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# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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# TO OUR SUPPORTERS

## About US

The Teen & Single Mother Resource, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that focuses on a holistic change leading to self-sufficiency and positive parental role modeling for teen and single mothers between the primary ages of 18 – 34.

## Our Mission

To equip, empower, and educate teen and single mothers to become a positive role model to their children and break the cord of poverty, lack of education and low self-esteem through the demonstration of hands-on assistance and positive coaching.

## Benefit Factor

Mothers who connect with the Teen and Single Mother Resource Center, Inc. will realize the strength, courage and value they have as single parents who are charged to raise children with limited assistance. This will be accomplished by helping them attain a basic and/or advanced education, engaging with their children's learning process and breaking the cycle of poverty.

*“Changing the Narrative,  
One Single Mom at a Time!”*

*Dr. Michele Vaughn*

## LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER & CEO



**The** Board of Directors and I would like to take a moment to thank you for helping us impact the lives of single mom families through a very challenging 2020. This year was difficult in many ways. Many of us had to adapt to working in new ways. Whether you were new to working remotely or had to adapt to everyone else working remotely. New skills were learned and shared. Resources within the local community were leveraged, creating an opportunity for our community to stand shoulder-to-shoulder and support one another.

It is during times like these that I am proud to be a part of a grassroots nonprofit organization and lead the Teen & Single Mother's Resource Center, Inc., working to equip, empower, and educate single mothers both locally and across various states. For the past 6 years, we have intentionally addressed some of the most pressing community issues and funded innovative solutions to drive transformational change in the lives of single mom families.

Due to the pandemic and employment uncertainty for many single mom families as well as at-home online schooling, the need for resources has been great. We were so grateful for every donor who sowed a seed into our mission, affording us an opportunity to directly impact single mom households with cash assistance across seven states.

Creating fresh opportunities for single moms is the driving passion of the Teen & Single Mother Resource Center, Inc. This mission is not possible without the help of our hidden "DONORS" who make it achievable for us to continue moving forward. Helping single moms gain employment, provide emergency assistance, and become self-sufficient through homeownership in a pandemic requires us to stand should-to-shoulder and for this we thank you!

~Forever grateful~

**Dr. MV**

# IMPACT SUMMARY

The Teen and Single Mother Resource Center, Inc. impacted a total of 50 single mom families in a total of seven states. Unfortunately, our in-person services were eliminated due to the current pandemic and COVID-19 precautions. The majority of our services transitioned to a virtual platform.

## Who We Serve?

TSMRC provide services to Organizations, Schools and Social Service Agencies who serve single mothers who are in need of one of our services below:

- 1<sup>st</sup> time homeownership assistance
- Financial Literacy, Parenting, & Life Coaching
- Education Scholarships
- Christmas Sponsorship
- Emergency Assistance



# SHE OWNS

## 2020 Single Mom Homeowners

**Now Serving Single Moms in the following states: Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Colorado, California, Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, and Georgia**

In partnership with Tammy P. Moore Diamond Residential Mortgage Corporation

- Get Pre-approved for a home loan
- Receive financial literacy counseling
- 1:1 Life Coaching Calls
- Down payment or Mortgage assistance
- Home Repair Assistance
- Professional Referrals



\$1000 Down payment Assistance



\$905.79 Home Repair Assistance



\$1000 Down payment Assistance



Single Mom Tamara Luster of 3 children worked very hard to purchase her very first 3-bedroom home in Waukegan, IL., so she and her children could enjoy a NEW Beginning. She transitioned from the state of Wisconsin to Illinois with a goal to become a 1st-time homeowner and successfully accomplished her goal!

Single Mom Maia Hoard of 1 child always desired to become a homeowner. In 2020, she made a decision to move forward despite all odds. Her connection with TSMRC opened a door for her house hunting story to be shared on HGTV'S House Hunter show with Dr. Vaughn. Today, she is a proud homeowner in Zion, IL.

Single Mom Shontesa Kindle of 5 children purchased a 5-bedroom home in Waukegan, IL. Shontesa is an entrepreneur in the cosmetology field and well respected in the hair industry. Her goal was to buy a home & stop renting! Mission Accomplished!

# EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

COVID-19 CASH ASSISTANCE

47 SINGLE MOM FAMILIES

81 Kids

7 States

**2020** presented many challenges for single mom families globally with emphasis on unemployment and sudden at-home online learning and limited resources. With the help of our donors, we were able to provide immediate cash assistance in the amount of \$100 per family via CASHAPP to 44 single mom families in 7 states and a total of 81 kids. In addition, our cash emergency relief program assisted 3 single mom college graduates by purchasing their cap and gown for graduation.

In **Illinois**, single mothers impacted by this service lived in the following towns: Beach Park, North Chicago, Antioch, Gurnee, Lombard, Elgin, Waukegan, Ingleside, Zion, Grayslake, and Park City.

**Single Mothers** impacted outside of Illinois lived in the following states: Georgia, Philadelphia, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Lake County Pads - Donation to support homeless
- Lake County Zeta Sorority - Donation to support scholarships
- Motivating U2 Win Nonprofit - Donation to support homeless



Motivating  
U2Win

# CHRISTMAS SPONSORSHIP

Due to the pandemic and sudden change of how we handled our services, our annual Christmas Sponsorship program was cancelled. Instead, we provided a limited sponsorship with the assistance of *Prairie State Legal Services of Lake County* as a single sponsor serving three single mom homeowner families.

