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## Volunteers Interview Scholarship Applicants, Raise Support for Fund

**(Berryville, AR)** Carroll County volunteers were busy last week supporting the mission of the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Northwest Arkansas (SPSF NWA). On Monday, members of the Board of Directors and Community Leadership Council held interviews with scholarship applicants. On Sunday they raised funds to support scholarships by selling parking spaces in downtown Eureka Springs.

Volunteer involvement remains vital to the organization one year following the merger of the Carroll, Madison and Washington County Funds. “We depend on our volunteers in each community to raise awareness and support for the Fund as well as provide single parents with encouragement and access to higher education,” said Jody Dilday, executive director of SPSF NWA. “In the last 12 months, SPSF NWA has awarded 12 scholarships totaling \$13,500 in Carroll County. We couldn’t do that without our volunteers.”

SPSF NWA offers direct financial assistance to low-income single parents who are pursuing a college degree or career related course of study. Students attend a number of area colleges including the University of Arkansas, NorthWest Arkansas Community College, North Arkansas College and Northwest Technical Institute. Applications are accepted and interviews are held three times each year just prior to the Fall, Spring and Summer semester. The next application deadline is October 15, 2010 for the Spring 2011 semester.

For more information including application deadlines, and the online application form, visit [www.spsfnwa.org](http://www.spsfnwa.org).

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*Founded in 1984, Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Northwest Arkansas, Inc. is a community supported effort creating better, brighter futures for single parent families by offering encouragement and access to higher education. Each year SPSF NWA awards over \$300,000 in scholarships to more than 100 recipients to help them pay for their education and related living expenses. The average GPA of a SPSF NWA scholarship recipient is 3.16 and more than 80% of SPSF NWA graduates obtain gainful employment within six months of graduation. Scholarships are funded entirely by donations from individuals businesses, civic and community groups, churches and foundations. Statewide there are 70 Single Parent Scholarship Fund Affiliates. For more information or to apply for a scholarship visit [www.spsfnwa.org](http://www.spsfnwa.org).*