Scholar Spotlight: Angela, FL

Angela just completed her Associate’s Degree and is moving on to get her Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice. She hopes to go on to law school and earn her J.D. After struggling with alcohol dependence, Angela realized she needed to truly focus on how to support her children. She decided to go back to school and has set high goals for herself. She recently finished her Paralegal Studies program, and finished with one of the highest GPAs in her program. She is continuing on with her Bachelor’s Degree and is excited to learn more, develop her work ethic, and show her daughters just how valuable an education is. With her education, Angela hopes to give back and volunteer her services to individuals who have trouble finding employment due to criminal records. She would like to also continue volunteering with domestic violence and homeless shelters by helping with legal paperwork.

“As a single mother of two smart, beautiful daughters, I knew early on that I had to be able to provide for them. I knew that in order to give them the best life possible that I needed to further my education. Although the road to pursuing my goals has been difficult at times, I knew that receiving a higher education outweighed them. I knew that in order to give them the best life possible that I needed to further my education. Although the road to pursuing my goals has been difficult at times, I knew that receiving a higher education outweighed them. I knew that in order to give them the best life possible that I needed to further my education. Although the road to pursuing my goals has been difficult at times, I knew that receiving a higher education outweighed them. I knew that in order to give them the best life possible that I needed to further my education. 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Letter from the Executive Director

Greetings and Supporters -

As the new year begins, we reflect on all the wonderful things that have developed over the past 12 months at JRF. What we are most grateful for is YOU, our awesome supporters and donors. It truly “takes a village” to deliver our mission and the role you play is very critical. We are grateful for your partnership and support. There are literally hundreds of people who contribute to JRF’s success.

At the 1st Annual Jeannette Rankin Legacy Lecture we celebrated our Founders, five wonderful women whose vision and dedication to helping other women, delivered big returns to more than 1,000 women and their families.

We have an incredible leadership team in our Board of Directors. They hail from all over the country and are in multiple professions. Their passion and dedication to the mission of JRF moves us forward.

And last, but certainly not least, I am grateful for our JRF staff. Daily, you take your devotion to empowering women through education and put it into action. We look forward to another wonderful year, focusing on how we can make the world a better place for our Scholars and their families.

YOU make the difference! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Yours for Women and Education,

-Karen
By pursuing a college education, I am reframing what was once a constricting, traumatic experience, and I am persisting through them all with the goal to help other women come out of darkness into better lives. I am honored to be able to do this work.

Tammie is currently pursuing her Bachelor’s of Social Work, with plans to continue on to get her Master’s of Social Work. After making the challenging choice to leave an abusive relationship after 30 years, Tammie knew it was time to start over and build her own life. She wants to give back to other women who have been trapped in abusive, exploitative, oppressive, and dangerous relationships and circumstances. She has volunteered at the same local women’s shelters that provided help to her when she was in need, and she volunteers with an organization that helps women escape the commercial sex industry. She has been challenged throughout life by many manmade disasters, but she persists through them all with the goal to help other women come out of darkness into better lives.

“By pursuing a college education, I am reframing what was once a constricting, traumatic experience, and I am shaping it into an expansive opportunity for growth and liberation that I want to share with other women.”