

**Women in Networking of NWA Present Donation to Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County**



*From Left: WIN Board Members, Alecia Robertson, Marianne Gintonio, Stephanie Orman, Amber Taggard and Dr. Sarah Rowden, SPSF/BC Executive Director, Jack Eaton, WIN Board Member Eryn Salley, SPSF/BC Board Member, Barb Smith and WIN Board Members, Stephanie Arwine, Allison Hayes, Larra Hayward and Shea Nuckols.*

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, WIN (Women in Networking) of Northwest Arkansas presented a donation to Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County (SPSF/BC) from their June 5<sup>th</sup> Spirits for Scholarships event held at Aloft. The event raised \$6,000 for the non-profit to help fund scholarships to single parents who live in Benton County. In 2014, SPSF/BC helped 172 single parents further their education, awarding scholarships totaling nearly \$400,000. Scholarship funds are used to pay direct school expenses, but may also cover living expenses, such as rent, utilities, transportation or childcare. Students also have access to counseling and academic/career guidance.

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 [spsfbc.org](http://spsfbc.org) or contact us by email at [spsfbc@spsfbc.org](mailto:spsfbc@spsfbc.org) or by phone at 479/254-8550. For additional media resources visit [spsfbc.org/news/media-resources](http://spsfbc.org/news/media-resources).

**About Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County**

Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County's (SPSF/BC) mission is to enable single parents to achieve self-sufficiency through post-secondary education. 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.