



every gift matters

## How Can **YOU** Help?

### Give to a Scholar and Her Family

*This Holiday Season*

Help us put smiles on the faces of children and give relief to their mothers who are our scholars this holiday season by providing **50+ gifts** to these single mother-led families. The holiday season can be tough for those who have little to provide on an everyday basis. Nevertheless adding the pressures of the holidays to provide more, can be challenging. We will provide gifts for both the parents and the children. Your gifts will remind them, they are supported and not alone.

#### YOU CAN GIVE 3 WAYS

1. Please contact Danielle Martin Moffett to sign up to give at [dmmoffett@hopeandafutureproject.org](mailto:dmmoffett@hopeandafutureproject.org)
2. Please contact Danielle to make arrangements to give in person or send New Unwrapped Gifts, and/or Gift Cards to: **Hope and a Future Project P O Box 658 Bear, DE 19701**
3. For Monetary donations to contribute toward gifts, you can also give online at [www.hopeandafutureproject.org](http://www.hopeandafutureproject.org)

>>>>>> HOLIDAY GIFTS DEADLINE IS **DECEMBER 15, 2018** <<<<<<<

Hope and a Future Project is an outreach of Arising Ministries. Donations are tax deductible under IRS law.

#### WHY GIVE GIFTS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

*“Hope and a Future Project provides an environment where we have the opportunity to socialize and connect with others who have similar life challenges and we feel motivated, supported and valued”*

— **Scholar Namire Wanamaker** received her Associates Degree from Delaware Technical Community College and is currently attending Wilmington University pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Business and Nonprofit Management.

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[HopeandaFutureProject.org](http://HopeandaFutureProject.org)

# Giving Incredible Hope



Because of **YOU** sending incredible hope her way, this Mom has changed hers and her family's future

## Never Give Up!

Jade never gave up, even though she wanted to, many times. “I was working full time and in school full time. Sometimes things got really tough. Hope and a Future Project was always there helping me with my school needs. Like when I sometimes struggled academically with a class, my mentor Tonya was there to encourage me and guide me in the right direction. My family is very supportive, Jade says. They help me care for Jayden when I was working and taking college classes. Hope and a Future Project’s workshops, gave me the opportunity to be around peers who are experiencing the same challenges as me. We are able to lift each other up.” says Jade.

Raised in northern Delaware, Jade graduated from Hodgson Vo-Tech High School. Jade was a freshman at Wesley College and at just 18 years old she learned she was pregnant. Jade gave birth to a son, Jayden. At the beginning of the next school year, she transferred to University of Delaware. After earning an Associate’s degree there, she was accepted into Wilmington University where she graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Marketing in January 2018.

Jade is 26 years old today. It took her 7 years to finish 2 degrees but she never gave up. She persevered and did really well in school. She had many reasons to

be discouraged by so many distractions around her but she pushed through. Jade says, “**Hope and a Future Project influenced her to stay in school and be determined to graduate.** They gave me the confidence to believe in myself even when I doubted myself. I am so thankful to God, my family and Hope and a Future Project who helped me achieve a greater future for me and my son. They have played a vital role in my growth as a mother, employee and student.”

Hope and a Future Project has made such an impact on me that I am now helping as a volunteer. I like being a part of something bigger than me. Helping teen parents to reach their full potential and realize anything is possible is how I want to give back. I was part of the first scholar class, when the program was new. Today, it’s great to see how much they’ve grown.

**What’s next for Jade?** Jade currently works at Bank of America and is looking forward to finding a job in the Marketing field. I also want to go back to school to pursue my master’s degree. In three to five years I’d like to own my own company and be even more involved with Hope and a Future Project. I also see myself married, expanding my family, owning a home and buying a dog.

#### OUR MISSION

We Empower Teen Parent’s to Graduate College, Lead Successful Families and Build Strong Communities.



GIVE TODAY

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## Stanley Mathis

### Why I Give?



Stanley Mathis has been supporting Hope and a Future Project since 2014

### How did you first become involved with Hope and a Future Project?

I had the privilege of hearing about this organization from CEO and founder Danielle Martin Moffett and I wanted to show how much I believed in the vision to help young families, so I became a monthly giver.

