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

We have recently updated our website! Take a look!

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## Founders' Scholarship 2019

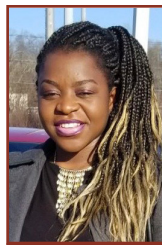
This year we are happy to report that we awarded three individuals with the Founders' Scholarship Award. It is because of your generous support that we are able to award three Founders' Scholarships to three very deserving awardees.

One of the awardees of the Founder's Scholarship, Unique, is a student at Emerson College in Boston where she is studying for a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies. Unique received her associate's degree from Roxbury Community College in liberal arts. The Dean of Students at RCC characterized her in glowing terms as a mature, industrious student who was focused on her studies and raising her ten-year-old son. Her financial situation has forced her to resume her studies at Emerson as a part-time student while she earns her income as a Lyft driver. When informed that she had been chosen to be one of the recipients of this

year's Founder's Scholarship, Unique gratefully responded that "blessings come in strange ways".



RODELINE  
UNIQUE  
PIERRE



CHANTAL  
ERHURSE

Chantal Erhurse is a 26 year old student at Mount Wachusett Community College where she is enrolled in a 2-year Nursing Program. Born in the United States, Chantal was sent to live with relatives in Cameroon when she was seven years old. Adjusting to a new culture was challenging, but she promised her mother that no matter what, she would focus on her education. Chantal returned to the U.S. for her junior and senior years in high school. Before deciding to pursue a Nursing career, Chantal studied Psychology and worked for an Advocates organization that services people with mental, physical, developmental, and/or behavioral disabilities. Chantal supported deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals, helping them to learn life skills and function in group home settings. A

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## Celebration and Silent Auction - December 2, 2018

LCWF held our fourth annual silent auction at The Neighborhood Club in Quincy on December 2, 2018. This year we had over 100 auction items, many more than in previous years. Auction items included gift certificates, sports gift baskets, art work, hand made jewelry, hand made quilts, children's gift baskets, home goods, crystal, and themed table-top Christmas trees. Our silent auction continues to be our biggest fundraiser and allows us to continue to award deserving women the money they need to continue with their education. With our very successful silent auctions, the board of directors has been able to increase the amount of our awards to \$2,000. This annual event has



also allowed us to award three deserving applicants this year with the Founders' Scholarship.

While the guests enjoyed light refresh-

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# SAVE THE DATE!

OUR 5TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION CELEBRATION SUNDAY, DEC. 1, 2019 1:00-3:00 PM AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB QUINCY, MA

Thank you to everyone who donated and attended our auction! You make our auction special with your fabulous donations! Special getaways, tickets to sporting events, fine dining, hand crafts and beautiful paintings! Please consider offering something special for our auction today! Contact us via our email and we will arrange to have your donation picked up!

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

## Founders' Scholarship 2019 *Continued from previous page*

grant from LCWF helped her begin her Nursing studies; she is particularly interested in either Emergency Room or Maternal care. Now in her second semester at Mount Wachusett, Chantal says “It’s been a wonderful journey of learning and overall growth as a person.” Lost Coin is pleased to award Chantal a Founders Scholarship to assist

her in continuing her studies and reaching her goal.

Kristin DiCarlo is the third recipient of the Founders' Scholarship this year. Kristin is a single mother of two. She works part time as a nurse aide at a skilled nursing facility and also does some home care services. Kristin is currently enrolled at Brockton Hospital School of Nursing.

### LCWF Scholar Stats!

**43** scholarships awarded in the last two years

**20** scholarships went to single moms, all were working while going to school, mostly full time.

**53** 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.

**7** scholarships went to immigrant women

**3** scholarships went to survivors of domestic abuse; one who is also a cancer survivor and two who have recovered from serious acci-

dents that disrupted their education.

**5** scholarships went to women who were caring for children but also ailing parents.

**12** scholarships went to women who were also recipients of public assistance. A common goal is to earn enough money that they do not need public assistance.

**23** women were going into health care, mostly as nurses. Most have worked for years as home health aides, health technicians or CNAs.

**LCWF scholars** come from Dorchester, Roxbury, E. Bridgewater, Stoughton, Chesterfield, Belchertown, New Bedford, Cape Cod, Milton, Watertown, Weymouth, Franklin, Brockton, Taunton, Chelsea, and Abington!

### “Thank You” From Some of our Award Recipients

“IT’S HARD TO BELIEVE THERE ARE GOOD PEOPLE LEFT IN TODAY’S WORLD, AND HAVING DEALT WITH LOST COIN WOMEN’S FUND I HAVE CHANGED MY MIND. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE DECISION TO HELP ME. THE WORK YOU LADIES DO TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED IS AMAZING. I NOW FEEL CONFIDENT AS A SINGLE MOTHER THAT MY DAUGHTER CAN HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE LIFE. I CAN NOW PURSUE MY LIFE LONG DREAM OF HELPING OTHERS AS YOU AT LOST COIN DO!”

“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.”

### Silent Auction *Continued from previous page*

ments during the silent auction, 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 next year. Please feel free to contact us by email if you are interested in donating to this great cause! Our email is [LostCoinWFInc@gmail.com](mailto:LostCoinWFInc@gmail.com). Don’t forget to put Sunday, December 1, 2019 on your calendars! 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](mailto:LostCoinWFInc@gmail.com). We welcome any individual who shares the same passion and desire to help women succeed!