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Scholarships help moms

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The Charlotte-based Answer Scholarship Endowment has awarded college scholarships to seven mothers for the 2011-12 school year.

Answer provides scholarships to mothers in Mecklenburg and surrounding counties to earn a four-year college degree or an associates degree in nursing. Recipients must be raising school-age children, demonstrate a need for the scholarships, and be earning their first college degree. Most work either full-time or part-time while attending college.

The hope is that Answer can help these mothers inspire their children to attend college, too.

This year's recipients include:

Erica Frazier, Charlotte - Frazier, a mother of three, is studying for a B.S. in management from the University of Phoenix.

Kanetra Jamison, Charlotte - Jamison is a junior at Johnson C. Smith University seeking a bachelor of social work degree. She hopes to continue her studies for a master's degree. Jamison has two children.

Shantell Kelty, Charlotte - Kelty, a senior at Pfeiffer University earning a B.S. in business administration, has one daughter.

Katrina Mitchell, Charlotte - A senior at Belmont Abbey College, Mitchell is studying to be an elementary school teacher and will graduate in December. She has a 2-year-old son and pre-teen daughter. Her daughter, seeing her mom's example, made honor roll at school for the first time this year.

Alison Thornburg, Charlotte - Formerly in the mortgage business, Thornburg is re-training to become a registered nurse. She studies at Carolinas College of Health Sciences and has one daughter.

Racine Totten, Charlotte - A single mother of three, Totten is studying for a B.A. in English at Johnson C. Smith University with plans to attend law school. Totten is Answer's Levine Scholar, an award made possible with a gift from the Leon Levine Foundation.

Jamille White, Rock Hill, S.C. - White anticipates graduating next year with a B.S. in business from the University of Phoenix. Her 17-year-old twin sons are looking at colleges now.

Founder Susan Andersen, who grew up in Charlotte and graduated from UNC Charlotte. A scholarship made her graduation from UNCC possible, and that's why created a scholarship fund for other women.

The Answer Scholarship Endowment is housed at Foundation for the Carolinas, which provides financial oversight and administrative support. If you would like to make a tax-deductible gift to help put mothers and families on the path to greater academic success, visit www.answerscholarship.org. For more information, contact the fund at info@answerscholarship.org or call 704-544-1988.

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