### Are you involved beyond your financial support?

Yes, I attend events. I bring other people with me to show them the good work that's being done. I tell others about the need and how they can help. I thought it was a good idea to help someone in need especially those who are challenged. This is what people are supposed to do; help each other in need. That's why we are here.

### What do you think the future holds for Hope and a Future Project and their scholars?

I hope others will get involved. More volunteers and donors, so more scholars graduate.



Danielle Martin Moffett  
Founder & CEO

## Giving Incredible Futures

Thank you for helping Two Generations succeed.

When girls and women are given the right tools, support and higher education to succeed, they can create incredible futures not only for themselves but for their children and also for all around them. Thank you for giving incredible hope that helps young families create incredible futures.

## Impacting Our Communities

I've been asked many times, What drew you to this field and How did you begin this work?

**Less than two percent (2%) of teen mothers who have a baby by age 18 earn a college degree before age 30.** -- *The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy*

I start with this statistic because this is the problem we are working to solve. I have lived this mission with my daughter, Jade, who in her freshman year in college became pregnant. She gave birth to our grandson the summer between her freshman and sophomore years. My daughter heard the same messages that many people who find themselves in her situation hear; your life is over. You won't be able to stay in or go to college; even though she was academically strong and on the deans list. It was still the message. It was now more than ever, that she needed a college degree because she would have a little one to care for. She stayed in college and graduated from two local universities—University of DE and Wilmington University. Just like other students, it was a challenge, and it was difficult but with our support, she is now able to provide for herself and her son and create an incredible future.

It could have turned out in a different way if she had not gone to college. It sparked a fire inside of me, God was guiding me, and I really wanted to help other teen parents experience the same success. As I did my research the gap in services for teen parents to enter and persist in college became quickly evident.

My grandson, Jayden was 3 years old when we started Hope and a Future Project. Who would have thought then that this organization would grow and be sustained over the last 5 years to impact the lives of teen moms and their children in our communities and completely change the trajectory of their lives. To date you have help us invest in their futures by providing over \$ 20,000.00 in scholarships, over 50 hours of practical life skills training and hundreds of one-on-one mentoring hours of emotional support and guidance.

**Thank You** to our outstanding donors and passionate supporter's for believing in us, this vision and our amazing scholars who persevere through one challenge after another and showing the world you can do more than you or others think. What our scholars achieve is an inspiration for all of us. You motivate us to be better and do more every day. I thank the champions of this cause, our committed Board of Directors and our amazing Volunteers who live this mission with me daily. With Deep Gratitude for all that you do.

Blessings and Hope Always,

*Danielle Martin Moffett*

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (*Jeremiah 29:11*)



Debbie Jones has been a Hope and a Future Project mentor since August 2017

## A Mentor Story

### How are you able to help your scholar persevere in school and life?

Through "communication, listening & trust". We discuss and evaluate all situations whether it pertains to school, work or personal matters. We have developed a relationship that nothing is off limits to discuss. When Chelsea has a situation to work out or needs my opinion with something, we go through the theory of "positive/negatives" as well as "how will it benefit you or not?". I listen to her thought process and vice-versa. **We're on this journey together,** I let her know, I'm here, no matter what.....that's where "Trust" comes in.

### Why is this work rewarding to you?

I say "Rewarding and Blessing" for me. Its wonderful and exciting to see the **determination and fortitude of the scholars.** I'm aware its a struggle everyday for Chelsea to keep striv-

ing towards a better lifestyle for herself and Ashlee. Being a part of her life's journey in achieving these goals is always a "Hallelujah" moment when she is hopeful, successful and happy, as they say its a "win...win for us both!

### Why do you volunteer in a local community based charity?

**My heart & spirit has been to "care and share".** To care about others who may need just a little time, concern & love. Share what knowledge and life experience I have been "Blessed with or learned from to assist others. I know first hand what volunteering of yourself can do for someone else. Hope and a Future Project, I truly believe works towards giving the scholars, the hope they may not have had, to obtain a better future. I love the quote "Impossible is I'm possible....so awesome!

Debbie has extended her volunteer reach at Hope and a Future Project. We are pleased to announce, Debbie is the newly appointed 2019 Arising Stars Gala Chairperson.

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Scholar Chelsea and daughter, Ashlee with mentor, Debbie Jones

# ARISING STARS GALA

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019  
6:30PM - 10:30PM

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