

# Sharing HOPE

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## \$18,000 in Scholarships Awarded

### Eight Women Receive HOPE Educational Grants

We are proud to announce the winners of HOPE Network's 32nd annual Edmund Springman Educational Grants, and the 3rd annual Rachel Holley Sciortino Educational Grant. Grant funds may be used for tuition or for childcare while the mother is in school.

The Edmund Springman Educational Grant is named for HOPE Network's first active volunteer to pass away. HOPE Network founder Gail Grenier Sweet says, "Ed was an angel with a broom at our Network Potluck suppers. He was always quick to work on clean-up, when most volunteers were tired of working." Ed's tireless dedication to serving single mothers made him the ideal namesake for HOPE Network's educational grants.

In 2018 HOPE Network's board created the Rachel Holley Sciortino Educational Grant with memorials received following the tragic death of our beloved executive director. In her short time with HOPE Network, she brought to us her zest for life, wonderful new ideas, and community connections. We continue to honor Rachel with this grant through the generosity of her family and friends.

Thank you to Crystal Hearvey and Alison Kriegel for their hard work in undertaking the important task of evaluating the many qualified applicants and make the difficult selection of this year's winners.

The 2020 Scholarship Winners are listed on the following pages and two of the women are featured in this issue. [READ MORE INSIDE](#)

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HOPE Network for Single Mothers



# Meet Margie & Jessica

## Margie Albizures

### RACHEL HOLLEY SCIORTINO EDUCATIONAL/DAYCARE GRANT WINNER



My name is Margie Albizures. I am a rising Junior at Marquette University, majoring in Criminology and Law Studies. I am currently in the Pre-Law Program which allows me to attain my bachelor's and law degree at Marquette Law School in six years. I am also in the McNairs program at Marquette, which allows me to contribute to research in my field of study and prepares me for graduate school. My future goals are to be a public defender in Milwaukee for some time, and continue with my education to be a judge.

I am a mother of a two-year-old boy named Jeremiah Albizures. Being a mother and a student has been difficult, especially because of time, finances, and that you are constantly worrying about either grades or your child. When you are a college student you may struggle, but when you are also a mother you struggle harder. I have found it useful to use my son as an anchor. When times are tough, he may be the only person who makes me smile. He is my motivator and confidant. Motherhood has made me stronger in my abilities – I am a great multitasker, great at time management and planning. Having a child at a young age created obstacles that I had to overcome but it also made me better as a person and gave me the strength to pursue my dreams.

I am extremely grateful to say that this scholarship will give me the ability to continue school without worrying about financial struggles. I am planning to use the HOPE scholarship to pay for daycare while I go to school. I also may use some of the money to pay for summer school. I want to take some extra classes in the summer because I may do a double major with Political Science. For all single mothers, I want to say do not give up on your dreams because you have kids. Let that very reason motivate you to do great things so the next generation can follow in your footsteps. Never doubt the amazing things mothers can accomplish.



## Jessica Derosier

### EDMUND SPRINGMAN EDUCATIONAL GRANT WINNER

My name is Jessica Derosier, and I am a full-time student at UWM. I am majoring in Biological Science, with an emphasis on cell and molecular biology. After graduation I hope to continue my 20-year health care career by working in the lab to help find solutions to eye disease and disorders. I currently work at the Froedtert Eye Institute, where I assist doctors in the operating room with retina, glaucoma, cataract, and corneal transplant surgeries.

I have missed too many holidays, sports competitions and special occasions over the years. It is especially important that I am here for my children as much as possible, since their father passed away. Being an only parent is very different from being a single parent. There is no other half of the parent team. ... I'm a one-woman army and I have to fight twice as hard to raise them right, meet all their needs, and support them through their grief, while processing my own.

This scholarship means I can afford to go to school and better all three of our lives. Without HOPE's generosity, I would not have made it this far in obtaining my diploma. I only have two years left now; I'm more than half way there! I owe so much to people who have helped me and my kids along the way. I hope to spend the rest of my career, and life, paying it forward! Thank you!



# 2020 Scholarship Recipients



**Margie Albizures**  
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Criminology and Law Studies



**Moranda Medina Lopez**  
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Nursing



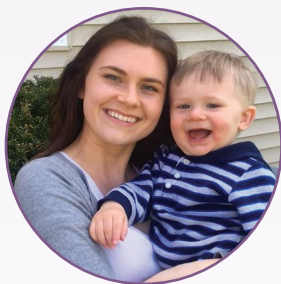
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Early Childhood Education



**Leslie Moreno**  
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**Jessica Derosier**  
**UNIVERSITY OF  
WISCONSIN—MILWAUKEE**  
Biology



**Jayden Rajnicek**  
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Dietetics



**Joana Lozano**  
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Registered Nursing



**Simone Tatum**  
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Biology—Health Science

## For More Information ...

To learn more about HOPE Scholarship opportunities for single mothers, go to our website at [hopenetworkinc.org](http://hopenetworkinc.org).



# Hello from our Founder

Warm summer greetings to all HOPE Network supporters and members! I just read over the messages from this year's scholarship winners and my heart is touched. I believe you will feel the same.

