

Live Your Dream

ANNUAL 2020 REPORT 2020

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We will always remember 2020 as being a very special year for the Live Your Dream Foundation; we celebrated our 10year anniversary! We awarded 25 scholarships to single mothers in Utah, totaling \$45,000. We are so proud of the women we were able to assist this year and want them to know that they can do anything they put their minds to. These women are great examples to their children as they work hard to provide their families with a better future.

The families we helped in 2020 experienced many kinds of struggles including: divorce, death, suicide, poverty, special needs, cancer, poor health, rape, abuse, homelessness, mental illness, addiction, etc. With these struggles, it may appear impossible to gain an education; however, the women we helped persevered and accomplished the "impossible".

Our sold-out annual golf tournament was a huge success with 32 teams and 128 participants. We raised over \$100,000 from the event. We will be forever grateful for "The Grand Champion" and his efforts in starting the "match game", where he agreed to match donations at the tournament. This encouraged others to come forward and donate as well, making 2020 our most successful golf tournament to date. We love our donors and appreciate your kindness and support – you are amazing! Mark your calendars for next year's Live Your Dream golf tournament on Thursday, June 2, 2022! We will be changing locations to Sleepy Ridge golf course.

I am also grateful for my amazing board members; the foundation would not be a success without their hard work and dedication. Our organization is unique in that the operation is completely volunteer-operated, with no paid employees. This allows all contributions to directly benefit single mothers and their families instead of overhead costs. We are hopeful and excited for what next year will bring!

Thank you!

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Katie Bunnell Live Your Dream Foundation President & Co-Founder

OUR IMPACT

Live Your Dream children in and Utah. Since our



inception in 2010 we have awarded 109 scholarships for single mothers who desire to attend college, university, or technical school; any type of education that will increase earning potential to help them better provide for their family. We award scholarships in the fall and winter/spring. All recipients go through an application process and can apply for a scholarship multiple times.

> Because of the scholarships awarded to single mothers since our founding, over **235** children have a greater probability of gaining a higher education.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED:
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SCHOLARSHIPS

In the last three years, Live Your Dream Foundation awarded more scholarships than in the previous seven years combined.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED 2018-2020	67
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED 2010-2017	42

Gaining a college education impacts families, friends, and communities for generations to come. Children with mothers who have a higher education are more likely to attend college, participate in civic activities, and be more involved with their future children (Women and Education Initiative Madsen. 2010).

40% OF ALL SINGLE MOTHERS LIVE BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LINE

We are also helping to break the poverty cycle in our community. The DWS reports, "Obtaining a quality education increases employment opportunities, increases lifetime earnings, and supports economic stability for parents and their children."

2020 SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Cindy Cloninger

Major & School: Healthcare Coding Certificate, Weber State University

Estimated Graduation Date: April 2021

Impact on Kids: I attended college at the same time as three of my children. This provided a unique bonding and commonality that we enjoyed. My younger children are all planning on attending higher education institutes in the future.

"As a widow with six children I needed to enter the workforce quickly. I chose to pursue the one-year Healthcare Coding Certificate. I am humbled and honored at all the help I have received. The Live Your Dream Foundation scholarship alleviated so many burdens for me. To have someone else look at all the obligations and responsibilities that are on your shoulders and help remove some of them for you was much needed relief.



The biggest impact gaining an education has had on my life is what has happened to me on the inside. I was doubtful at this stage in my life that I was capable of attending and doing well in college. I have learned to push my limits even farther and just what I am really capable of. As I look back on who I was before I began this journey, I can see how I've grown in not only wisdom and understanding, but in confidence and fortitude. That knowledge will continue to empower me to face and move through many obstacles and pursue many more opportunities throughout my life."

Nicole Redford

Major & School: Bachelor's Degree in Information Systems, Utah Valley University (working on an MBA now!) Graduation Date: August 2020

Employment: Since graduating, I have been offered a fulltime position at double the income I was earning as an intern, including health benefits. Almost every area of my life has improved since earning my degree. I can financially support my family, purchase a home, and grow my career. Impact on Kids: I am able to better provide for myself and my kids, and to be an example to my kids of the importance of education. My boys have seen me do difficult things. I was able to model determination, organization, persistence, patience, and many other attributes for them. They are statistically more likely to earn an advanced degree since I have.



"I have proven to myself that I can do what I once deemed impossible. I have self confidence that I didn't have before. I am more goal oriented and focused. I have also developed deep empathy for other women going through similar struggles. The Live Your Dream Foundation not only offered financial support, but also gave me a sense of community. I was able to meet many people who didn't know me but were cheering me on and offering me support."

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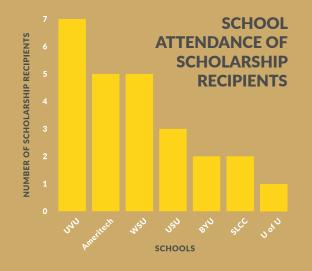
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BY THE NUMBERS





WE ARE GROWING!



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants	\$104,203
Program Services	\$0
Membership Dues	\$0
Investment Income	\$2,524
Special Events	\$70,808
Sales	\$0
Other	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$177,535
EXPENSES	
Grants	\$0

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Salaries & Employee Benefits	\$
Professional Fees	\$1,12
Occupancy	\$
Printing, Publications, Postage, etc.	\$
Other	\$58
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,71
NET INCOME	\$175.82



100% of donations go directly to single mother families as the organization is supported solely by volunteers.

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LOOKING AHEAD AT 2022

Our goal is to become fully endowed and self-sustaining while helping as many single mothers as we possibly can. We currently have over \$365,000 in our endowment fund with a 2022 goal of reaching \$500,000. We are accomplishing this goal by raising money through grants, donations, our annual golf tournament, and investing our funds in a fiscally responsible way. If you know a single mother in Utah who desires to gain an education, the deadline for Fall Semester 2022 is April 10, 2022. They can apply on our website:

https://www.liveyourdreamfoundation.org/apply/

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