



STUDENTS WITHOUT MOTHERS, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO
Help Themselves



MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mary Torrence Williams

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Upon review of 2025, I am filled with deep gratitude for each of you who stood alongside Students Without Mothers during a year marked by uncertainty, change, and growing need. Your generosity and belief in our mission have made a meaningful difference—not only in sustaining our programs, but in strengthening the lives of the students and families we serve.

In times like these, your support matters more than ever. Students in underserved communities continue to face significant academic, emotional, and financial challenges, and for those navigating life without their mothers, these obstacles are often compounded. Because of you, our students did not have to face these challenges alone. Your support provided stability, encouragement, and opportunity during moments when it was needed most.

One of the highlights of this year was the continued success of our Student Advisors Volunteer Initiative. Through this program, dedicated volunteers offered guidance, mentorship, and consistent encouragement to students at critical points in their educational journeys. Advisors helped students clarify goals, navigate college and career decisions, and build confidence in themselves and their futures. The impact of these relationships has been powerful, and we are deeply

grateful to the volunteers who generously shared their time, experience, and hearts.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to our Board Chair, Board of Directors and Advisory Board for their leadership, strategic insight, and unwavering commitment to our mission. Your stewardship ensures that our organization remains strong, accountable, and prepared for the future. To our staff, thank you for your passion, professionalism, and tireless dedication to the students we serve. Your work is the foundation of our impact.

As we look ahead, the need for our programs and services continues to grow. I invite you to remain engaged with Students Without Mothers—through giving, volunteering, advocacy, and sharing our mission with others. Your continued support allows us to expand our reach, strengthen our programs, and ensure that every student we serve has the opportunity to thrive.

On behalf of our students, families, staff, and leadership, thank you for believing in our mission and for being an essential part of our community. Together, we are changing lives and building brighter futures.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Torrence Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive.

MARY TORRENCE WILLIAMS
Founder and Executive Director
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MESSAGE FROM

BOARD CHAIR

Stacy A. Canady



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on 2025, it is clear this has been an exceptionally challenging year for many. I, like many of you, have felt a persistent sense of uncertainty and instability. Each day seemed to bring new hurdles, and far too many in our community faced the harsh reality of job losses and diminished financial security. These challenges have underscored the vital importance of support systems and community strength.

At Students Without Mothers, we recognize the profound impact this instability has on the lives of our students. It is why we have redoubled our efforts to provide expanded, wrap-around services that address not just academic needs but the full spectrum of challenges our students face. From providing financial literacy, grief counseling and even an online shopping boutique. These initiatives are personalized to support our students, our goal is to create meaningful connection and impact that empower our students to thrive despite the odds.

Our partnerships have never been more essential. Together with generous donors and community collaborators, we continue building pathways for our students to grow into the young leaders of tomorrow—confident, capable, and resilient.

But to sustain and expand this critical work, we need your help. Your donation as a sponsor not only provides resources but also sends a powerful

message of hope and belief in the potential of every student we serve.

SWM offers guidance to underserved, low-income, and diverse youth, who have lost their mothers, so they can graduate from high school, attend college, and earn post-secondary credentials for sustainable financial security.

This message highlights the profound impact on our students due to the extraordinary challenges of 2025. My request this year is extremely urgent: we truly need additional Student Sponsors as well as Monthly Donors to help provide a consistent stream of support for our students. These students are truly your students as well, and your support is vital to their success.

With gratitude and hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy A. Canady". The signature is fluid and cursive.

STACY A. CANADY
Board Chair
Students Without Mothers

Students Without Mothers

AT A GLANCE

OUR MISSION

Students Without Mothers is dedicated to helping high school students without mothers help themselves by empowering them to continue their education.



Receiving this scholarship has been a huge help to me financially throughout my first year of college. It has allowed me to focus more on my studies and less on the burden of paying for tuition. Because of this support, I've been able to afford to participate in extracurricular activities, and dedicate more time to my academic and personal growth. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunities and peace of mind it has provided.



Zakiya

2024 Recipient

OUR STORY

Mary Torrence Williams, who founded the organization in 2004, knows all about the challenges of growing up without a mother. Mary lost her mother when she was just 14 years old. As Mary cleaned her high school principal's home to earn money for her class ring, she made a promise to herself: when she became successful, she would work hard to help other young people in similar situations.