One line that one of the mothers wrote rang so true to me—about feeling like you don't know anything when you have a new baby. Boy, do I remember that feeling when I had my first child. They don't come with instruction books, do they? I felt lost – but I had a loving, supportive husband. Facing the job of being a parent when you are alone has to be scary. And then top it off with pursuing higher education – WOW! I have nothing but respect for our ever-resourceful, determined HOPE Network mothers.

My husband and I have put HOPE Network in our will. We are so proud of this grassroots organization that is 38 years old this summer! What an incredible celebration of life and family love. Please consider adding HOPE to your will. You can call the office for information on how to do so at (262) 251-7333.

Please be part of our 2020 virtual and vital fall FUNdraiser—the auction will be open for a full week. Last year, we tried online bidding and it was a surprising (easy to use) success—surprising to old timers like me who fear technology!

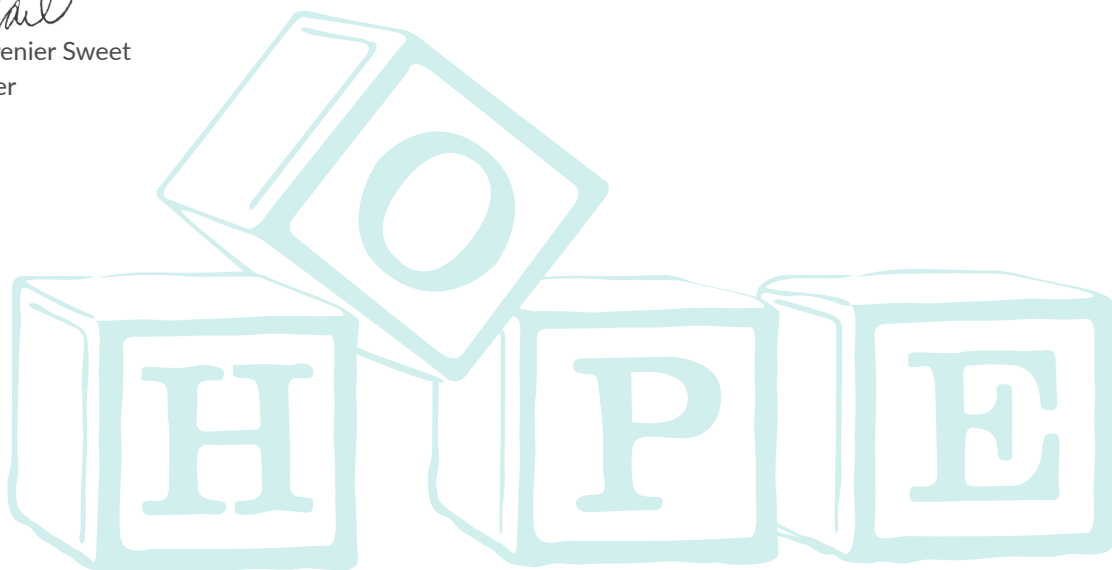
Congratulations to all our beautiful scholarship winners. Please watch for our revised newsletter. Also watch for how we reach out to our families during the pandemic. We are here to help, as always!

Thank you for YOUR help!

  
Gail Grenier Sweet  
Founder



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# *a time of hope*

## VIRTUAL & VITAL ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

### Benefiting HOPE Network for Single Mothers Online Auction from September 21-26

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The families we serve are so grateful for you. May we count on your support?  
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and blessed



# Meet our Executive Director

As the Executive Director of HOPE Network for Single Mothers, I know first-hand the merits of hard work, tenacity and social engagement. It was modeled to me, by my mother.

I grew up on Chicago's Southside, in a single parent household, along with my grandmother. My mother worked hard to send me and my siblings to private schools, to ensure we received a good educational base. My mother worked two jobs—one during the day, and third shift at the U. S. Post Office. My grandmother took care of us during the day, so we never experienced a lack of love and concern. I also credit my mother with exposing me to the importance of community activism.

As director of community engagement with Molina Healthcare, I was able to meld my intricate knowledge of insurance and nonprofit leadership while serving the needs of the community.

At Molina Healthcare I organized, promoted and lead the largest baby shower in the state in partnership with Milwaukee Health Services, Inc. (MHSI). The purpose of this shower was to provide an environment where expectant moms could come to gain knowledge and education about how to have good, healthy babies. The event was such a hit. About 400 people attended the event, and 160 pregnant and new moms were there.

I am committed to ensuring our moms have a prosperous parenting journey. It is my privilege and pleasure to serve HOPE Network for Single Mothers.

Closing,

*Babette*



Babette A. Honoré,  
Executive Director

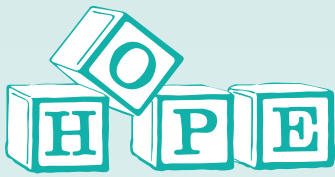


## *HOPE Network News transforming to Sharing HOPE*

HOPE Network News has been publishing comprehensive resources for Milwaukee-area single mothers since 1984 thanks to the generous contribution of our layout superstar Pauline Beck who has retired after 35 years.

We have explored how to best communicate with our families. Our online resource information is not only robust but accessible. *Sharing HOPE* will provide the opportunity to highlight critical issues facing our members. Welcome and stay tuned to *Sharing HOPE*!





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