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### SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP OF BENTON COUNTY 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY STUDENT BENEFIT

**Bentonville, AR – August 14, 2014:** Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County (SPSF/BC) celebrated 30 years of student successes with community partners, students and graduates at their annual Student Benefit presented by ARVEST Bank and Walmart/Sam's Club. The Student Benefit will take place on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at John Q. Hammons in Rogers, AR with a Reception starting at 5:30pm and the Dinner and Program starting at 6:00pm.

Kyle Leyenberger of KNWA was the Master of Ceremonies at the event. Guest Speakers included, SPSF/BC Student, Shannon Pointer and SPSF/BC Board Chairman, Mary M. White Schneider of Keith, Butler, Miller, Schneider & Pawlik Law Firm. Key guests who attended were, City of Bentonville Mayor, Bob McCaslin; NorthWest Arkansas Community College President, Dr. Evelyn Jorgenson; John Brown University President, Dr. Chip Pollard; Northwest Technical Institute President, Dr. Blake Robertson; and University of Arkansas Vice Provost, Dr. Daniel Pugh.

Over 300 guests attended the event and SPSF/BC recognized nearly 150 students for their achievements and awarded them scholarships. SPSF/BC raised over \$50,000 at this year's Student Benefit and were able to invite guests free of charge because of the generosity of the event hosts, ARVEST Bank and Walmart/Sam's Club.

As the largest affiliate in the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund network, SPSF/BC focuses on the whole student and the needs of his/her family. We provide an empowering and nurturing growth environment that helps a single parent attend school, while addressing issues which, if not addressed, could undermine academic success or cause early withdrawal. We do this through a variety of support programs, including: **Professional and Personal Counseling** that helps students process life events and increase their self-confidence and sense of worth; **Academic and Career Guidance** that assists students in identifying and efficiently pursuing an appropriate course of study leading to employment; **Life Skills Workshops** that allow students to adjust to the college environment and develop their critical thinking, communication, research and time management skills; **Tutoring** for students who need a little extra academic help along the way; **Mentoring** to help students build the confidence they need to change their lives. We also connect our students to members of the Alumni Council, who have walked the path before them and completed their degrees.

For more information on how to support the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County and impact the lives of a single parent family visit [www.spsfbc.com](http://www.spsfbc.com) or contact us by email at [spsfbc@spsfbc.com](mailto:spsfbc@spsfbc.com) or by phone at 479/254-8550.

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**002:** Left to Right: Jack Eaton, Executive Director SPSF/BC; Daniel Pugh, University of Arkansas; Evelyn Jorgenson, President NWACC; Blake Robertson, President NTI; Mike Hamley, NTI; and Chip Pollard, President JBU

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**003:** Left to Right: Kyle Leyenberger, KNWA; Judy Hammond, SPSF/BC Board Vice Chairman; Mary M. White Schneider, SPSF/BC Board Chairman



**004:** Left to Right: Tanner Henderson, Jaclyn Henderson, Jerry Vest and Dale Ford, all from Regions Bank



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**006:** Left to Right: Andrea Milton, SPSF/BC Development Coordinator; Mildred Hartfield, Sister of SPSF/BC Founder, the late Marjorie Marugg-Wolfe; Mikki Bates, Daughter of SPSF/BC Founder, the late Marjorie Marugg-Wolfe; and John Wolfe, Husband SPSF/BC Founder, the late Marjorie Marugg-Wolfe.



**007:** Left to Right: SPSF/BC Board Members, Hank Schepers, Colgate Palmolive; Rebecca Johnson, United Bank; and Jerry Cavness.