OUR VISION

SWM believes strongly in the principles of reaching out and of giving back. Our life affirming program is designed to be self-sustaining. Ultimately, we expect SWM graduates to keep the program going by providing peer counseling and other services. They will help others in the same way that they were helped, providing internships and financial contributions to help the next generation of Students Without Mothers.

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Students Without Mothers **LOOKING AHEAD**



GOALS for 2025 through 2027

Over the next three years SWM will:

- Build and maintain sustainable funding
- Develop strategic partnerships and strengthen existing partnerships
- Increase operational capacity
- Expand services for students

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| January through March..... | Donor Campaigns Recruitment |
| May 4th..... | 2nd Annual Charity Golf Outing |
| June 19th..... | Annual Scholarship Luncheon |
| September 19th..... | Annual Concert Benefit – Chastain for Charity |
| Oct 15th thru Dec. 31st..... | Annual Year End Pledge Campaign |
| Dec 1st..... | Giving Tuesday |

STUDENTS WITHOUT MOTHERS, INC. COLLEGE READINESS AND LIFE COACHING PROGRAM

SWM offers guidance and services to underserved, low-income, and diverse youth, who have lost their mothers, so they can graduate from high school, attend college, and earn post-secondary credentials for sustainable financial security.

PROGRAMMING

Our evidence-based and results-oriented College Readiness program model provides wraparound services to students who have lost their mothers and is designed to provide both advocacy and support to help students consistently make the best choices as they plan for their future. Programming affords students the advantage they need to succeed in college and ultimately in the workplace as successful leaders. The organization develops relationships with each student and follows them through their college/higher education career. This enables SWM to track students as well as help to address barriers and stumbling blocks to school completion. Our holistic service continuum creates opportunities for youth to develop their talents and college readiness competencies through specific skill building and life transition programming. It includes life skill development, mentoring, guidance on applying and getting into college, emotional support, and more. Diverse and historically underserved students are motivated to complete their high school education on-time, to prepare for post-secondary education and life, and to ready themselves to pursue a career in high growth/high demand fields.

There are few programs that exist to help youth who have lost a parent overcome their various challenges, which include the loss of the family structure, the loss of a stable home environment (which may include dependable shelter, clothing and/or food), and the absence of a nurturing adult.

WRAP AROUND SERVICES

The emotional support and personal attention students receive through the program helps ensure they will get through a critical period in their lives and transition to a college environment, and ultimately into young adulthood. They are afforded the guidance and direction needed to succeed - the kind of support a mother would give.

- **College Preparation** – Programming offers life-changing assistance for students by establishing a path for success through ongoing sessions, supports, and guidance that develop college readiness. The aims of our programming are to encourage and prepare our students to attend a two- or four-year institution of higher learning, and to increase the number of minority students entering and remaining enrolled in college. Topics covered include Transitioning to Adulthood, Selecting a College and a Major, Scholarships and Financial Aid, Technology and Social Media Etiquette, and more.

- **Life Coaching** - The curriculum covered in the life coaching sessions serve to ensure that program participants get through a critical life period and are adequately prepared to transition to college and into young adulthood. Participation in our career and life readiness program helps students grow their strengths and mitigate their life challenges, and they learn the skills they need to direct their path. It provides students with the advantage needed to succeed in college and the workplace as successful leaders. Topics include Life Skills, Financial Literacy, Relationship Development, Conflict Resolution Skills, and Healthy Choices.
- **Mentoring and Guidance** – Research demonstrates that the number one reason for success for students with many barriers is having a caring, loving adult to provide support and guidance. SWM pairs each student with an adult volunteer, who have been trained and undergone a background check to offer this support.
- **Grief Counseling** – Students engage with trained counselors that assist them in healing from the trauma of losing a parent as well as build resiliency skills for success.
- **Emergency Funds, Social Services, and Access to Resources** – Programming mitigates barriers to success including helping to meet basic needs, linkages to other services, and ensuring access to resources. For instance, students receive yearly stipends to help with college expenses if they remain program eligible. Additionally, students receive a laptop computer donated by our technology partner and additional school/dorm supplies gathered through in-kind support.

Participants are supported in their college journey ensuring that they perform well in school and graduate becoming successful contributors to their communities, despite their barriers and loss of traditional nurturing parents. Since 2004, we have equipped over 120 students for graduation, college, and adulthood.

