Community College. She is working as an LPN at a local healthcare center, while she prepares to take the NCLEX in the spring.



**Madeleine P.**

Associate degree in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Mesa Community College and ASU. She is working as an RN for HonorHealth.



**Maria R.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona College of Nursing. She is working as an RN at a local healthcare facility.



**Michelle H.**

Associate degree in Nursing, Estrella Mountain Community College. She is working as an RN for Banner Health.



**Michelle P.**

Associate degree in Nursing, Paradise Valley Community College. She is pursuing a BSN while working as an RN for Banner Health.



**Morgan G.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Brookline College. She is working as an RN for Banner Health.

# OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES



**Nova P.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona College of Nursing. She is working as an RN for Dignity Health.



**Paloma R.**

Associate degree in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing, GateWay Community College and Northern Arizona University. She is working as an RN for Banner Health.



**Rebecca B.**

Associate degree in Administration of Justice, Mesa Community College. She is pursuing a BA in Administration of Justice at ASU.



**Rina B.**

Associate degree in Nursing, Paradise Valley Community College. She is working as an RN for a local healthcare center.



**Rosalina C.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona College of Nursing. She is working as an RN for a local hospital.



**Simone H.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona College of Nursing. She is working as an RN for Banner Health.



**Taylor L.**

Bachelor of Science in Business, University of Phoenix. She is working as a kindergarten teacher at a local charter school, while she pursues a Master of Social Work at Grand Canyon University.



**Xantia F.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Arizona College of Nursing. She is working as an RN for Banner Health.

# CELEBRATING WITH EDDIE JOHNSON & FRIENDS



Eddie Johnson & Friends Celebrity Events 2025 was, once again, a tremendous success, bringing our community of business leaders, athletes, and individuals together for three days of generosity and encouragement.

Spirited competition at the poker tables, and on the golf course, as well as a sold-out gala contributed to a weekend designed to share the heart behind our mission - celebrating the resilience and achievements of our single mom college students, and graduates.

The gala featured special recognition of our alumni nurses, an inspiring story from a soon-to-be graduate, and laughter from the stage with guest comedian, Karen Mills. Thoughtful remarks from Eddie Johnson (himself the son of a single mom) reminded guests of the impact their support has on the lives of single moms and their children.

Nearly \$300,000 was raised from this signature event, a reminder of what is possible when the community comes together with purpose. All proceeds directly support scholarships and critical wraparound services that empower the moms to finish strong!





# CELEBRATING AT THE HOLIDAYS

Holiday Happiness brought our community together, once again, to celebrate the season with love, gratitude, and joy.

Volunteers dedicated 206 volunteer hours wrapping gifts, 441 volunteer hours shopping, and 137.5 volunteer hours supporting the event. With each volunteer hour valued at \$30, their generosity and incredible efforts helped make the holiday season brighter for our families.

Our morning kicked off with inspiring voices from our own community:

- Michelle Campuzano, CEO of Anod Care Services (and current Helping Hands for Single Moms Board President, as well as a proud alumna), delivered a powerful keynote that motivated and uplifted everyone in the room. She reminded our moms of their strength, resilience, and potential.

- Current scholar and December graduate, Amber Means, shared her personal journey in her speech, “1 of 500,” highlighting how the program is shaping her path, putting a spotlight on the milestone of our 500th Helping Hands graduate.

Thanks to the thoughtful donors, volunteers, and sponsors, gifts totaling \$45,454 were provided to our families. In addition, each mom received a very special surprise gift: generous holiday funds (made possible by the Louise Huber Memorial Fund).

The day was filled with warmth, joy, and the collective spirit of giving which makes this celebration so meaningful.



## CELEBRATING WITH **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

For over 24 years, Helping Hands for Single Moms has received overwhelming support from businesses, churches, and academic institutions across the Valley. These partners demonstrate their commitment to our mission every day by providing valuable services to our program scholars at no cost to them.

In 2025, **more than 80 partners contributed over \$232,000 in services** to support 144 single mom college students and their children, helping them stay focused on their education and their path toward a brighter future.



“Congratulations on such an amazing accomplishment! HHFSM and all of these amazing women are breaking down barriers for future women. The young boys and girls that are watching what you all are doing have role models better than any superhero they could see on TV. Thanks for all that you do!”

