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Dear Friend:

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My name is Jonathan and I am the son and only child of Melanie Watkins. In May 1994, she was 17 at my birth. Though her dreams of college and medical school seemed out of reach, they were not impossible with consistent dedication, hard work and drive. She learned to master Reno's bus system with bags, diapers, books, bottles and myself – somewhere in the mix, navigating from student housing in Stead to my babysitter in northwest Reno, and from there to the University of Nevada, Reno, only to do the reverse at the end of the day. Passionate for a better life for both of us, she hurdled insurmountable odds and the stigma of teenage pregnancy.

Backed by community support, she received her first education scholarship from the Nevada Women's Fund in 1995. Six more scholarships came thereafter allowing my mother to realize her dreams. Drawing strength from the kindness of others she now returns it to those who also wish for something better. She is now a licensed practicing physician, an author and a proud supporter of the Nevada Women's Fund. Seeking a bright future for me, she is ensuring my own continued success in college by paying my way through UNR, where I will be a junior this fall.

Perhaps you are wondering why I am sharing this with you. In short, it's because my mother and I would like to emphasize that your passion and donations are important to other children like me. They make all the difference in the world for us and our mothers. Thank you for your kindness and desire for us to achieve success. Mom and I hope you enjoy a special Mother's Day. - Jonathan

Many of us were raised with role models that taught us to be kind, generous, self-sufficient and open to helping those in need. Children carried these messages, whether from our mothers, sisters, aunts, neighbors or teachers. Mother's Day is a time to celebrate and honor these women. Please consider celebrating Mother's Day by giving a gift to the Nevada Women's Fund in honor of your mother or another important maternal presence in your life.

I wish we could share the numerous stories of gratitude from those benefitting from your generosity. The story of Melanie and Jonathan is not unique. In 2013, \$141,991 in scholarship funds were awarded to 64 hopeful women with 49 children being affected by your support. The impact of a woman as a provider and a role model to her children cannot be understated.

To all of our Mothers...thank you for guiding your daughters and sons.

Isabelle R. Wilson

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President & CEO

Yes! I WANT TO INSPIRE ACHIEVEMENT IN HOPEFUL WOMEN & FAMILIES

- \$1,000
- \$500
- \$100
- \$50
- \$25
- Other

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