SWM offers HOPE by providing the guidance and support for college preparedness, transition to adulthood, and life success for low-income young people in Metro Atlanta who have lost their mother. (See page 19 for impact statistics)

2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



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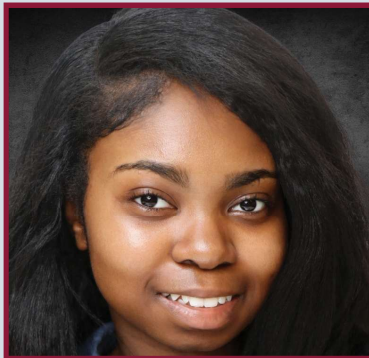
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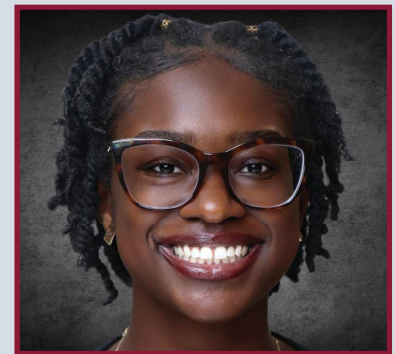
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STUDENTS WITHOUT MOTHERS | STUDENT ADVISOR VOLUNTEERS

We are thrilled to introduce the invaluable members of our Student Advisor Volunteer Team. These dedicated individuals have undergone background checks and comprehensive training to serve as trusted mentors and guides for our students. Assigned to a select number of students, they commit to regular monthly contact, providing support, guidance, and encouragement to ensure our students have the resources they need to overcome any obstacles they may face. Their unwavering dedication and commitment to our students' success are truly commendable, and we are immensely grateful for their contribution to our community.



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SWM's 2025 Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Photo Gallery

This event is a celebration of the students who have just completed our year long life coaching and grief counseling sessions before starting college in the Fall. The 2025 event, hosted by the Women of AT&T, took place on June 17, 2025 at the AT&T location on Lenox Park Boulevard in the Buckhead area.



Chastain for Charity Benefit Concert

Photo Gallery

This is a collection of photos from our Annual Chastain for Charity Concert Benefit. The 2025 event was sponsored by SC Glenn Insurance & Associates and took place at The Cross and Crown Pavilion in Conyers on September 20, 2025.



STUDENTS WITHOUT MOTHERS

Our Donor Programs

SWM's Donor Programs are designed to provide consistent financial support for the organization throughout the year. Funds are used to provide the financial assistance and vital services our students need in order to continue their education. Those services include scholarship funds, life coaching, grief counseling and other resources.

Student Sponsor Donors

Fully support a student for their entire 5 years in the program (senior year of high school through 4 years of college), by donating a total of \$10k over a 5-year period (or \$2k a year or \$167/month for 5 years). Your donation covers annual scholarship disbursements; life coaching; grief counseling; dormitory supplies; a laptop computer; gift cards and emergency funds.

Student Aid Sponsor Donors

Provide supplemental support for a student for a one-year period, by donating a total of \$500 (or \$42/month). Your donation covers care packages (2 per school year); gift cards and emergency funds.

Monthly Donor Program

Commit to making a donation once per month with the date and

amount determined by the donor. Donors participating in these programs are listed on our website and in the annual report.



Donors also receive special recognition with tickets or online access to our annual scholarship luncheon.

Please visit our website to learn more about joining one of these donor programs.

Join us in recognizing and congratulating current members of these donor programs:

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Volunteer Opportunities - How You Can help!

Volunteer Opportunities

Our volunteers play a vital role in helping Students Without Mothers (SWM) fulfill its mission. Whether you enjoy mentoring students or supporting special events, there are meaningful ways to get involved.



Student Advisor Volunteers

Are you passionate about making a lasting difference in the lives of young people? Student Advisor Volunteers provide consistent encouragement and guidance to students navigating

life without their mothers. Volunteers participate in virtual training, complete a background check, and are matched with two to three students. Advisors check in with their students at least once a month to offer support, help address challenges, and connect them with SWM and partner resources. This role is fully virtual and includes brief monthly reporting. Visit our website to learn more and submit an application.

