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HOPE NETWORK FOR SINGLE MOTHERS

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OUR ANNUAL APPEAL:

Partner with HOPE

By Babette Honoré, Executive Director



The pandemic continues to impact all families, especially single mothers. Getting through the actual day-to-day of life — not to mention juggling schedules or dealing with the fallout from supply shortages and unemployment — is stressful enough. The task of single parenting can feel insurmountable.

There's no magic wand that will make living through this easy, however there is HOPE!

Celebrating 40 years of HOPE, HOPE Network Inc. has been serving single mothers in greater Milwaukee and Waukesha counties with programs designed to support their entire parenting journey. We thank you for your continued support of HOPE Network's mission.

Our small and mighty team of dedicated staff and volunteers work hard to serve families as they confront the many challenges of our time. We look forward to keeping you informed of the exciting changes on the horizon.

Celebrate 40 years of HOPE by giving on our website, hopenetworkinc.org, or use the enclosed envelope. Your gift will create an even better year for single moms.

Babette



HOPE Network for Single Mothers

HOPE Network provides women parenting alone in Milwaukee and the surrounding area with resources to build self-reliance and strong families.

Our 2021 Outcomes: Oct 2020–Sept 2021

Single Mothers Served
246



Scholarships Awarded
\$25,500



Portable Cribs
7



Layette Bags
38



Clothing Items
161



Diapers Provided
7,741



HOPE Network for Single Mothers

Celebrating 40 Years of HOPE



HOPE Founder,
Gail Grenier Sweet



Next August will mark 40 years since I woke up in the morning with the idea of creating a concrete community outreach to single mothers.

Why I still support HOPE Network

By Gail Grenier Sweet

HOPE Network is officially in its 40th year of service to Milwaukee-area families! Next August will mark 40 years since I woke up in the morning with the idea of creating a concrete community outreach to single mothers.

I still serve on the advisory board and on the FUNdraiser team. My passion for HOPE has only grown brighter over the years. Why?

- No other helping agency offers as much as we do: free cribs with safe sleep education, free baby's and children's clothing, scholarships that cover tuition and/or childcare, quarterly newsletter plus Facebook page with tips on free and inexpensive resources for family fun and parenting education, free tickets to sporting events, museum tickets, and so on.
- HOPE Network serves without big salaries. The administrative costs have been minor compared to the financial investment HOPE gives to the families headed by single mothers. We pinch your donated pennies until they cry uncle!
- HOPE is a small organization that serves quietly. People like to donate to us because they know there is a real live person who will pick up the telephone. Single mothers appreciate us because they know that if we don't have a resource they need, we will do our best to help them find it.
- It keeps happening: I meet a woman and somehow the subject of HOPE comes up. With tears in her eyes, she will say, "You helped me years ago when I had nothing." The cribs and scholarships have changed lives. Giving someone HOPE is probably the most transformative thing we do.
- We help single grandmothers. Because of the opioid epidemic, some parents have been lost to their children. Grandmothers have stepped in to raise the young ones. But those grandmothers may be single women of limited means. We help them in the same way we help single mothers.
- In everything, HOPE aims to help women take charge of their own lives and build stronger families.

For these reasons, I will always support HOPE Network for Single Mothers. I salute the younger directors who bring fresh ideas to the board, the tireless office team of Babette Honoré and Gracie Marchese, and all the gracious volunteers and donors! God bless you all and God bless all the families led by single mothers in the Greater Milwaukee area.



Scholarship Recipient SPOTLIGHT

With more than 125 scholarships awarded since 1988, 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. Our winners for the 2021–2022 school year represent diverse circumstances, institutions, and areas of study. Keep reading for their stories.

Hello, my name is Margie Albizures, and I am currently a senior at Marquette double majoring in Political Science and Criminology and Law Studies and a minor in Sociology. My son's name is Jeremiah, 3, and he will be heading to his first semester of school this fall. My educational goals include being the first in my family to hold a bachelor's degree and a Juris Doctor. My career goals are to become a lawyer and help the people in my community who do not have the financial means to attain representation. I want to inform others about their rights, build relationships upon trust, and become a leader for others. My hope is that one day I am able to help make or shape the laws that directly impacts my community. My role as a mother has helped me realize steps to achieve these goals and has been a source of strength and motivation.

