## MARIE MAXEY FOUNDATION

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## Where are you going?

Destinations matter. Jack Kerouac's protagonist, Sal Paradise, pondered this question in his 1957 classic, "On the Road," as he hitchhiked across the country: "A tall, lanky fellow in a gallon hat stopped his car on the wrong side of the road and came over to us; he looked like a sheriff. We prepared our stories secretly. He took his time coming over. 'You boys going to get somewhere or just going?' We didn't understand the question, and it was a damn good question."

As we continue to seek the best way to help young people prepare for the future, we believe it matters to "show up." Funding for scholarships is essential, but one-on-one mentoring is critical as well. An early nudge, an encouraging word, and initial support can make a difference in life's trajectory. The secret is in how to go from potential to outcome. A book by Benjamin Labatut, "When We Cease to Understand the World," presents a series of stories about physicists involved in revealing quantum mechanics to the world. Labatut highlights the impact of interacting with the environment - without action, there is only a series of potentialities.

As 2023 ends, we are proud that this has been our most productive year of scholarships and activities financed to help young people have a better future, provide preventive healthcare for people experiencing poverty, and promote income-generating opportunities for disadvantaged women. We provided \$14,500 in scholarships and grants this year, and in 2024, we will seek ways to move toward long-term mentoring and career support. This effort will require a greater commitment to one-on-one work with youth who face significant obstacles to obtaining a good-paying job.

We continue to claim God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." We pray this blessing over all our youth and seek God's will in understanding and acting in a way that makes it a reality.

## **Our Donors Make These Efforts Possible**

#### \$11,000 in Scholarships Funded in 2023

#### Elena Bathrick Memorial Scholarships \$2,500

\$1,000 to Clinica Luz y Vida in San Luis, Santa Barbara, Honduras for Nurse Training

\$1,000 to Oscar Bonilla - Bryant High School to attend Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)

\$500 to Jennifer Cisneros - Bryant High School to attend Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)

#### Christopher Goughnour Memorial Scholarships \$2,000

\$1,000 to Mateo Feijoo - Bryant High School to attend Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)

\$1,000 to Meron Tekele - Bryant High School to attend Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)

#### Marco Antonio Toro Memorial Scholarships \$2,000

Justin Maxey provided a \$2,000 donation to help Hispanic women achieve their dream of a college degree. This scholarship was in memory of his grandfather, Marco Antonio Toro.

\$1,000 to Marissa Herrera in Las Cruces, NM to attend New Mexico State University with the goal of becoming a pharmacist

#### Various Scholarships \$4.500

#### <u>Dilian Deal Memorial Scholarship</u> \$1,000 to Casa del Lago, Dallas, TX for Summer Reading Camp

<u>Sylvia Ayers Memorial Scholarship</u> \$1,000 to Heber Oveido - Freshman at George Mason University

#### <u>Dulce Deinken Memorial Scholarship</u> \$1,000 to Micah House, Tegucigalpa, Honduras for Job Training

Nancy Carpenter Dempsey Scholarship \$500 to Nick Lee in Grenada, MS to attend Holmes Community College

## Amb. Larry Palmer Scholarship

\$500 to Lindsey Neal to attend Blue Field State University (HBCU)

# Ruth Ann & Jib Crawford Memorial Scholarship \$500 to Philip Crawford in Grenada, MS to attend Holmes Community College

#### \$3.500 in Activities Funded in 2023



Purchase of AED

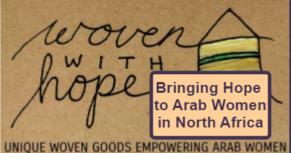
Defibrillator
with Spanish Language
Capability
\$1,500

To be provided to Clinica Luz y Vida in San Luis, Santa Barbara, Honduras

## Grant to Woven with Hope Unique Woven Goods Empowering Arab Women

\$1,500

The family of Ruby Carpenter Jones raised over \$2,000 in celebration of her 100th birthday. These funds are being dedicated to a program helping Arab women increase their income and provide them hope for a better future. The first step in working with this group was to provide a \$1,000 grant to help there efforts and another \$500 to place an order of their weavings to share in our community.



### Healthcare & Emergency Treatment AED/CPR Certification

\$500

We obtained Red Cross AED/CPR certification and participated in a Fairfax County Public Schools Health Fair at Justice High School in Arlington, Virginia



We thank our monthly donors -- Robert & Patti St. Thomas, Valerie Schlitt, and John Hunter. We are also thankful for continued, significant support from Tom and Eleanor Geiger, David Bathrick, Dick and Julia Goughnour, Michael Deal, Peter Deinken, David and Rita Hankins, George Chamberlain, Vince Campos, Mary Lee Stubblefield, Elisabeth Kivitashvli, John Cloutier, Jolyne Sanjak, Tanya Taylor, and Justin Maxey.

Donations can be made online at <a href="http://www.maxeys.org/donate">http://www.maxeys.org/donate</a> or by mail to Marie Maxey Foundation, 5525 Talon Court, Fairfax, Virginia 22032.