Event Volunteers – Chastain Concert Benefit Fundraiser

Join us for an unforgettable evening under the stars at our annual Chastain Concert Benefit Fundraiser in September. We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist with guest check-in, serve as hosts

and hostesses, and support event setup and breakdown. This outdoor concert is one of our signature fundraising events and a wonderful way to experience SWM in action. Volunteer applications are available on our website.

Event Volunteers – Annual Golf Outing

Help us make our Annual Golf Outing a memorable success! Volunteers are needed to assist with guest check-in, greet golfers, place sponsor signage on holes, distribute gift bags, and support luncheon setup, event setup, and tear-down. This event is a key fundraiser and a fun, engaging way to support our students. Please visit our website to apply.

Other Ways To Help

Donate Dormitory Items or School Supplies: Many of the students we support come from low-income households and struggle to obtain basic college essentials. Consider donating dormitory items, school supplies, or laptop computers to make a meaningful impact. Visit our website for a direct link to our Amazon Wishlist or contact us to schedule a delivery to our office.

Kroger Community Rewards: Support our organization effortlessly through Kroger Community Rewards! By linking your Kroger Shopper's Card to SWM, you can contribute to our fundraising efforts every time you shop. Visit our website to learn how to link SWM to your Shopper's Card and start making a difference today!



STUDENTS WITOUT MOTHERS

WHY OUR SERVICES ARE NEEDED

Research shows that 1 in 7 children will lose a parent before graduating high school



due to death, incarceration, or abandonment. This loss often leads to unstable

home environments, financial hardship, and long-term generational struggles.

Many of the students we serve have lost both parents and come from low-income households, often becoming the first in their families to attend college.



Higher education is a proven pathway to economic stability. College graduates



earned an average of \$24,700 more annually than those

with only a high school diploma, and this earnings gap continues to widen. Without a degree, young people face lower wages,

higher poverty rates, and fewer opportunities to break the cycle of hardship.



Despite these challenges, few programs exist to support students who have lost



their mothers. Students Without Mothers is committed to filling this gap by providing critical resources, mentorship, and scholarships to ensure these young people can build brighter futures.

STRENGTHENING LEADERSHIP:

2025 ANNUAL BOARD RETREAT

Under the leadership of **Board Chair Stacy Canady**, Students Without Mothers hosted its **Annual Board Retreat on January 25, 2025**, at the Global Ministries campus in Midtown Atlanta. This retreat offered Board members a focused opportunity to engage in strategic discussions, receive essential training, and strengthen their leadership skills to better serve our mission.

EQUIPPING OUR BOARD FOR IMPACT

The retreat provided Board members with the tools,



knowledge, and resources to enhance governance, fundraising, and organizational leadership. The day included presentations, discussions, and activities designed to reinforce roles, explore strategies for growth, and celebrate successes from 2024.

ENGAGING & INSIGHTFUL SESSIONS

Highlights of the retreat included:

- Presentation by **Tracy Garner, Retired AT&T Executive**, sharing fundraising strategies and funder insights



- **Review of 2024 achievements** and areas for growth
- **Team-building exercises**
- **Accountability plan** activity to strengthen goal commitment
- Overview of the organization's **fundraising programs**

These sessions empowered Board members to actively support fundraising efforts, ensuring continued resources to advance our mission.

A DAY OF LEARNING & CONNECTION

The retreat also provided time for relationship-building. After a morning of collaboration, participants continued



discussions over lunch at **Old Lady Gang**, joined by Advisory Board members, reflecting on insights and strengthening connections.

Our Annual Board Retreat reflects

Students Without Mothers' commitment to **strong leadership, strategic growth, and collective impact**. With an engaged and well-equipped Board, we are ready to expand opportunities and make a lasting difference in students' lives.

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STUDENTS WITHOUT MOTHERS, INC.

2025 IMPACT REPORT - ONE PAGE SUMMARY

OUR MISSION

Students Without Mothers, Inc. (SWM) empowers college-bound students who have lost their mothers to overcome grief, access higher education, and successfully transition into adulthood. Since 2004, SWM has served Metro Atlanta youth through a trauma-informed, holistic College Readiness Program designed to remove barriers to college success and long-term stability.

