

### **FALL 2023**

### Stories of Moms Emerging

### YEAR-TO-DATE 2023: YOU'VE PROVIDED...

**SINGLE MOMS WITH SUPPORT,** RESOURCES, AND SKILLS TO INCREASE THEIR STABILITY (VIA 2,096 HOURS OF **SERVICES)** 

SINGLE MOMS PREPARED FOR NEW OR **HIGHER PAYING JOBS - WITH AN AVERAGE ANNUAL SALARY INCREASE OF NEARLY \$20,000** 

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**HOURS OF SOCIAL WORK & CLIENT ADVOCACY PROVIDED TO 145 MOM-LED FAMILIES** 

SINGLE MOMS WITH FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION TO INCREASE THEIR FINANCIAL STABILITY AND **INDEPENDENCE** 

## **Building A Stronger Future**

Jess will not soon forget March 2023.

She had been working at the same company for eight years. Reflectina back she said. "many of my co-workers had been laid off. I felt dread as I anticipated that I would be next." She soon got the news she had been laid off and was devastated.



Her daughter, Hayden, was just

eight months old. Jess was already navigating so much including postpartum depression and a custody court case. It was a lot.

She was worried how she would make ends meet. A quick internet search connected her to Emerge Mothers Academy.

Within days, she was meeting with our Work Prep staff. She shared, "The Emerge Mothers Academy staff helped me to gain confidence, prepare a portfolio, update my resume, and practice interview questions. They even paid for gas money for interviews and updated my professional wardrobe, so I was ready and confident for interviews."

Jess' hard work paid off. She soon landed a contract position at a local Fortune 500 company. This was so much more than a job. Jess shared, "I felt proud. I was so grateful for the opportunity and chance to start a new chapter. I was able to keep my apartment and provide for my daughter without fearing where the next dollar would come from."

"This job has been a huge blessing. It pays more, is less stressful, and the team is more supportive than my old job. I never would have thought that things would turn out so well when I was struggling so much. Thank you" - Jess



# Splurge for Emerge: You Raised \$43,000+ for Mom-Led Families

Thank you to the nearly 100 attendees, volunteers, and sponsors who joined us at our 12th annual Splurge for Emerge and braved the wind and rain.

Attendees met an inspiring single mom who left her home country in search of a safer life in the U.S.

> **WATCH HER** STORY



With your support she has built a new life in Minnesota, increased her financial stability, and found her village of support. Today, she and her daughter are safe and thriving....thanks to you.

Above: 2023 12th annual Splurge for Emerge at Forgotten Star Brewery in Fridley, MN



Make their Season Bright -Sponsor the Holidays for a Family



Your gift of any amount will provide a mom-led family with a prepared Thanksgiving meal, holiday gifts, and an opportunity to celebrate the holidays together...as a family.

\$50=Gifts for Two Children - Scan to donate





Your donation made November 1-16 will be matched by JCI Shakopee.

**Double your impact:** Your \$50 gift becomes \$100!

TO MAKE YOUR YEAR-END DONATION

- Make a one-time gift via check, cash, or credit card
- Become a Monthly Donor
- Contact your financial advisor to make a gift of stock or through your Individual Retirement Account (IRA)

Don't forget to ask your employer if they will match your gift.

**DONATE NOW** 

