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Helping to give women the strength to move on and improve themselves is why we do what we do!

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Founders' Scholarship 2021

This year we are happy to report that we awarded two individuals with the Founders' Scholarship Award. It is because of your generous support that we are able to award two Founders' Scholarships to two very deserving awardees.

One of the awardees of the Founders' Scholarship, Tamara Gooden-Trowell, is a single mom of three children. Tamara is a long-term health care aide for the elderly at a local nursing home facility. "My patients are like family to me" she declares. The Covid pandemic forced a reduction in Tamara's hours at the nursing home, but she continued to work part-time at night while home-schooling her school-aged children (8 and 10 years) and maintaining her own studies. Finances are tight in Tamara's household; for months, the children used her cell phone for remote learning until the school district was able to provide student iPads. Her

dedication to health care has led Tamara to pursue her degree in Health Sciences at Cape Cod Community College. Tamara will take the Licensed Practical Nurse certification exam following the Spring 2021 semester. Tamara's ultimate goal is to continue her education and become a registered nurse.



TAMARA GOODEN-TROWELL



EDITH LORFILIS

Edith Lorfilis is the second awardee of the Founders' Scholarship. Edith moved from Haiti to the United States in 2009 at the age of 40 with her two children. Her goal was to create a better life for her family and most importantly, provide education for her children. As a child, due to limited family finances, Edith was only able to complete middle school. Edith currently works as a Certified Nursing Assistant in a long-term care facility and was promoted to Senior Patient

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Silent Auction - Scheduled for December 12, 2021

As you may remember, Lost Coin Women's Fund decided to cancel our Silent Auction that was scheduled for December 6, 2020. As we stated in our letter to you, our supporters, the Silent Auction is our main fundraising event. Based on CDC guidelines, it was necessary to cancel in order to keep everyone safe and healthy. The COVID-19 Pandemic has greatly affected many organizations and businesses. It has been particularly hard on non-profit organizations. However, as we said in our letter, better days are ahead. And guess what... they are!

(this will be our 6th) for Sunday, December 12, 2021 at the Neighborhood Club in Quincy. Put a reminder in your calendar and plan on attending.

We are collecting all different kinds of items, with a wide range of value. At past silent auctions, guests enjoyed light refreshments during the auction as they leisurely looked over the numerous silent auction items and placed their bids. It was a nice way to spend a couple hours on a Sunday afternoon!

We are already taking donations for silent auction items for December. Please feel free to contact us by email if you are interested in do-

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SAVE THE DATE!

OUR 6TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION CELEBRATION SUNDAY, DEC. 12, 2021 1:00-3:00 PM AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB QUINCY, MA



"NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD – IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS."
MARGARET MEAD

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Care Assistant. Edith's childhood dream was to become a Registered Nurse, but she felt that she was too old. Then one day, her former manager encouraged her to "go for it"!

Edith used her determination and motivation to earn a high school diploma, receive an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts from Bunker

Hill Community College, and is now enrolled part-time in the Nursing Program at Labourer College. She continues to work full-time while caring for her mother, niece as well as her two children.

Congratulations to our Founders' Scholarship Awardees!

LCWF Scholar Stats!

28 scholarships were awarded in 2020.

17 scholarships went to single moms. All were working while going to school, mostly full time.

38 children impacted. The common theme among recipients was that the most important reason they were going to school is to make a better life for their children, to make their children proud, and to show their children that it is always possible to make your dreams come true.

12 scholarships went to immigrant women

2 scholarships went to survivors of domestic abuse

23 women were going into health care,

mostly as nurses. Most have worked for years as home health aides, health technicians or CNAs.

1 woman was studying to be a Dental Assistant.

1 Woman was getting her certificate in Massage Therapy

1 woman was studying Cosmetology

2 women were studying to be educators.

LCWF scholars come from Hyde Park, Dorchester, Roxbury, Cape Cod, New Bedford, Milton, Weymouth, Brockton, Hanson and Greenfield.

LCWF served women from the ages of 19-53.

LCWF awarded \$63,426 in scholarships in 2020!

"Thank You" From Some of our Award Recipients

"I AM SO VERY THANKFUL FOR YOU ALL GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO SCHOOL! ONCE I GRADUATE (SEPTEMBER, 2022), I WILL BECOME A LICENSED COSMETOLOGIST AND WORK FOR MY FAMILY AT THEIR SALON. THIS WILL ENABLE ME TO PROVIDE A MORE STABLE LIFE FOR MY DAUGHTER AND MYSELF. THANK YOU!"

"I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR HAVING BEEN CHOSEN TO RECEIVE THE LOST COIN SCHOLARSHIP. I AM OVERWHELMED BY YOUR GENEROSITY! RECEIVING THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAS ALLOWED ME TO PURCHASE THE REQUIRED LAPTOP AND SOFTWARE NEEDED FOR MY PROGRAM THAT I OTHERWISE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AFFORD."

"I AM VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY AND I THANK YOU. WITH THIS I AM ABLE TO FINISH SCHOOL, BECOME A NURSE, AND BE ABLE TO WORK IN THE FIELD I LOVE AND HAVE PASSION FOR, ALONG WITH BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR MY TWO DAUGHTERS."

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nating to this great cause! In the past, our items included gift cards to local restaurants, and local businesses. Tickets to sporting events, hand crafts, beautiful paintings and special getaways were also included. To get in touch with us, please email us at LostCoinWFInc@gmail.com

and we will organize a time to pick up your donated item for the auction.

We are excited (as we're sure you are too!) to be getting back to normal and are so looking forward to this year's Silent Auction. We hope to see you there!

If you are interested in donating your time for the good of helping women become strong, self-reliant and successful individuals, please email us at LostCoinWFInc@gmail.com. We welcome any individual who shares the same passion and desire to help women succeed!