— STACEY JARRETT  
Owner, Christian Brothers

“Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity in fixing my car. As someone who is balancing work, school, internship and family, your help means a lot to me. Also, the car was finished just in time for my daughter’s first basketball game tomorrow! **Your help has lifted a huge weight off my shoulder and helped my family stay on track during a very busy season.** I am truly grateful for your support!”

— STEPHANIE C.

“This has been such a blessing for us. You should see what our dinner plates have on them. I’m just speechless. **We were able to use the heater this winter too.** Thank you guys for everything you do for us.”

— PENNY G.

“I want to express my heartfelt thanks for providing me with a free dental exam through the scholarship program. As a single mom and nursing student, opportunities like this truly make a difference. **Thank you for your kindness and investing in my health and future.** I’m incredibly thankful.”

— KARINA C.

## CELEBRATING WITH SCHOLARSHIP-PLUS SERVICES

The Scholarship Plus program is designed to provide a comprehensive range of services that address the needs of our program scholars. In 2025, Helping Hands for Single Moms provided nearly \$1.2 million in scholarships and supportive services to 144 single-mom college student families.

In addition to financial support, over 80 community partners contributed valuable in-kind services, demonstrating their commitment to supporting the dedication and sacrifices our scholars make to provide better futures for their families.

We also directly offer our scholarship recipients two special services:

- **Rent Assistance** to those who identify a need, based on income and family size.
- **Next Gen College Readiness Program for our teens.** Designed so the teenagers in our families can receive some “college-readiness” support. It includes a special scholarship from Helping Hands for Single Moms for those who complete the steps of our Next Gen program!

### Services

1. Auto repair at no cost to the scholar, AAA towing and donated cars (as available)
2. Eye and dental care for program scholars
3. Loaner laptops and laptop repair
4. Rent Assistance
5. Family Outings and Activities
6. Single Mom College Community meetings
7. Holiday Happiness (holiday event with gifts for the children)
8. Tutoring and mentoring
9. Hair care
10. Legal assistance
11. Next Gen College Readiness Pilot Program



## CELEBRATING WITH SINGLE MOM COLLEGE COMMUNITY

In 2025, our moms gathered together at the SMCC meetings to learn, connect, and grow with the support of dedicated partners.

Volunteers from the Financial Planning Association led Money Minute sessions, offering practical financial tips at each meeting. Nurse mentors guided our nursing students as they prepared to enter the healthcare field, while SRP volunteers and various mentors provided encouragement, career guidance, and peer mentorship.

These partnerships made each meeting a dynamic space for learning, confidence-building, and community connection.

Guest speakers and the inspiring stories shared by our moms reinforce resilience, leadership, and the power of lifting others along the way.



## CELEBRATING WITH FAMILY OUTINGS

Our single moms and their children enjoyed a variety of family outings in 2025, creating memories that might not have been possible otherwise. From educational trips to adventure experiences and special celebrations, these outings strengthened family bonds and brought joy to both moms and children.

Thanks to a generous donor, we also provided funds for parking and concessions, making each of the ticketed events and outings stress-free and fully enjoyable. These experiences not only offered fun—they reminded moms why their education matters and reinforced the support of our community.

Examples of outings include:

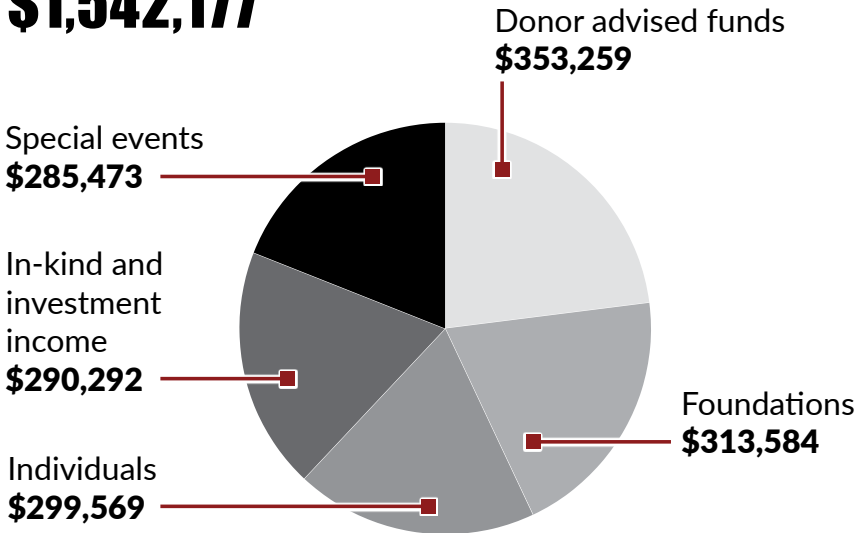
- Graduate celebration
- Family photos
- Harkins movie day
- Laughs for a Purpose
- Butterfly Wonderland
- Christmas and Halloween family outing
- Ballet Arizona
- Professional sports games



