Sharing HOPE



HOPE NETWORK FOR SINGLE MOTHERS | MARCH 2024

Scholarship Application Opens April 1

HOPE Network is proud of our role in families' futures. With help from HOPE Network, women are inspiring their children, completing degrees, and building family-supporting careers.

HOPE Network is offering its annual educational grant for tuition of technical school or college education. Funds may also be used for additional school supplies, books and/or childcare costs. Minimum award will be \$1000.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a solo mom or female caregiver solely raising a child(ren)
- Must be a HOPE Network member, or can send membership fee of \$5 with scholarship application
- Must be currently enrolled in college or a technical school program

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Find details and complete the application at www.hopenetworkinc.org
- Applications are being accepted from April 1 until noon April 30. Any applications received after the due date will not be considered.

For more information call 262-251-7333 or email info@hopenetworkinc.org. All ages, cultures, and education tracks are encouraged to apply.

You Can Make a Meaningful Difference

At HOPE Network, we are committed to supporting single mothers who are independently raising children while striving to further their education. Through our educational grant program,

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we aim to uplift and empower these caregivers, providing them with the resources and opportunities they need to build brighter futures for themselves and their families.

Your donation to our education grant fund will have a profound impact, not only on the lives of individual recipients but also on entire communities. By investing in the education of these dedicated caregivers, you are helping to create positive change that will resonate far into the future. Your support has the potential to transform the landscape of Milwaukee and its surrounding areas, fostering a culture of empowerment and opportunity for generations to come.

Please join us in our mission to uplift and empower the caregivers of our community. Together, through your generosity and support, we can make a difference that will be felt for years to come.

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant."

-Robert Louis Stevensor



Springtime Means New Life at HOPE

Welcome Our New Executive Director Angela



As a solo mother of three children, **Angela Kingsawan** has always been driven by a passion for community well-being and empowerment. With a background in community health work, doula services, lactation consulting, and various holistic modalities, she has dedicated her career to supporting individuals and families in their journey toward wellness.

Recently, Angela was welcomed as the newest member of HOPE Network as the Executive Director. In this role, she brings her expertise in community health and holistic care to help uplift

individuals facing various challenges. Her commitment to fostering resilience and promoting holistic wellness aligns perfectly with the mission of HOPE Network. She looks forward to leading the organization to new heights in service and impact. You can contact Angela at akingsawan@hopenetworkinc.org or by calling the office at (262) 251-7333.

HOPE Network's mission is to provide women parenting alone in Milwaukee and the surrounding area with resources to build self-reliance and strong families.

HOPE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:

Essentially Empowered Inc.



Welcome to Essentially Empowered, Inc. (EEI). Our organization provides support and advocacy to women and youth that have experienced trauma. EEI provides doula services, perinatal & post-partum

support as well as advocacy for teens. We also offer a variety of educational opportunities, with a trauma-informed approach, for doulas and birth workers.

Recently, EEI has opened Masika 45 Community Home at 7801 W. Mill Road, Milwaukee, 53218. Our Mission at Masika 45 is to provide a nurturing, supportive, and safe environment for new mothers and their babies. We are dedicated to promoting the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of mothers during the critical postpartum period. Our goal is to empower

women with knowledge, confidence, and resources to care for themselves and their families.

Our Vision is to elevate the power of community, compassion, and personalized care to transform the postpartum experience into a period of growth, bonding, and healing. Our Holistic Postpartum Care Home for families offers:

- Post-operative C-Section Support
- Meals
- Infant Care Support
- Laundry
- Education
- Peer Lactation Support
- Companionship & Support Groups
- Resources

Visit essentiallyempoweredinc.com or email essentiallyempowered@outlook.com for more information.



Upcoming FREE Community Events

- Second Saturday Program | April 13 & May 11 All Saints Church, 4060 N. 26th St. Milwaukee https://christchildmilwaukee.org/service-programs
- Chair Yoga | 1st and 3rd Friday, 5:00-5:45 C. H. Mason Health Clinic, 4858 N. Mother Daniels Way Please call (414) 249-4613 to RSVP, space is limited.

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The Power of Mindful Breathing

Motherhood is a journey filled with boundless love, but it's also laden with challenges, stress, and constant demands. Amidst the whirlwind of responsibilities, moms often find themselves neglecting their own well-being. The practice of mindful breathing can offer mothers a sanctuary of calm amidst the chaos.

At its core, mindful breathing involves paying deliberate attention to each breath, focusing on the sensation of the inhale and exhale without judgment. Integrating mindful breathing into daily life can be profoundly impactful in several ways:

- 1. Stress Reduction: Mindful breathing serves as an anchor, allowing mothers to step back from the overwhelming tide of responsibilities and find solace in the present moment; enabling them to navigate challenges with greater resilience.
- 2. Emotional Regulation: Parenthood is an emotional rollercoaster. By tuning into the rhythm of their breath, mothers can cultivate emotional awareness and respond to situations with clarity and composure, rather than reacting impulsively in the heat of the moment.
- 3. Enhanced Well-being: Mindful breathing offers a simple yet profound way to nurture well-being and regular practice has been linked to lowered blood pressure, improved immune function, and reduced symptoms of anxiety and depression.

- 4. Improved Parent-Child Connection: Mindful breathing empowers moms to cultivate presence and attentiveness in their interactions. By grounding themselves in the present moment, mothers can foster deeper connections with their little ones, fostering mutual understanding and a nurturing environment for growth and development.
- **5. Modeling Mindfulness:** By embracing mindful breathing as part of their own self-care routine, moms not only reap the benefits personally but also set a powerful example for their children.

In essence, mindful breathing serves as a lifeline for moms, offering a sanctuary of tranquility amidst the hustle and bustle of daily life. By incorporating this simple yet profound practice into their routine, mothers can nurture their own well-being, deepen their connections with their children, and embark on the journey of motherhood with grace and resilience.

Adapted from an article found at https://positivepsychology.com/mindful-breathing/

