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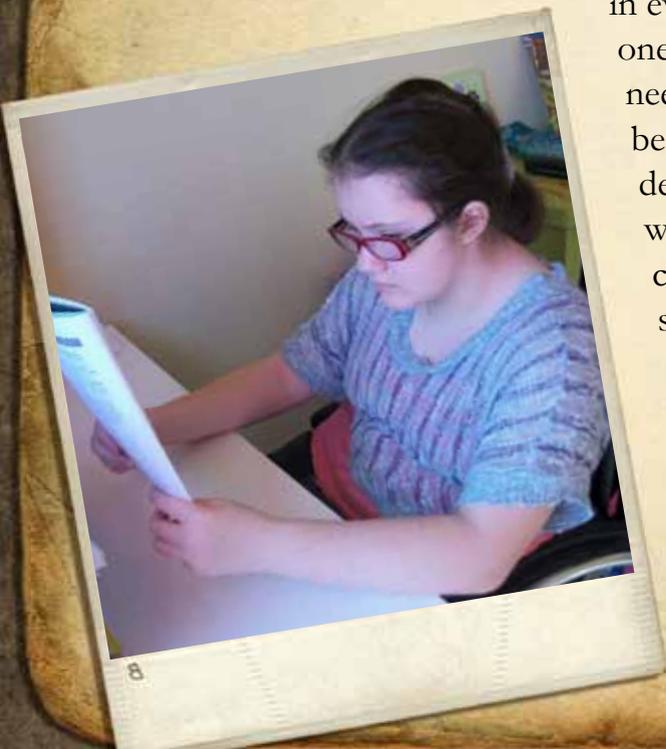
2012 Grant
Recipients share
their stories . . .

The Home School Foundation Grant has helped us tremendously this year that we can't thank you enough! We are grateful to God as I know His hand was in the giving, and we are grateful to the givers for their obedience and hearts!

We believe that as God has given us authority over our children, He has given us authority over their education. What a huge responsibility for parents in today's world, where God is not being taught in our schools. Having experience with the public school system firsthand, we do not believe they are equipped to adequately provide for our special needs child. Crysta is twelve years old, has spina bifida, hydracephalus, and is paralyzed. Therefore we have chosen the often difficult path of homeschooling, giving up a two-income household, so God can be present

in every class, and Crysta will get the one-on-one special attention that she needs. Because of HSF, we have been greatly encouraged in our endeavors to homeschool and blessed with the opportunity of a God-centered curriculum. As Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." So I hope and pray that in the future we will be able to give back to the Foundation for the years they have provided for our household to make a difference for our child.

~ Dawn E.

