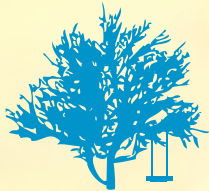


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Families, Trees, and *Family Trees*

There's a reason we use trees as a visual for families. For both, growth is usually in every direction—wider, taller and deeper.

The roots of a tree ground it, providing nourishment and strength for growth if branches, leaves, and flowers or fruit. The same is true for Family Scholar House. Our deep roots that began with our founders and have continued with board leadership, have prepared us for the expansive growth seen in our campus, our programs and services and, most especially, in our graduates and their children. These are the fruits of our labor.

Thank you for investing in our growth and in our scholars. We are proud to have you as part of our expansive FSH family.

– Cathe



Spotlight: Support & Thrive

I originally moved to Louisville because I was desperately looking for resources for my son, Landon, who has had three open heart surgeries. While I was looking into Louisville city to relocate, I found Family Scholar House (FSH) and it seemed like the perfect place to receive the support I needed to finish school and thrive with my son.

On April 17th 2021, we moved into Stoddard Johnston Family Scholar House. Family Scholar House has had a tremendous impact on me both, personally and professionally. By utilizing the program's resources, I have gained networking and career experience, personal awareness of self-care and access to resources to improve my health, education guidance. Most importantly, I have gained the tools and knowledge to become the best parent I could be. My son has been able to grow up in a safe, comfortable, and loving environment which all children should have access to. Thanks to all of the love and support we have received from the Family Scholar House staff; my son will have so many great childhood memories that I wish I would have had.

The stability provided by FSH has allowed me to be more active in variety of student clubs and organizations. I have been very involved serving as a Vice President of Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Student Chapter, UofL Ambassador CardinOLL Coach and as a TRiO Adult Student Mentor. I know that being involved will allow me to meet new people, give back to others, and help develop my own professional identity. In addition to my involvement with student clubs, I have also been determined in my

studies and received awards including, DRC Student of the Year Award 2022, TRiO Student of the Year Award 2022, Outstanding Adult Learner Undergraduate Student 2022, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society graduate member, Dean's Scholar Summer 21, Fall 21, Spring 22-4.0 GPA.

I will graduate with a 4.0 GPA from the University of Louisville the summer 2022 with my Bachelors of Science in Organizational Leadership and Learning (OLL) with the track of Leadership, Training and Organizational Development. Starting in the fall 2022, I will continue my education and

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begin my Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration with an anticipated graduation of December 2023. Landon will start third grade in August 2022, he continues to amaze me everyday with how much he has overcome and his curiosity for life.

Thanks to Family Scholar House and the Louisville Metro Housing Authority's Family Self Sufficient program, I am also saving to purchase our first home!

After graduation, I plan to pursue a career giving back to the community by motivating and inspiring other non-traditional students like myself. I am only a representative of the many single-parents that are determined to create a beautiful life for themselves and their children. With the support of Family Scholar House, there is no obstacle that we cannot overcome. Thanks to the many change makers in our community for providing the resources that have helped Landon and I get to where we are today. – **Valissa**

Spotlight: Dreams & Success

I was born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and moved to the United States with my family when I was 17 years old. Adapting to a new country has come with many challenges but I have had people who have helped me through it. I knew I wanted to grow up to help people, the same way others had helped me.

I found out I was pregnant right before my senior year of college. I was struggling in a chaotic environment which led to difficulty navigating school and daily life. The struggles and hardships I faced during my pregnancy brought me into Family Scholar House (FSH). I realized I needed family more than ever. I knew moving into FSH would be an excellent opportunity for me because I would be able to focus on my education and care for my son, Kevin.

Family Scholar House provided me with safe, affordable housing, and social workers and success coaches to help me navigate being a student and a parent. That has allowed me the opportunity to do well in my coursework and actually plan for my career while also caring for my son. Before moving in with FSH, I wanted to drop out of college but FSH made it possible for me to earn my Bachelor's degree in social work. I just couldn't

fathom a world in which I would be able to provide for my child AND finish my degree but, Family Scholar House made it possible. It is what this agency does, they make students like me realize that more is possible than we could have ever imagined.

