NEWSLETTER

STEPPING UP & OUT

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Jackie Hardesty

"I volunteer with SPARC because I enjoy helping people and I love the comradery I form with other volunteers. I love knowing that when I volunteer with SPARC that I am helping the moms and making a difference. "

Jackie started volunteering with us last year and continues to come in faithfully every week to assist in our food pantry. She has become a wonderful addition to our team!

LOOKING FOR A FUN WAY TO HELP?

Host your own 'Party with a Purpose' to benefit SPARC Hope!
This is a fun way to introduce SPARC Hope to your friends, neighbors, family, etc.

A few ideas to consider are:
- Wine Tasting
- Poolside Party
- Formal/Informal Tea
- Brunch/Lunch Gathering
- Girl's Night Out

To learn more about this "FUNdraising" opportunity, give Jan a call at 502-245-9899 or email at jvanzant@sparc-hope.org
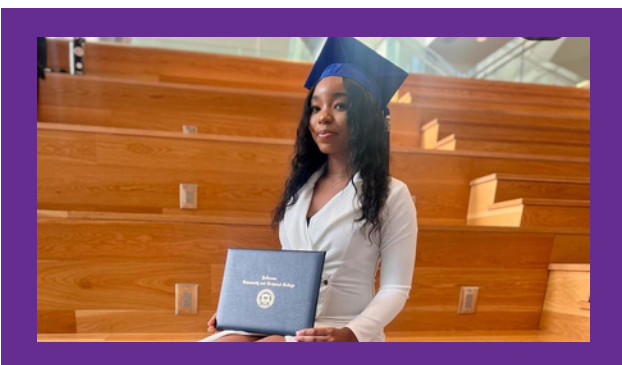
HIGHLIGHTS

First Quarter

2023 has gotten off to a great start! We held our annual gala at Churchill Downs, celebrating 20 years in existence, you can view photos <u>here</u>.

We were also able to provide Mother's Day gifts, Easter baskets, Spring Cleaning baskets, bikes, and laptops, desktops & tablets for our single parents.

CLIENT HIGHLIGHTS

Since the beginning of the year, we have brought on five new families. We have also celebrated four graduations! Three of these graduates are continuing their education in pursuit of additional degrees, while the fourth signed an employment contract, entering the workforce in her field of study!

FOOD DRIVES

We want to give a special thanks to the following organizations that have helped to support us through food drives this year:

- G.E. Appliances
- SIGMA KAPPA Sorority from UofL
- BETA Club from Crosby Middle School
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

EXTRA SUPPORT

Special thank you to Northeast Christian Church for awarding us with $10,000 as a part of their "10 for 10" campaign. These funds will be used to purchase Kroger cards. The single parents receive one each month, to supplement for specific grocery items.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- <u>May 18th</u> - Tour SPARC Hope - Have you ever been to SPARC Hope to see what all we do here? Come take a tour! See the food pantry and learn more about how we started. Register <u>here</u>.
- <u>June 11th</u> - Restaurant Night at Grassa Gramma - Love Italian food? Great! Enjoy a delicious meal and part of the proceeds for the evening will be donated to SPARC.
- <u>July 29th</u> - Back-to-School - This is such a fun event for our single parents & their kids! We pack up all of their school supplies, uniforms/clothes and meet us at Shoe Carnival, where the kids get to pick out a new pair of shoes! We still need sponsors for all of the children, you can sign up <u>here</u>.
- <u>August 23rd</u> - Breakfast of Champions - This is an amazing event to introduce your friends to SPARC Hope! Plus, you get a free breakfast at The Olmstead. Click <u>here</u> for more details.
- <u>September 14th</u> - Give for Good Louisville - This is the largest local giving day of the year. SPARC Hope will be competing with hundreds of other nonprofits for half a million dollars in prize money! Mark your calendars, this is a great way to stretch your donation!

WHY GIVE MONTHLY?

IT'S AFFORDABLE
You can invest what makes sense to you, while making an impact over the course of a year!

IT'S SUPPORT
This investment allows SPARC to plan and grow because we have the support in place to make a difference in our community!

IT'S IMPACTFUL
You will receive updates on how your investment is changing the lives of people in our ministry!

CONNECT WITH US

The best way to keep up with SPARC Hope is to follow us on social media. Every week you get updates on current clients, upcoming events, pantry/volunteer needs, & we even highlight some of our amazing supporters.

Now you can get to all of our social media platforms in one place. Check out our Linktree <u>here</u>.

<u>Want to make an impact!?</u> Something that can really help SPARC Hope would be to give us a Google review, you can do so <u>here</u>.

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