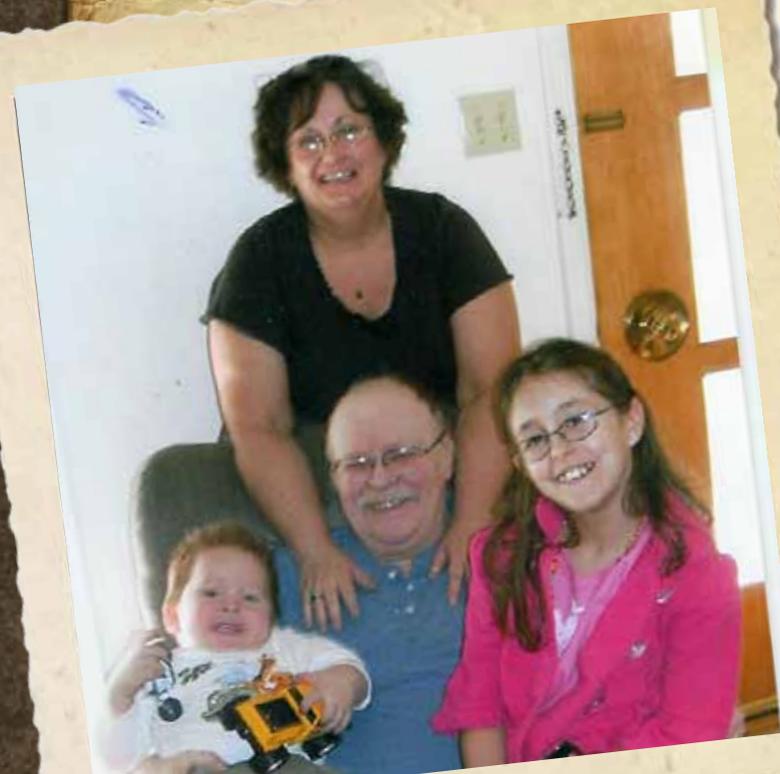


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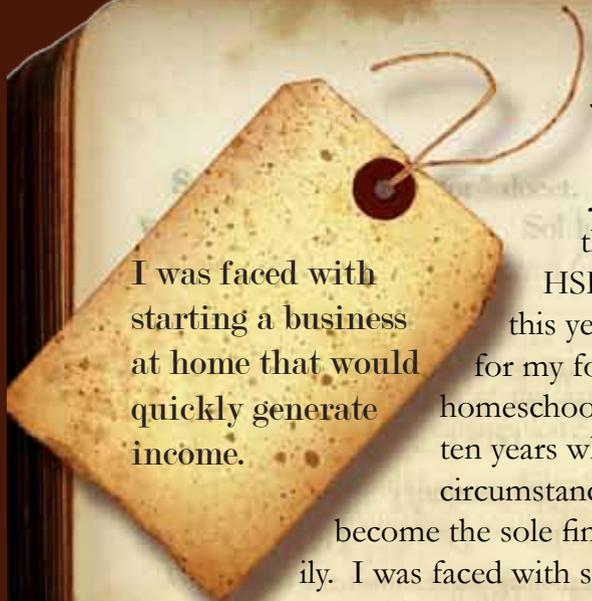
I am so very thankful to the scholarship program you have for widows. When my husband passed away, it was absolutely devastating for my children and myself. There were so many other things that I had to worry about, the last thing I wanted to do was have to figure out how to purchase curriculum in order to continue homeschooling my daughter. The help I have received from your foundation has made this aspect of our new lives much easier to tackle. We were able to continue our school-

ing, and my daughter has continued to thrive in a homeschooling environment. We are forever grateful for the work you do. Attached is our last family picture together. It gives us joy to look at. Blessings and Merry Christmas to all of you.

~ Patty E.



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Dear HSF Donors, I want to thank you for supporting this organization's mission. HSF provided me with a grant this year to purchase curriculum for my four daughters. I had been homeschooling my children for almost ten years when a series of unfortunate circumstances forced me to suddenly become the sole financial provider of the family. I was faced with starting a business at home that would quickly generate an income and afford me the opportunity to continue to homeschool my children. In order to do this, I needed new curriculum for all of my children that would be less teacher/parent intensive and more student/child directed. The Home School Foundation and your support was instrumental in helping this happen. Thank you! May God bless you in your giving.

~ R.C

Thank you so much! When I came home from vacation the grant was here! I am so excited to be able to buy our curriculum. Thanks again! With Nate having special needs, this is really going to be awesome to help him to get farther than I could do on my own. I love teaching my boys and it is a joy to have money to buy things that support what I am doing and make the process more complete and easier for all of us. Both my boys love learning. This is such a gift and, some day when I have the opportunity, I want to be part of doing this for others. God bless you and the organization.

~ Claudia R.

Wow! Thank you so much for the Christmas gift! The first thing we got was socks for the whole family at 50 percent off! Some of us were really in need. Then I got some jeans for my 15 year-old who had grown several inches taller in the last year. It'll be nice to have his ankles covered again. I purchased electric razors for my three oldest sons. I intend to purchase springs for our 12-foot trampoline that blew down the hill in a recent wind storm. Thankfully nothing else was damaged, and we were able to retrieve it and put it back together. Oh, and I got electric toothbrushes since all my children seem cavity prone and need all the help they can get.

Lastly, my two daughters will be performing in a musical production of *Miracle on 34th Street*, so I'll buy tickets for the rest of us to see it. And, there's still money left to buy some gifts just for fun, which will make my 8 year-old happy. Somehow socks don't thrill him as much as they do the rest of us.

Once again, thank you so much for this gift to us. May God bless all the families and individuals who gave to make it possible. Merry Christmas!

~ Renee C.

In a time such as this where everyone from school districts to government agencies constantly say, "You can't," a light shines through the Home School Foundation saying, "We know you can, and WE are going to help you!" I am so thankful for not only the monetary support but the knowledge that those who give are saying, "We are behind you in your efforts to teach your disabled child at home." And that means the world to us. Thank you in so many ways.

~ The Harrison Family

HSF Ambassadors all over the country are helping homeschool families right where they are—serving as the hands and feet of HSF. Ambassadors are local volunteers who offer tangible help to homeschool families in need and put homeschool families in financial distress in touch with HSF funds. Here are a few of the ways Ambassadors are touching lives in their states:

Arizona Ambassador Julie McDermott raised funds to help a homeschooling family struggling to pay medical expenses for their son with leukemia. She also helped a single mom of two children with special needs who was experiencing severe financial hardship. The mom's boundary fence was irreparably damaged, and her HOA was threatening legal action if she did not fix it immediately. McDermott made connections with the local Home Depot and, using HSF as the umbrella organization for donations, arranged for the donation of materials for a brand new fence and then the labor to repair it.

