

Women of Value — 2007-08 Recipients

Twelve deserving women received educational grants totaling \$22,500 from SOS this year. Last May, SOS members and supporters held a reception to honor these exceptional recipients. With family and friends in attendance, each woman told her story and how the grant will assist in achieving her educational goals. All recipients face numerous challenges, but remain determined about changing their future options through education. Their stories were moving and inspirational.

And each year after this event, SOS members resolve to work even harder to ensure funding for many more worthy women. One woman said: ...*"You have truly changed my life and the opportunities for my children."*

Columbus State President Val Moeller spoke about the importance of continuing education and its impact on an individual's opportunities. She congratulated the recipients on retaining their steadfast spirits. Following are this year's SOS grant recipients.

Sana Barrett is a single mom with four children. She works full-time and attends Franklin University pursuing a degree in human resource development. SOS purchased her books, a computer and printer.

Amber Lin Bodie-Jackson is a single mom with one child. She works full time and attends Columbus State. Her goal is to earn an associate degree in early childhood development, then go to OSU for a degree in social work. Amber's tuition, books, a computer and printer were included in her SOS grant.

LaShawn Capito is married and has one son. Named Woman of Promise this year by New Directions Career Center, LaShawn attends DeVry University and hopes to become a physician. She also has a full-time job. Her SOS grant went toward tuition and the purchase of a computer and printer.



Columbus State President Val Moeller

Latonya Crowder, a single mother of five, works fulltime and attends Columbus State. Her goal is to become a licensed social worker. SOS paid her tuition and purchased her books, a computer and printer.

Sandra Harris attends Columbus State working toward a degree in mental health with the goal of becoming a licensed social worker. SOS bought her books and replaced her computer.

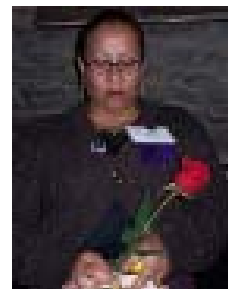
Danielle Jackson, a single mother with one child, works fulltime and attends DeVry University. This honor society member is working toward a degree in computer information. Her tuition was paid by SOS.

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SOS' mission is to help women of low income with financial aid for education.



Attending recipients received a single red rose. They are shown here with their families and friends.



FALL FASHION FLING — A Proven Winner

MANY THANKS

The generosity of the following individuals and companies helped make the Fall Fashion Fling a huge success:

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SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT APPLICATIONS

Mailed Feb. 1, 2008 to area agencies and individuals
 Completed applications must be return postmarked by March 15, 2008.
 Winners will be notified by May 1.

Stein Mart once again hosted SOS' annual Fall Fashion Fling, an evening of shopping, prizes, food and fun to benefit the SOS scholarship fund. More than \$7600 was added to the fund — a great result.

Stein Mart store manager Terry Snyder and Agenda Consultant Karen Ewing continue to support the SOS mission by making the Dublin store available for the August event. They also provided a \$100 gift certificate for the raffle, three door prize certificates — and of course great merchandise for shopping.



Once again The Kroger Company was the gold sponsor. And also for the second time, bronze sponsors were Doctors Tom Hull and Heather Appel; and Autoville USA's Gary George. Their continuing support makes such a difference and helps ensure that SOS fulfills its mission.

This year's Fall Fashion Fling will be held on Sunday, August 17, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Dublin Stein Mart location. Don't miss out on a terrific time. For more information contact Clare Anderson, 614 459 0543.



SOS Board members (from left) Fundraising chair Clare Anderson and President Mary Jensen with Karen Ewing, Stein Mart's Agenda Consultant

Women of Value *continued*

Kristine Maynard is a single mom who attends Ohio Dominican College. She is working toward a bachelor degree in early childhood education. Kristine retains a 3.0 GPA while working two part-time jobs. SOS helped pay her tuition.

Toska Pearson, a single mother and previous SOS grant recipient, attended Columbus State obtaining an associate degree. She has a full-time job and is enrolled in a New Directions Career Center program to help define her final goal. Toska plans to return to Columbus State in the spring. SOS will help with tuition, books and a printer.

