

Lee's Summit-based Giving Hope & Help to award laptop computers

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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 in Kansas City.

The program will award low-income, college-bound 2015 high school graduates.

Four scholar recipients from four area high schools will receive: a brand new laptop computer with college planning software; a coordinated bed-in-a bag set for their dormitory; mentoring; and educational and volunteer opportunities throughout their college career via the Giving Hope & Help organization.

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.

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 or needs in their community; and how they plan to meet those 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 CEOs, including Jessica McClellan of Lee's Summit, founder/president of Giving Hope & Help, will render inspirational oratorical speeches and a local celebrity songstress will render an inspirational song.

The program provides educational and financial assistance to pre-Kindergarden thru adult college students.

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.

Giving Hope & Help is a grassroots, nonprofit organization.

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