

Single Parent Scholarship Fund OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS, INC.

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Single Parent Scholarship Fund of NWA Thanks Supporters at the 2009 Jingle Mingle

(Springdale, AR) Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Northwest Arkansas (SPSF NWA) rang in the holiday season Thursday, December 3, 2009 at The Trees at Waterside, a new special event venue located at Waterside Business Center in Fayetteville. Approximately 160 guests dropped in from 6-to-9 p.m. to mix and mingle with board members, scholarship recipients, graduates, staff and supporters of SPSF NWA.

This annual event also serves as a fundraiser and brought in more than \$20,000 for the scholarship fund. SPSF NWA Board Chair Jim Crouch and 2010 incoming Board Chair Lisa Brown welcomed the crowd and introduced scholarship recipients Mandi Beesler, Amanda Comer and Andrea Mutzhaus, who spoke about the significance of the scholarship in their families' lives.

"The Jingle Mingle is a holiday event to celebrate the season and thank our donors and community partners for giving the gift of education," said Executive Director Jody Dilday. "It also allows our supporters the chance to meet and mingle with our scholarship recipients, hear their stories and make their end-of-the-year gift,"

Guests jingled to the jazz of The Ben Harris Trio and mingled with hors d'oeuvres by Catering Concepts: pan-seared pork tenderloin, Asian-marinated flank steak, bacon-wrapped chicken, smoked salmon dip, sautéed chilled vegetables, stuffed mushrooms and an array of cheeses and desserts. Wine was sponsored by Liquor World. University of Arkansas men and women of Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) and Kappa Kappa Gamma, respectively, served as volunteers.

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Founded in 1984, Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Northwest Arkansas, Inc. helps single parents build better, brighter futures by providing encouragement and access to higher education. Each year SPSF NWA awards over \$250,000 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.