Elvira Torres, a single mother with a teenage boy, has overcome many life challenges. Currently enrolled at Columbus State, she plans to obtain an associate degree in health information technology. Her SOS grant was used for tuition and to purchase a computer and books.

Dorothy Wolf attended Columbus State and just completed requirements for the exercise specialist certificate. This dean's list student plans graduate work at OSU's School of Public Health. An SOS grant paid for lab fees, books and equipment.

Hana Mattan is married and mother of three. She works as an English as second language assistant in a local elementary school. Her goal is to obtain a bachelor degree in education. Her education has been interrupted at times due to family illnesses. Hannah plans to attend Ohio Dominican College this spring. Books and a computer were purchased by SOS.

Another grant recipient attends Columbus State. After receiving an associate degree, she plans to attend the College of Engineering at OSU. An SOS repeat recipient, she wants to develop biomedical devices to help individuals with physical handicaps.

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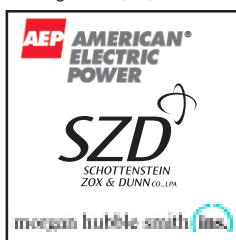
GOING, GOING, GONE — A Huge Success

SOS thanks the following for their auction donations:

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SOS Board members and auction chairs Sally Baughman (left) and Pat Kriss



York Golf Club was the setting for Going, Going, Gone, SOS' third annual auction event. Chairs Sally Baughman and Pat Kriss organized a spectacular evening with first-class items for the silent and live auctions, fabulous food, always-popular grab bags and a cash raffle.

Held on November 14, the event raised more than \$12,000 for SOS scholarships and grants. Auctioneer Steve Green ensured spirited responses during the ten-item live auction, which included Jim Tressel's autographed hat; vacations in Naples, Florida and Northern Michigan and diamond earrings. American Electric Power was the silver sponsor. Bronze sponsors were Morgan Hubble Smith Insurance and Schottenstein Zox and Dun Co. LPA.



Doll House made by Bonnie Valentine and donated to the silent auction

SOS' fourth Going, Going, Gone event is scheduled on November 12, 2008. Admission is free, but reservations are necessary. Plan to attend this year's auction for an entertaining evening. More information to come.

Great Idea — Middlebury Reunion Party

When SOS first began, board members Clare Anderson and Mary Jensen decided to invite their former Middlebury Drive neighbors to a reunion party. Each guest makes an SOS donation to come and enjoy an evening of good food, good friends and great memories. The party has become an annual affair with more than 12 women either attending or donating. This year's party added \$455 to the SOS coffers.

Spotlight on SOS Volunteers

The SOS board depends on the generosity of its volunteers. They are unselfish, dedicated, committed to helping others and champion the values of education. They always say "Yes!"

Two special women that have made Going, Going, Gone so appealing are interior designers Jean Claflin and Kris Lewis. Using professional skill, they design the setup of silent auction items to maximize their attractiveness, which is the key to the auction's success.

The board would also like to recognize the following women for their help and dedication during the past year:

Sara Adams	Marty Dyer	Subha Lembach	Karen Robinson	Bonnie Valentine
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SOS is grateful to The Gentle Dentist for reproducing this newsletter.

SOS is on track to give more than \$20,000 in scholarships and grants this spring.

Because of cutbacks in both federal and state funding, it is more important than ever to offer larger grants than have been awarded in the past. Please help SOS meet its goals by sending your donation to: SOS, PO Box 340622, Columbus, Ohio 43214. If you have already helped, please accept our appreciation. If you would like to receive SOS correspondence by e-mail, please include your e-mail address. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The SOS Board would like to thank the following individuals that have donated to the Annual Fund, Womenade or Special Touches during the past year:

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The SOS board thanks Shelley Heilshorn and Vision Linx for developing the SOS Website. Check it out!

SOS is an all volunteer, grass-roots, 501(c)(3) organization with seven board members and a small group of volunteers.

The group fills a unique niche, allowing its grants to be used for lifelines that allow recipients to continue their education. While often used for tuition and books, the grant can be used for something as simple as a bus pass or as necessary as a computer.



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