OUR PROGRAM

SWM's evidence-based College Readiness Program begins during students' junior year of high school and continues through college completion. Delivered by trained professionals, the program provides wraparound services including life coaching, grief counseling, college preparation, mentorship, financial literacy education, and access to emergency assistance and essential resources. Students participate in monthly coaching sessions and receive ongoing guidance throughout their college journey.

2025 EVALUATION

An independent quantitative evaluation surveyed current and former program participants to assess short- and long-term outcomes related to college readiness, life skills development, and adult success.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

COLLEGE & LIFE READINESS

100% reported increased readiness for college and improved goal-setting

85%+ reported gains in communication skills, financial literacy, mental well-being, healthy decision-making, and access to resources



70%+ reported improved time and stress management

EDUCATION & CAREER OUTCOMES

100% of former participants completed postsecondary education

50% earned a bachelor's or master's degree; 50% earned an associate's degree



70%+ are currently employed across education, healthcare, law enforcement, and administrative fields

PERSONAL GROWTH & SATISFACTION

Participants reported increased confidence, resilience, emotional well-being, and a strong sense of belonging.



100% of both current and former participants expressed satisfaction with the program, citing mentorship, grief counseling, financial support, and community as the most impactful elements.

LASTING IMPACT

Since its founding, Students Without Mothers has awarded scholarships to 130 students, each receiving up to \$4,000, while providing the academic, emotional, and financial support students need to thrive. The 2025 findings affirm that SWM's comprehensive approach helps students not only attend college—but succeed in life.



Note: Please visit us at www.studentswithoutmother.org to see the 2025 Impact Report.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS

Additional Resources for Academic Success

At Students Without Mothers, we take immense pride in supporting our students throughout their journey in higher education. Our commitment extends far beyond providing scholarships—we offer a holistic range of resources to ensure our students are well-equipped, confident, and prepared to succeed. In addition to scholarships, college preparedness, life coaching and grief counseling, we also provide:

Essential Dormitory Supplies

Starting college with the necessary essentials can make a significant difference. Before our students embark on their college journey, we provide them with a comprehensive dormitory package, which includes:

- A laptop computer for academic success
- Bedding for a comfortable living space
- Toiletries and personal care items
- School supplies to support their studies

By ensuring that students have these fundamental items, we help them start their college experience with confidence and stability.

Care Packages

The journey through college can be challenging, and a little extra support goes a long way. During the Spring and Fall semesters, our students receive a care package filled with:

- Non-perishable food items for nourishment
- School supplies to aid their academic journey
- Toiletries for personal care

These packages serve as a reminder that they are not alone, reinforcing our commitment to their well-being throughout the school year.

SWM Student Boutique

A unique resource available to our students is our on-site boutique, stocked with mostly new clothing and accessories generously donated by local retailers. This boutique provides students with access to stylish, high-quality clothing free of charge, ensuring they feel confident in both academic and professional settings. Whether they need attire for classes, internships, or special events, our boutique is there to support them.



A LASTING IMPACT

At Students Without Mothers, we believe that every student deserves a strong foundation for success. Through our scholarships, essential resources, emotional support, and career-building opportunities, we are committed to empowering our students to thrive in college and beyond.

We stand beside our students every step of the way, ensuring that no challenge—academic, financial, or personal—prevents them from reaching their full potential.

STUDENTS WITHOUT MOTHERS • SUCCESS STORIES

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: CHANIA

Chania lost her mother at just 13 years old — an experience that shaped her resilience and strengthened her desire to serve others.

In 2024, she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Georgia State University and is currently pursuing her Master of Social Work, with plans to graduate in Spring 2028.



She now serves as a Case Manager with Hope Atlanta, working primarily at the airport location where she supports individuals experiencing homelessness. Through resource connection, case management, and steady encouragement, she helps individuals move toward stability and renewed independence. She also works part-time as Manager of the SWM Student Boutique at Students Without Mothers, giving back to the very community that supported her journey.

Looking ahead, Chania hopes to launch a nonprofit that provides stable housing and supportive services for displaced individuals and families — creating a space where people are equipped with the tools and confidence to move forward.

She shares that being part of Students Without Mothers reinforced the importance of community and long-term support. The organization's consistency and belief in her have played a meaningful role in shaping both her personal and professional path.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: SHARODON

Sharodon received the Students Without Mothers Scholarship in 2020 and has continued to turn her story into purpose.

