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BARBARA HOLSTON EDUCATION FUND (BHEF) AWARDS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS IN FORT WORTH HOUSING SOLUTIONS (FWHS) PROGRAMS

Fort Worth, TX – The Barbara Holston Education Fund (BHEF) is proud to announce its 2016 scholarship award winners! These students are FWHS program participants and are currently pursuing higher education degrees and/or vocational certifications. Each recipient will be presented with \$1,000 and the funds may be used to cover expenses such as tuition, books, supplies, tools and other fees. Students were recognized during the July Fort Worth Housing Solutions (FWHS) Board Meeting and presented with an award certificate by members of the BHEF Board.

BHEF 2016 Scholarship Recipients:

Alexandria (Alex) Willis is currently participating in the FWHS Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. A graduate of Job Corps in Guthrie, Oklahoma, Alex moved back to Fort Worth in December, 2012. Ms. Willis is now studying nursing at the Northwest Campus of Tarrant County College.

Anna Medina is a graduate of South Hills High School. Since graduating last May, Ms. Medina has been researching information on all types of career fields and has chosen to major in Media. Currently residing at the FWHS Fair Park Apartments, she will begin her studies this fall at the South Campus of Tarrant County College.

“The Barbara Holston Education Fund is designed to support the educational dreams of families currently receiving housing assistance through Fort Worth Housing Solutions,” said Riza Nolasco, President of the BHEF Board. “These two recipients are perfect examples of what the education fund is designed to do, and both Ms. Willis and Ms. Medina have ambitious plans to further their education and strive for career advancement that will ultimately assist them in their goals to achieve economic independence.”

The mission of BHEF is to provide participants in Fort Worth Housing Solutions’ (FWHS) housing programs with financial assistance to pursue academic or vocational training. The goal is to make a college or vocational education more accessible to students in FWHS programs by providing supplemental funds that will help offset the cost of their education. The BHEF is a nonprofit, tax exempt, 501(c) (3) organization established by Fort Worth Housing Solutions and is administered by a Board of Directors and Advisory Board composed of volunteers from the community and appointees from FWHS staff.



(L to R) Selarstean M. Mitchell, Sonya A. Barnette, Terri Attaway, Kurt Joye, Alex Willis, Naomi W. Byrne, Nicole Rubio, Riza Nolasco, Hazel Gee and Tiffany Lopez Hamilton