



Summer Newsletter

From Our Executive Director:

We're so excited about all the positive things happening at SPARC HOPE this summer. We have clients graduating, new clients coming in, new volunteers helping out, new donors contributing, and fun events happening (for both our clients and donors)! It is keeping us busy, busy, busy; but what a blessing it is! We hope that this newsletter can capture just a little bit of what your supports allows to happen at SPARC HOPE. Your generous monetary donations, along with giving of your expertise and time, help us continue to serve the single parents in our community that are striving to make a better life for themselves and their children; allowing us to live up to our mission statement of "Changing Kentuckiana's kids, one single parent at a time!"

With all of that said, I would love to introduce two of our newest staff members: Frankie Dierson is our new Program Coordinator. Staci, who we all loved, left to go back to school to pursue being a counselor! We are so proud of her but we are also excited about what Frankie will be bringing to SPARC HOPE. She has a Masters degree in Social Work and has experience in Case Management. She is also in a place in her life that she felt God calling her to do "something", and we are thrilled that the something she's chosen is SPARC-HOPE.

Our second new hire is Nikki Cleveland who will serve as our new Office/Volunteer Coordinator. Nikki comes to us with a background in volunteer coordination. One of her past jobs was with Metro United Way. She will be bringing a wealth of information, contacts, and great practices to SPARC HOPE.

We welcome you to stop by our office and pantry facility to meet them both.

A Special Graduation



HURRAY, as we celebrate JaTeziah!

JaTeziah recently completed her **SECOND** masters degree (Masters of Arts in Instructional Leadership) from Spalding University, June 3. She has her sight set on becoming a Principal, or Assistant Principal, with her new degree. During the graduation ceremony, she was also awarded her Masters of Arts in School Guidance Counseling that had been delayed due to the pandemic.

JaTeziah was the only student to “walk” in graduation twice! Brielle, JaTeziah's daughter, still talks about graduation. She will begin the EdD program in August 2021.

Congratulations, JaTeziah! We are so proud of you!

Welcome to Our New Clients

During the second quarter of this year, SPARC HOPE had three new single parents enrolled in our Life Plan Program. Two of the clients are working on their bachelor's degree in nursing. The other is working on a Licensed Family and Marriage Counseling Degree. Between these three new clients, we are supporting an additional eight children! All of our single parent clients are so appreciative of the financial and in kind support that SPARC HOPE can provide them.



Mother's Day Celebration

We wanted to thank Emily and Fit4Mom Louisville for these wonderful Mother's Day Gifts for our clients! They are great! Thanks again for reaching out and supporting our single moms! Please check out Fit4Mom at <https://www.facebook.com/F4MLouisville/> to see what they're all about.

Also our single dad was recognized on Father's Day with a gift card to celebrate the day!

Back to School Program Sponsors

Read more about our successful "BACK TO SCHOOL" program, below, under the VALUED VOLUNTEERS Section. Thank you to everyone who sponsored one of our kids: Kristan, Mary Beth, Deb, Bernice, Laura and Morgan (who sponsored 3)! In addition, a BIG "shout-out" to Woodlands Church who graciously sponsored 15 of our children!!

Our next two upcoming special programs will be our Halloween Drive and Thanksgiving Baskets! Look for our new Special Programs Page coming soon to our website:

www.sparc-hope-org.

CURRENT URGENT RESOURCE NEED

Our biggest current need is for car repair services. We have two clients that are having trouble even making it to the pantry because of car issues. Please contact us with any lead information you may have regarding car repair services for them and any future need.

Valued Volunteers / Needs



Thank you to the Humana Retail Division (Ashley Yuhas, Selina Gordon, Jennifer Cutsinger, Avery Cutsinger, and Larry Tapp) for “owning” our “Back-to-School” bash for the children of SPARC HOPE and putting in 44 hours of VOLUNTEER time, which is a tremendous value (over \$1200). Their dedication of time and help with duties and details (as well as spreading the word about SPARC HOPE) save valuable staff hours and are **greatly appreciated**.

Looking for a group project for your organization?

Our next two programs will be our Halloween Costume Drive for the children and our Thanksgiving Baskets. For more information, please complete our group project form <https://www.sparc-hope.org/volunteer/> Nikki will then reach out to you for specifics.



“Give For Good, Louisville” is the biggest day of online giving.

Thanks for making our day fun, exciting and profitable!

Thanks to our Matching Sponsors for GIVE FOR GOOD!

MATCHING SPONSORS:

[Mr. Handyman Louisville](#)

[Senn's Collision Repair Centers](#)

Cooper's Insurance Company

[Newcomer Funeral Home](#)

[Home Team Inspections](#)

Barba, Kara & Kim Nichols



We are pleased to announce that Elite Homes has been added to our many corporate donors this year. Since the beginning of 2021 they have helped SPARC HOPE by investing over \$5000 in our mission. We are thrilled to have Elite Home join us in impacting single parents and their children.



Want to make a difference in the lives of our clients and their children? Join our "SPARC SUPPORTERS" monthly giving program. We have 53 SPARC SUPPORTERS right now and we'd love to add your name to the list. You receive monthly updates on how your investment is impacting the families in our programs. Monthly giving is a vital part of our organization because it helps us plan, budget and grow! Please visit our SPARC SUPPORTERS page and learn how your gift can make an impact TODAY! <https://www.sparc-hope.org/sparc-supporters/>



MASK FOR AID BALL happened on September 17th at the Mellwood Arts Center. This event was the highlight of our fundraising year and was carefully planned for fun, with dinner, drinks, prizes and dancing with local country artist, JD SHELBURNE. A special THANK YOU to an anonymous donor who purchased a table at the event for our clients to attend!

OUR SPONSORS



ANSERT FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, PSC





SPARC HOPE Facility Tours: [Available the 3rd Thursday or every month at noon.](#)

Restaurant nights:

Recent restaurant nights have been at Le Moo, Brasserie Provence and Grassa Gramma
[Our next night will be in December at Village Anchor. 12/20/21.](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

[Google Business](#)