In Spring 2024, she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Journalism from Langston University and is completing her Master's degree in Strategic Communications this May.



She now works with Georgia State University Educational Talent Search, supporting students and families as they navigate the path from high school to college. Through advising, encouragement, and strategic support, she helps young people overcome barriers and stay on track toward long-term success.

After losing her mother at 14, Sharodon shares that Students Without Mothers has been more than an organization — it has been a lifeline. From holiday gift cards and handwritten notes reminding her she was not alone, to support as she moved into her very first apartment, the care she received was both emotional and tangible.

“As I step into my early career journey,” she shares, “their support

reminds me that my story does not end with loss — it begins with purpose.”

Inspired by that belief, Sharodon launched her personal brand focused on transforming adversity into impact. Because of SWM's unwavering support, she moves forward not only as someone who survived grief, but as someone determined to build legacy from it.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ALEXANDER

Alexander is currently a high school senior and will receive the Students Without Mothers scholarship at our upcoming Annual Scholarship Luncheon on June 19.

He has been accepted to 14 colleges and universities, earning more than \$500,000 in scholarship offers — a testament to his academic excellence and perseverance.

Alexander shares that SWM was the very first scholarship he received, making it especially meaningful. He considers it a tribute to his mother and the journey they shared. Throughout his junior and senior years, SWM's life coaching and grief support sessions provided steady encouragement during a pivotal season of preparation and transition.



Reflecting on his experience, Alexander says, *“This is an amazing opportunity, and I am very grateful to be a part of the 2026 cohort.”* We look forward to all he will accomplish in the years ahead.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: KELLEY

Kelley received the Students Without Mothers Scholarship in 2021 and has continued to build a strong academic and professional foundation.

In 2025, she earned her Accounting degree from Kennesaw State University and is expected to complete her Master's in Accounting this summer. She has accepted an accounting position with Cherry Bekaert, launching her career in Atlanta.



Kelley shares that the scholarship support she received during her undergraduate years came at a time when both financial assistance and encouragement were deeply needed. Navigating college without her mother was challenging, and she reflects that the scholarship did more than ease financial strain — it reminded her that she was not alone.

She expresses gratitude for the compassion and belief shown to students like her and credits SWM with providing reassurance and strength during a pivotal season of her life.

ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Students Without Mothers, Inc. ("The Organization") is a Section 501(c)(3) a not-for-profit corporation that was incorporated under the laws of Georgia on March 4, 2004 is dedicated to helping high school students without mothers help themselves by empowering them to continue their education. The organization's main purpose is to provide life coaching and scholarships to college bound high school students who are without their mothers due to death or other unfortunate circumstances.

Basis of Accounting

The Organization prepares its financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting to present the results of activities and financial position in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Organization, the resources are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into categories established according to their nature and purpose. Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, the net assets of the organization and changes therein are classified as without restriction and with restrictions.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION - DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024

| | | ASSETS | |
|------------------------------------|----|-----------------|-------------------|
| | | 2025 | 2024 |
| CURRENT ASSETS- | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 56,452 | \$ 80,643 |
| Investments (at Fair Market Value) | | <u>86,839</u> | <u>133,913</u> |
| Total | \$ | 143,291 | \$ 214,556 |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT: | | | |
| Furniture and fixtures | | 7,853 | 7,853 |
| Accumulated depreciation | | <u>(7,192)</u> | <u>(7,192)</u> |
| Property and equipment, net | | 661 | 661 |
| OTHER ASSETS- | | | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ | <u>143,952</u> | \$ <u>215,217</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | | |
| LONG-TERM LIABILITIES: | | | |
| SBA Loan | \$ | 240,100 | \$ 240,100 |
| NET ASSETS: | | | |
| Without donor restrictions | | (96,148) | (24,883) |
| With donor restrictions | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total | | <u>(96,148)</u> | <u>(24,883)</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | \$ | <u>143,952</u> | \$ <u>215,217</u> |