A challenge that I have recently overcome has to do with balancing all the things that life has thrown at me while making time for myself. I have been trying to balance dealing with family issues, education, extracurricular, studying, and being a parent. It has been tough with COVID as managing these things all at once can get pretty isolating. However, holding on to my faith and hope has kept me going. Also, finding ways to settle nerves and stress which include meditation or painting has proven to be helpful.

The advice that I would offer to other single mothers pursuing education is to not let your identity as a mother overpower you. Being a mother always comes first, but it is not all that you are. You should remember that you have your own goals and that you should also live for yourself. Don't get lost in what other people say or think about you because at the end of the day you are the only one who can make things better for yourself and your kid(s). Love yourself, love your family, and love God for the blessings that has been given to you. Even when things are getting rough which they will, never forget that being a mother is what makes you stronger than everyone else in the room.

—Margie Albizures



Margie Albizures

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Shopping with HOPE 2021

Our newest event, Shopping with HOPE, provides a free shopping experience, distributing clothing, diapers and baby wipes. Members were invited to participate in the program, our volunteers from Baird sorted, set up the display and took down tables.

With your financial support, here is what we provided:

- Clothing items selected/donated: 573
- Members participated: 27 Members (including 7 in-home deliveries)
- Diapers donated and distributed: 440

The next Shopping with HOPE is scheduled for **December 4 from 10am-2pm** at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, 2308 W Nash St, Milwaukee, WI 53206

Members are invited to sign up by emailing us at admin@hopenetworkinc.org
Not a member? Go to our website and join! hopenetworkinc.org



Single Mother Resources

Collaboration Brings Access to Resources

For decades, HOPE Network has partnered with area agencies to publicize resources for single mothers. Our quarterly news magazine, Sharing HOPE, publishes information vital and relevant to our members.

Our online [Resources page](#) is available 24/7 and highlights opportunities that are available year-round or on a regular schedule.



To find additional food pantries, shelter, meal sites, family resources, health & social services:

Dial 2-1-1 (Toll-free at pay phone: 1-877-211-3380)

IMPACT 2-1-1 a 24-hour helpline

Available by phone 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Search the Impact 2-1-1 [online resource directory](#).



Porcha Brown

Meet Porcha Brown, New HOPE Board Member

We are thrilled to have Porsha Brown join our board. She is the Owner Operator of Inetter's Blooming Roses LLC a family childcare center that believes in loving and supporting each child. In this role, she is committed to value-based instruction; approaching lesson planning and interaction with creativity to generate a positive and educationally fun environment within a classroom setting.

Porsha created open lines of communication from the classroom to the parents, helping to establish ongoing independence for each child as they transition from the Center to their home, or home to school.

Porsha is a HOPE Network member and a former Scholarship winner! She brings to the board enthusiasm and insights from a business owner single mom's perspective.

Another Virtual Auction Success



We appreciate all of you who made a Time of HOPE our online auction event, a great success. We collected feedback from our guest. We are pleased to share the results:

- 55.6% of our guest responding indicated they prefer virtual style events.
- Guest indicated they found the auction item very valuable.
- “Easy to navigate and fun!”
- “Wonderful cause. Love to give it support!”

HOPE Network for Single Mothers thrives because of the financial support of our generous sponsors and donors. The generosity has made “A Time of Hope”, our online fundraising event, a huge success.

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Thank You!

Thank You Auction Donors

Contributors of Online Auction Items

Our online auction would not have been possible without the donations we received from these generous businesses and individuals. Please take an opportunity to thank them with your patronage or expression of gratitude.

PROVIDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Single mothers often spend over half of their income on housing expenses and a third on child care, leaving them with less money for educational expenses.

Without financial aid, single mother students have little or no means to contribute financially to their educational expenses. One third graduated with a college degree, while one sixth had not completed high school.

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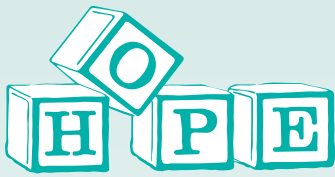
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