



HOPE
Inc.

WE'RE BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN POVERTY AND HOPE!

OUT OF 2.5 MILLION CHILDREN IN GEORGIA,
1.6 MILLION ARE LIVING IN POVERTY WITH
PARENTS THAT HAVE NO COLLEGE EDUCATION.

Single parents pursuing a degree encounter significant hurdles, including financial strain and childcare complexities, unlike their married counterparts. Completing their education can often span from 6 to 15 years.

SO, WHAT IS H.O.P.E., INC. DOING ABOUT IT?

The Mildred Dowdley Gift of HOPE Program (MDGH) employs research-backed strategies to boost graduation rates among single parents who are at risk of not completing their college degrees. MDGH offers comprehensive support to enhance their chances of successfully completing their coursework and graduating.



HOW WE HELP

Rental Assistance

We provide up to \$400 a month to single parents struggling to provide housing for their children.

Childcare Assistance

We provide up to \$400 a month in childcare assistance to ensure that children receive proper education and learning skills.

Life-Skills Training

We empower single parents by providing financial training, career development, and resume training.

Emotional Support

We provide peer mentorship, life coaching, and counseling to single parents who need it.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a US Citizen
- Must be a single parent. All children must be residing in your home and in your custody.
- Must be a high school graduate, or have obtained a GED.
- Must be enrolled in a two or four-year college as full-time student working towards a college degree (no certificates or diplomas).
- Must be employed as a FT or PT employee for at least 6 months.
- Must show financial need.
- Must have a 2.7 GPA or higher.



REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Each dependent's birth certificate
- Most recent four (4) paycheck stub
- Enrollment Verification Letter and School transcript: Letter must be on school letterhead; it can be obtained from the registration office or student accounts office.
- For childcare assistance, a letter from the childcare provider verifying the following: that they are a licensed childcare provider, child(ren)'s name, child(ren)'s enrollment, and weekly tuition rate.
- For rental assistance, the first page and signature page of the lease agreement.



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There is a 4% chance that a child raised in a low-income home in Atlanta will rise to be a middle class citizen by the age of 30!

51% of children in low-income families live with a single parent.

Traditional students are no longer traditional, 1 out of 8 students are single parents struggling to complete college education.

Single parents face especially daunting challenges in their efforts to obtain a degree. Compared to married parents, single parents are more likely to have low-incomes and have greater challenges paying tuition and arranging child care. For many, completing a degree can take anywhere from 6 to 15 years.

So, what is H.O.P.E., Inc. doing about it?

The Mildred Dowdley Gift of HOPE Program (MDGH) utilizes practices supported by research-based solutions proven to increase graduation rates among single parents! We work with parents at risk for not completing their college degrees and provide them with a variety of support in order to improve the likelihood that they will complete their coursework and graduate successfully.

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