



Creating brighter futures for women and children in single mom families

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Dear Mayor and City Commission,

I am asking you to recognize Hope for Single Moms as a local civic organization serving women and children in the Greater Grand Rapids area. Hope for Single Moms holds a signature fundraiser, Fashion for a Future, on the fourth Thursday in September: Fashion for a Future 2024 is September 26, 2024. As part of this event, we would like to hold a raffle with proceeds from the raffle going towards our Academic Scholarship fund.

Nearly half of single mom families live in poverty working minimum-wage jobs. These women lack the skills they need to get a good-paying job during traditional work hours in order to provide well for their children. HSM aims to break the cycle, and we believe education is the key! Therefore, HSM services and programs include comprehensive support and mentorship, education scholarships, financial assistance for basic needs, and life skills training. Our goal is to guide single moms through their journey as student parents and to provide them with the support they need.

Hope for Single Moms employs a transformative "teach-a-woman-to-fish" approach, offering a real, long-term solution to poverty and childhood hunger among single mom families. It takes a village to create lasting change, and we proudly stand as that village, dedicated to uplifting and empowering single mothers and their children.

Please recognize Hope for Single Moms as a local civic organization transforming families from poverty to prosperity. By allowing us to hold this raffle, you increase the funds available for a career education and create opportunities for women and children where otherwise there are none. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Carla Ludwig

Dr. Carla Ludwig, Founding director
Hope for Single Moms