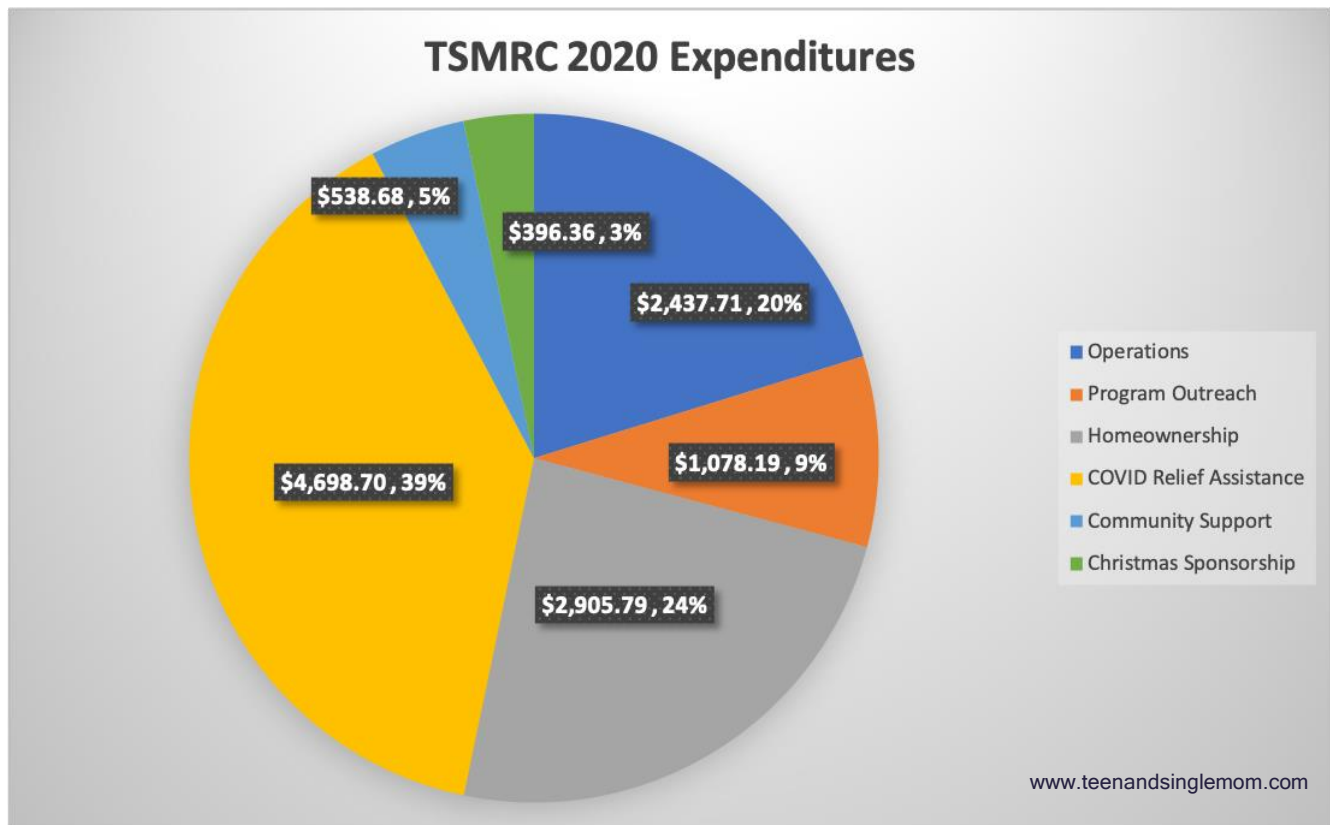




# FINANCIAL RECAP

Donations Received - \$8940.79

Expenditures - \$12,055.43



## TSMRC DONOR SUPPORT

Serving single mothers would not have been possible without the generous support of our wonderful donors. We want to thank every person, group, and corporation who provided a tax-deductible monetary donation. We understand how difficult and uncertain 2020 was and yet, you made it possible for our grassroots nonprofit organization to continue serving single mom families in the middle of a pandemic.

**THANK YOU!**

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# RESEARCH

## According to Pew Research Center

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/12/12/u-s-children-more-likely-than-children-in-other-countries-to-live-with-just-one-parent/>

For decades, the share of **U.S. children living with a single parent has been rising**, accompanied by a decline in marriage rates and a rise in births outside of marriage. A new Pew Research Center study of 130 countries and territories shows that the U.S. has the world's highest rate of children living in single-parent households.

## According to the U.S. Census Bureau

U.S. Census Bureau, there are approximately **13.6 million single parents** in the United States today, and those parents are responsible for raising 22.4 million children. This number represents approximately 27% of children under 21 in the U.S. today. About 62 percent of children have a mother who works outside the home, slightly less than those with a father who works outside the home (66 percent).

HELPING SINGLE MOMS OVERCOME HARDSHIPS & ACCOMPLISH THEIR GOALS!



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