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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Giving Hope & Help Education Is Your Passport Scholarship Program to award laptop computers to low- income scholars

### ***Press Release***

**Kansas City, Mo. - July 16, 2015** –Giving Hope & Help will host its first Education Is Your Passport Scholarship Program from 7 to 9 p.m. July 23 at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center, 4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO to award low income, college bound 2015 high school graduates. The scholarship program will honor four scholar recipients from four area high schools. Selected scholars will receive: a brand new laptop computer with college planning software, a coordinated bed-in-a bag set for their dormitory, mentoring, educational and volunteer opportunities throughout their college career via the Giving Hope & Help organization, to aid in their educational success. Mentoring will consist of, but is not limited to, a monthly supportive phone call to the scholar. The recipients plan to major in nursing and computer science. They have excelled academically and hold cumulative grade point averages ranging from 3.3 to 4.1, despite their low income household economic status. Scholars completed an application for the scholarship and were selected based on the following: household income, grade point average, community involvement, letter of recommendation, essay regarding a need/needs in their community and how they plan to meet the need/needs to make a difference while



in college and beyond. A local radio personality from Magic Inspirations 107.3 FM will emcee the program, three local CEO's including the founder/president of Giving Hope & Help will render inspirational oratorical speeches and a local celebrity songstress will render an inspirational song. The Giving Hope & Help Education Is Your Passport Program is a program to provide educational and financial assistance to pre-Kindergarden thru adult college students. This portion of the program is designed specifically to benefit low income college bound 2015 high school graduating scholars, help them get to and through college while instilling life skills and offer opportunities to make a difference in the community. It is Giving Hope & Help's goal to meet needs and make a difference with efforts to:

- Provide financial and educational assistance to support Pre-K thru Adult College Students with our Education is Your Passport Program
- Support domestic violence shelters with product drives, motivational, leadership, financial seminars and volunteerism activities to benefit survivors of domestic violence
- Collect feminine hygiene products year-round to aid survivors of domestic violence and natural disaster survivors
- Fundraise for the cure of cancer, (no specific type), support Cancer survivors and their families with distribution of LOVE Bags 4 Cancer to cancer patients.

The Lee's Summit Journal has published four articles about Giving Hope & Help's events and giveaways from February 4, 2015 through March 20, 2015, where the article about the Education Is Your Passport Program is featured on the front page. Baker University will publish an article about the founder, Jessica McClellan and Giving Hope & Help in their Alumni Magazine August, 2015. Jessica is a graduate of the Masters of Science in Management Degree Program.

Giving Hope & Help is a grassroots 501c3 nonprofit organization that has made a difference in the community since its origination November, 2013. Community donations, school and corporate partnerships have aided in the success of their efforts to make a difference.

***Giving Hope & Help is a nonprofit organization that compassionately partners with other human service organizations, the community, businesses and individuals to meet needs and make a difference.***