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024

| | December 31 2025 | | | December 31 2024 | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| | Without Donor Restrictions | With Donor Restrictions | Total | Without Donor Restrictions | With Donor Restrictions | Total |
| REVENUE AND SUPPORT | | | | | | |
| Contributions | \$ 127,081 | \$ - | \$ 127,081 | \$ 90,416 | \$ - | \$ 90,416 |
| Grants | 61,600 | - | 61,600 | 32,800 | - | 32,800 |
| Auctions and events | 81,096 | - | 81,096 | 87,273 | - | 87,273 |
| Donated goods and services in kind | 288,536 | - | 288,536 | 173,816 | - | 173,816 |
| Investment Income | | | | | | |
| Dividends, interest & capital gains | - | - | - | 3,751 | - | 3,751 |
| Net unrealized gains on investments | <u>18,126</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>18,126</u> | <u>26,162</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>26,162</u> |
| Total revenue and support | <u>576,439</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>576,439</u> | <u>414,218</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>414,218</u> |
| Net assets released from restrictions | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(100,500)</u> | <u>-</u> |

| | December 31 2025 | | | December 31 2024 | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| | Without Donor Restrictions | With Donor Restrictions | Total | Without Donor Restrictions | With Donor Restrictions | Total |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| Program Services: | | | | | | |
| Scholarship program | 27,000 | - | 27,000 | 20,000 | - | 20,000 |
| Life coaching/board mentoring | 442,578 | - | 442,578 | 225,997 | - | 225,997 |
| Total program services | 442,578 | - | 442,578 | 245,977 | - | 245,977 |
| Fundraising event expenses | 142,765 | - | 142,765 | 162,823 | - | 162,823 |
| General and administrative | 64,361 | - | 64,361 | 75,116 | - | 75,116 |
| Total expenses | 649,704 | - | 649,704 | 483,619 | - | 483,619 |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS - Increase | (73,265) | - | (73,265) | (69,698) | - | (69,698) |
| Net assets at beginning of year | (24,883) | - | (24,883) | (55,685) | 100,500 | 44,815 |
| Net assets at end of year | \$ (98,148) | \$ - | \$ (98,148) | \$ (125,383) | \$ 100,500 | \$ (24,883) |

STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024

| | December 31, 2025 | | | | December 31, 2024 | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------|
| | Program Services | Fundraising | Management and General | Total Expenses | Program Services | Fundraising | Management and General | Total Expenses |
| Salaries & Related Benefits | \$ 132,354 | \$ 30,000 | \$ 30,000 | \$ 192,354 | \$ 59,170 | \$ 51,288 | \$ 38,617 | \$ 149,075 |
| Professional Services | - | - | 2,630 | 2,630 | - | - | 2,410 | 2,410 |
| Web Services | 6,129 | 1,226 | 3,677 | 11,032 | 899 | 2,697 | 899 | 4,495 |
| Office Expenses | 1,400 | 467 | 467 | 2,334 | 239 | 717 | 239 | 1,195 |
| Program events and marketing | 84,880 | 3,469 | 21,282 | 109,631 | 55,476 | 30,865 | 29,972 | 116,313 |
| Grants | 27,000 | - | - | 27,000 | 20,000 | - | - | 20,000 |
| Interest | 8,911 | - | 3,819 | 12,730 | 2,544 | 7,642 | 2,544 | 12,730 |
| Donated volunteer services | 13,500 | - | - | 13,500 | 10,350 | 2,000 | - | 12,350 |
| Donated radio advertising | 101,292 | 103,293 | 2,000 | 206,585 | 67,614 | 67,614 | - | 135,228 |
| Clothing, supplies and items | 6,626 | 3,825 | - | 10,451 | 29,250 | - | - | 29,250 |
| Insurance | 486 | 485 | 486 | 1,457 | 435 | - | 435 | 870 |
| TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES | \$ 442,578 | \$ 142,765 | \$ 64,361 | \$ 649,704 | \$ 245,977 | \$ 162,823 | \$ 75,116 | \$ 483,916 |

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Decrease in net assets | \$ (73,265) | \$ (69,698) |
| Depreciation | - | - |
| Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used by operating activities: | \$ - | \$ - |
| CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES | (73,265) | (69,698) |
| CASH FLOWS USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES | (73,265) | (69,698) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES - | | |
| Dividends, interest & capital gains | - | - |
| NET CASH (USED) PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES | - | - |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| New borrowing | - | - |
| CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES | - | - |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (73,265) | (69,698) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | 214,556 | 284,254 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year | \$ 141,291 | \$ 214,556 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES | | |
| Interest paid | \$ 12,730 | \$ 12,720 |

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