# INVESTING IN SINGLE MOM COLLEGE STUDENTS

## Financial Income and Expenses

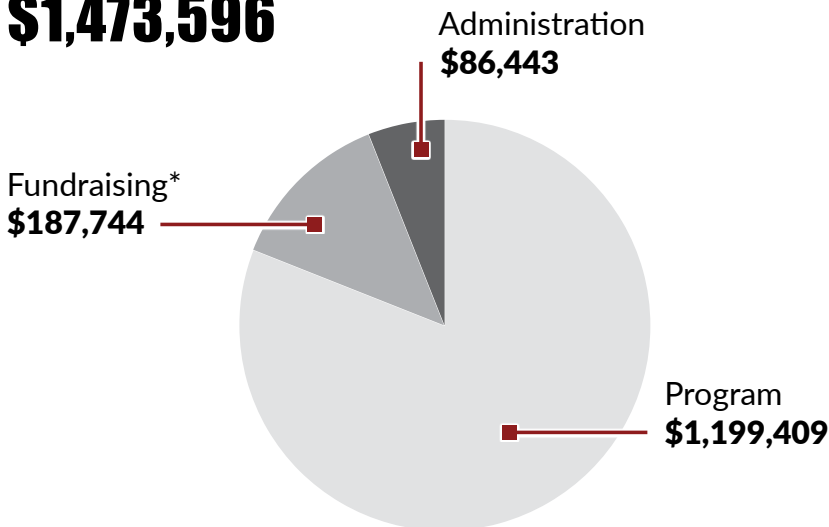
Income total:  
**\$1,542,177**



### Foundations and Businesses

Ibis Foundation of Arizona	\$100,000
Garcia Family Foundation	\$100,000
Diane & Bruce Halle Foundation	\$100,000
Valley of the Sun United Way	\$55,000
Carstens Family Funds	\$50,000
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Comm 12% fund	\$50,000
Arizona Community Foundation	\$49,000
Lippincott Family Foundation	\$40,000
Blue Cross Blue Shield of AZ	\$25,000
SparkJoy Foundation	\$25,000
Glendale IDA	\$24,000
Arizona Complete Health	\$15,000
Lanter Family Foundation	\$10,000

Expenses total:  
**\$1,473,596**



### Sponsors for Eddie Johnson Celebrity Events

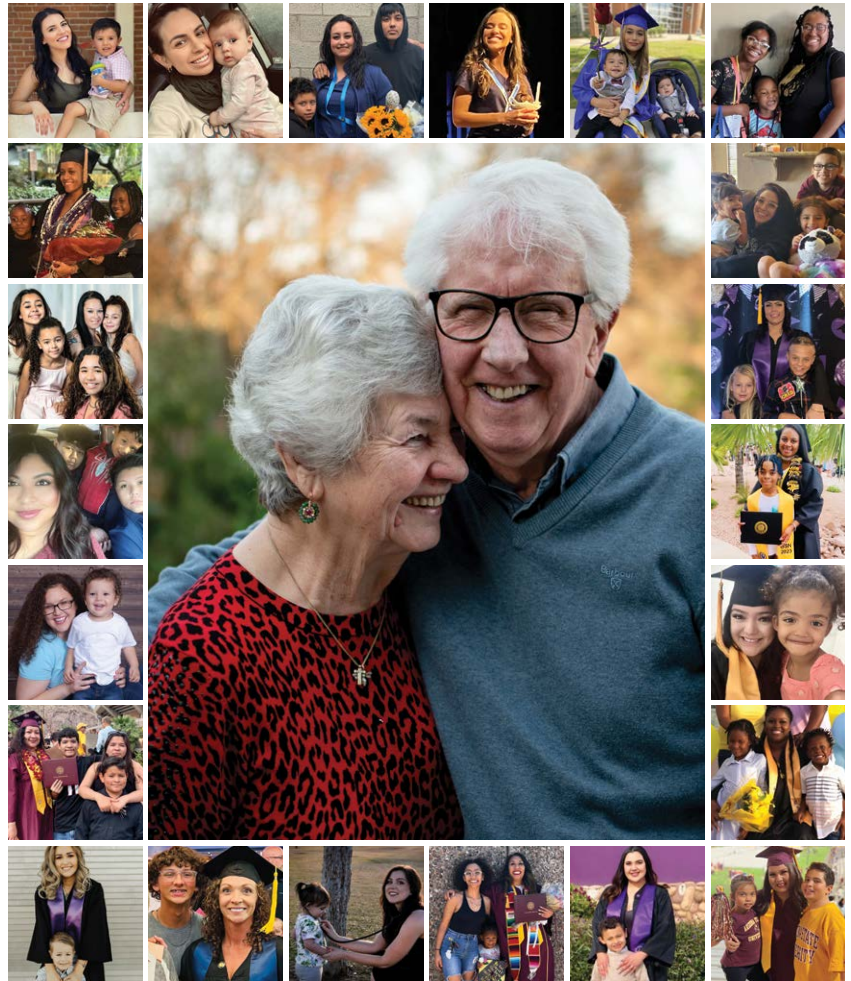
San Diego Jewish Community Foundation	\$100,000
Talking Stick Resort (cash and in-kind)	\$49,000
Mercer Advisors	\$13,395
Arizona College of Nursing	\$10,000
Vista Point Wealth Advisors	\$10,000
Charles Schwab* *plus 40 attendees at annual gala	\$5,500
Sanderson Lincoln	\$8,000
Southwest Airlines (in kind)	\$5,600
Anod Care Services	\$5,000