## Scholarships & Activities Funded in 2023 http://www.maxeys.org

Ambassador Larry L. Palmer July 13, 1949 – April 22, 2021



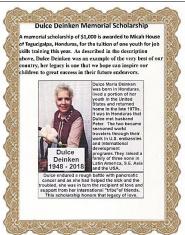
The Honorable Ambassador Larry L. Palmer was born in Augusta, Georgia, on July 13, 1349. He had a distinguished career with the U.S. Department of State, serving as the ambassador to Honduras (2002 – 2005) and Barbados (2012 – 2016). He was a dedicated and compassionate leader who understood the importance of promoting stability and broad-based economic growth. His efforts ensured the successful investment of over \$250 million by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USADI) and the Millennium Challenge Corporation in Central America and the Caribbean. During his tenure as Chief Executive Officer of the Inter-American Foundation (2005 – 2010). Ambassador Palmer guided a team of development professionals in successfully implementing education, healthcare, and economic development projects. In retirement, Ambassador Palmer belged train Foreign Service Officers on the importance of maintaining security overseas as a senior instructor at the Foreign Affairs Counter-Threat (FACT) course. His last initiative as Ambassador-in-Residence at Howard University took him back to one of his true loves—working with young people and helping them shape their future. Ambassador Palmer passed away on April 22, 2021.

The Bluefield State scholarship to Linsey Neal was in honor of Amb. Larry Palmer



The Ruby Carpenter Jones family raised over \$2,000 for an outreach program for Bedouin Arab

women in North Africa. We are sharing a sample of their weaving with our donors. We provided Woven with Hope an initial grant of \$1,000 and ordered \$500 of their weavings. We plan to continue supporting this group as they improve the lives of Arab women.



Dulce Deinken - \$1,000 grant to Micah House in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in 2023

Marie Maxey Foundation – Conn-Weld Industries<sup>1</sup> Ambassador Larry Palmer Memorial Scholarship Lindsey Neal



Lindsey Neal, an International Studies major at Bluefield State University (BSU), a Historically Black College and University (HBCU), was awarded the 2023 Ambassador Larry Palmer Memorial Scholarship on September 23, 2023. Conn-Weld Industries provided matching funding with the Marie Maxey Foundation for a \$1,000 scholarship.

Ms. Neal is an Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority member and Vice President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, International. Studies Ambassador, Secretary of the International Student Organization, and a student-athlete for Bluefield State's Volleyball team. Throughout high school, Lindsey maintained a 4.0 GPA and has sustained a 3.6 GPA at BSU. Lindsey is enrolled at BSU in the International Studies program with a minor in Psychology. After earning her bachelor's degree, Lindsey plans to attend Law School. Her career goal is to work in international justice or as a member of the Foreign Service: "I hope to serve as either an International Judge or U.S. Ambassador."

<sup>2</sup> Conn-Weld Industries in Princeton, West Virginia, specializes in machinery, diversified metals, and mining areas and strongly supports Bluefield State University, a Historically Black College and University (HBCU).

We partnered with Conn-Weld Industry to provide a \$1,000 scholarship at Bluefield State University (Historically Black College & University).



Chris Goughnour was born in Brazil and lived with his U.S. foreign service family in several countries prior to graduating from high school and moving to the United States. As a dual U.S.-Brazilian citizen, Chris cherished his international background, but also took enormous pride in serving the United States in both the U.S. Navy --and after college-- as a highly decorated U.S. Army Ranger stationed in Afghanistan. Chris was taken from this world in 2018, having suffered a heart attack while pursuing one of his greatest passions, deep-water diving. His memory lives on in his parents, wife and two children, brothers, and comrades in arms.

Chris Goughnour - \$2,000 in scholarships awarded this year.

#### Marissa Herrera Las Cruces, New Mexico

Marco Antonio Toro Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000 Awarded September 9, 2023

Ms. Herrera was raised in New Mexico and is majoring in Chemistry at New Mexico State University. She aims to become a pharmaceutical chemist to help make medications accessible and affordable to everybody. Specifically, she wants to help make insulin more accessible and affordable for diabetic patients. Ms. Herrera's dedication and commitment to obtaining a higher education is commendable. We know she will reach her goals.





Scholarship of \$1,000 funded by Justin Maxey for Hispanic youth in Las Cruces, NM, in memory of Marco Antonio Toro



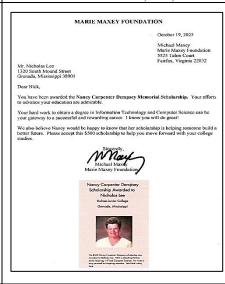
Elena Bathrick - \$2,500 in scholarships awarded in 2023



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2023



The Nancy Carpenter Dempsey Memorial Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Nicholas Lee in 2023

Isabel Perez
Las Cruces, New Mexico
Marco Antonio Toro Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
Awarded September 9, 2023

Isabel Perez was born and raised in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She enrolled in an Early College High School with the support of her parents so that she could graduate from college with an associate degree in criminal justice before finishing high school. She completed that program and is now an 18-year-old New Mexico State University (NMSU) junior. Spanish is her first language, and her parents always pushed her to improve. "They wanted the best for me," she said. Isabel will graduate in two years with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. After graduating, she plans to pursue a career in criminal justice with her sights set on becoming an FBI agent or other law enforcement officer. Her goals are to finish strong in her academic studies, accomplish her dreams, and place everything in God's hands.



Justin Maxey funded a \$1,000 scholarship for Hispanic youth in Las Cruces, NM, in memory of Marco Antonio Toro Sylvia Ayers Scholarship for \$1,000 was Awarded to Heber Oviedo September 6, 2023 - George Mason University



A \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Sylvia Ayers was awarded to Heber Oviedo to help him attend George Mason University.