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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 2017 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 2017 Scholarship Recipients:

Tylisia Walters will initially be taking classes online from Strayer University and is pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in business management and administration. Tylisia graduated in 2010 from Star Spencer High School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She credits her mother as being instrumental in getting her where she is today.

LaShunda Baker graduated from Everman High School in 2002 and is currently attending information technology (IT) classes at the South Campus of Tarrant County College. Upon completion, she will be pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in general studies. She is a mother of two and also cares for her mother and sister. LaShunda is a small business owner and would like to open her own salon boutique one day. She credits her faith in God in getting her where she is today. Her message to others is that “you should never stop believing because HE is ABLE!!!

“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. Walters and Ms. Baker 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) Terri Attaway, Tylisia Walters and Riza Nolasco