My biggest accomplishment to date has been truly finding myself through this program. The FSH staff and workshops are phenomenal because they allow me to be myself and realize that I am capable and worthy of living the life I've only ever dreamed of. My goal is to keep pushing and achieve everything I have always wanted including a career that involves

helping others. As I am completing one of my goals by graduating from University of Louisville, I am transitioning into another one of my dreams – earning my Master's degree. Thanks to the support from Family Scholar House, I will start my Master's program in August 2022 at the Kent School of Social Work. Family Scholar House has been the much-needed family that I never knew I needed. Thank you for helping me turn my dreams into reality, FSH! – **Kyanza**

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Spotlight: Education & Goals

Quitting school wasn't an option for me. I was determined to finish my education and prove that I would not be a statistic. When I found out I was pregnant, I was confused and worried – how would I juggle school, work, and being a parent? That is when I found out about

Family Scholar House (FSH). FSH has been an important part of my family's journey that helped ensure I would be able to finish school and provide for my son, De'Auntay.

Today, he is a curious child, he watches every move I make. I knew from the moment he was born, I had to set an example for him and be a woman he would be proud of. Over the course of his life, he has watched me graduate with an Associate's degree, and in a few weeks, he will attend my graduation for my Bachelor's degree. I talk with him often about the importance of school and working hard to reach your goals.

I am often told that De'Auntay doesn't meet strangers. He has the biggest smile and an even bigger heart.

I can't wait to see all the things he

accomplishes in his life and I feel grateful that I get to be his mom.

Being a part of Family Scholar House, you know that you always have someone in your corner. Being a single parent doesn't mean you have to stop

pursuing your dreams of higher education and FSH makes sure you know that. FSH has motivated me to accomplish all of my current goals, and anytime I needed someone they were there!

I graduated from Jefferson County Technical college in 2019 with my Associates in Arts, and now in 2022, I am graduating from the University of Louisville with my Bachelors of Science in Psychology. My next goal is to buy my "forever home" so that De'Auntay and I can have a safe and stable space. I have a passion for children and hope to work with them in behavioral health because I believe, at the end of the day, our future starts with our children. – **Keyeontenay**

"Being a single parent doesn't mean you have to stop pursuing your dreams and education..."

Family Scholar House has motivated me to accomplish all of my goals, anytime I needed someone they were there!"



Spotlight: Resources & Community

I became a single mom at the age of 18. Back then, I was homeless and was still attending high school when my son was born. Family Scholar House (FSH) helped change my life in a significant way. FSH granted me the privilege of having a safe home for me and my son, while I focused on earning my degree. They also provided me with much more than shelter, a supportive system and community I could rely on.

Before entering the FSH program, I didn't have the support I needed at that time to be a successful student and a mother. FSH has handed me all the tools I need to be successful. Everything from tutoring, networking opportunities, financial workshops, and job fairs. I am beyond grateful for the FSH program because I was able to continue my pursuit for post-secondary education, while also being able to be the best mom possible. Being able to provide my son with a safe space means everything to me, and additionally, giving him his own room meant the world to me because that is something I didn't have growing up.

With all of the tools and resources that Family Scholar

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House has provided for me, I am proud to say that I am graduating from the University of Louisville with my Bachelors of Science in Communications. I recently received an offer letter for the Emerging Talent program with Warner Music Group. They have also offered to pay for me and my son to relocate to Nashville, TN, and I will be working as an intern in their Artist & Repertoire (A&R) department.

Community has always been so important to me. I look forward to finally being self-sufficient so I am able to give back. I would love to work with single parents and tell them about this program because I know it would help them the same way it helped me and my son. As a first-generation college student, it can be difficult to navigate all that it takes to succeed in your education, and I am so glad I had the support from Family Scholar House to get me where I am today. – **Samiyra**



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