\*The expense chart reflects the expenditure of donor dollars. The Eddie Johnson Events were paid for by sponsors, the sale of foursomes, tables, individual dinners and golfers and the sale of silent and live auctions. No donor dollars were spent. The total cost of the events was \$120,883

CELEBRATING BY  
**CREATING  
A LEGACY**

In 2019, the Phoenix Suns Charities provided a \$100,000 contribution to establish an endowment fund for Helping Hands for Single Moms. Since that time donors who wanted their contributions to continue to help low-income single mom college families in perpetuity have increased this fund to over \$400,000, providing over \$19,000 annually in scholarship funds.

Planning a legacy gift to the Helping Hands for Single Moms Commencement Society is a strategic move to accomplish financial and charitable objectives. This might include preserving a family name, honoring a loved one, minimizing tax obligations and supporting a beloved community. By submitting a statement of intent and notifying Helping Hands for Single Moms of a planned gift, you will begin to receive benefits of being a Commencement Society Member. Doing this, you will *make your legacy their legacy* by providing college education scholarships to single moms.



For more information on making a donation that will change the trajectory of single mom college student families, call Chris at (602) 796-7875.



**MY MOM, MY HERO** (\$50,000)

**Benefits:** Opportunity to honor your mother or your wife, as the mother of your children, on the Helping Hands for Single Moms website for two years, recognition on our Endowments web page, and recognition on stage during the Eddie Johnson & Friends Celebrity Roast.



**SINGLE MOM CHAMPION** (\$25,000)

**Benefits:** Recognition on our Endowments web page and recognition in the Eddie Johnson & Friends Celebrity Roast program.



**SINGLE MOM HERO** (\$10,000)

**Benefits:** Recognition on our Endowments web page.

**PLANNED GIFT OPTIONS**

- Bequest
- Life Insurance
- Retirement Accounts
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Lead Trust
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Designated Funds/ Testamentary Agreements
- Real Property



## LOOKING AHEAD: DEEPENING OUR IMPACT

As we look ahead, Helping Hands for Single Moms is focusing on strengthening our program—not expanding the number of students we serve, but increasing the level of support each mom receives. In these difficult times, our priority is ensuring every participant has what she needs to graduate and achieve lasting financial independence.

One key goal is increasing annual scholarships from \$4,000 to \$5,000. This added support helps reduce financial pressure, allowing moms to focus more on their studies and stay on track to graduate.

We are also addressing one of the greatest barriers to success: affordable housing. In partnership with the Ibis Foundation of Arizona, four new condos will be available for nursing students at below-market rates, each leveraged with \$500 from Helping Hands for Single Moms Housing Assistance program.

Finally, we are creating more meaningful volunteer opportunities, giving our supporters deeper, more direct ways to engage with and impact the lives of the moms we serve.

This next chapter is about going deeper, removing barriers, strengthening outcomes, and maximizing the success of every mom in our program.

### **BLESSINGS,**

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