Texas Ambassador Gina Vormelker has implemented fundraisers for families who need financial assistance, including a homeschool family with five children who suddenly lost their father/husband to cancer.

Cancer also hit a family in Georgia—this time the mother—leaving the husband and children in shock. A Georgia Ambassador rallied the support of a local group to make a donation to the Georgia State Ambassador Fund so the funds could be matched by HSF and a doubled amount given to the hurting family.

Massachusetts Ambassadors Robert and Darlene Muto have done fundraisers and connected the local community to help a widow with yard work; mow the lawn of a family whose dad was recuperating from back surgery; do farm chores and building projects for a family experiencing a financial set back; and supply food and home repairs for a mom with five children whose father left the family.



A special thank you from our family for your curriculum grant this year.

I have been able to continue being a homeschool mom for eight years now since my husband passed away. I would not have changed that time with my kids for anything. This year your grant made it possible for us to purchase a special program that will really meet the needs of our family. You are such a blessing to us.

~ Sandi S.



I have been able to continue homeschooling for 8 years now since my husband passed away.

Thank you to HSLDA/HSF for the last nine+ years of support we have received through the widow's fund. This support has allowed me to continue to homeschool my kids during difficult times. My two oldest children are now in college, but my youngest still enjoys the benefits of your efforts. May the Lord continue to bless all you do.

~ Melanie H.



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Dear Home School Foundation, Your continued support of our daughter, Cassandra, through the granting of a Special Needs Children's Fund award, has once again been an incredible, timely blessing! As we explained in our application, her old computer had literally become a hazard. Cassandra was unable to perform any task without receiving an electrical shock at every key stroke.

Your award made it possible for us to purchase a new computer via Best Buy Gift cards. We purchased the gift cards at our local Kroger store, which enabled us to receive gas points for use at a later date. The last bit of the grant was used to pre-pay Cassandra's music therapy instructor for three lessons.

The Home School Foundation literally leaves us speechless! We have come to learn over the years that the blessings that flow from HSF are truly from God and his loving messengers. Just when our situation appears to be out of reach, along comes HSF doing the Lord's work, and our hope is renewed. Bless you all! Thank you for making these last couple of homeschool years a success spiritually, electronically, and musically.

~ Tom & Penny W.



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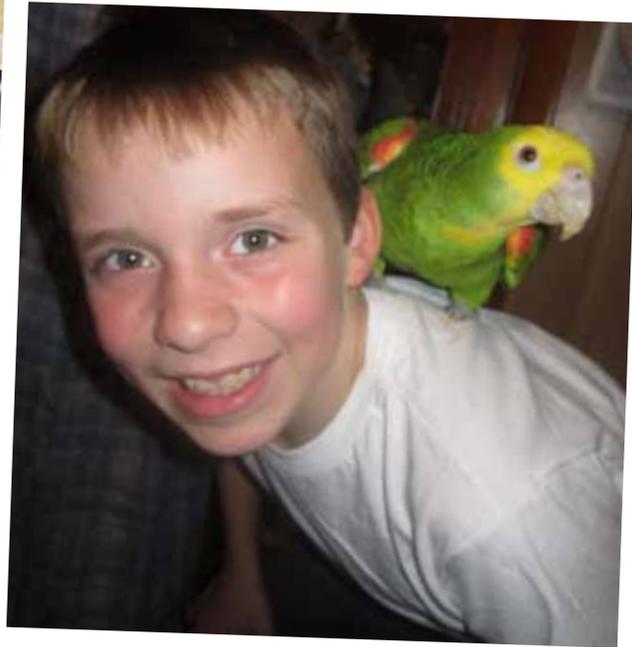
Dear HSF Donors,
Where do I begin? Here I am without a husband and with five small children. God has provided bountifully for us. I am so amazed. All that I have needed, His hand has provided! Great is His Faithfulness!

God uses his people to help, and I am very humbled by this. The Home School Foundation and their donors have helped make this year of home school an amazing one. I am still in awe that I am able to be at home and instruct my children in the Lord and enjoy them growing up. The gift that you have blessed us with in home schooling is one of the best gifts we can receive!

My 14 year old had a desire to learn Spanish and the donors at the Home School Foundation made that possible. We were able to purchase a Spanish curriculum that he is really enjoying. Thank You!

Thank You also for the Christmas gift. There were different clothing needs that this gift took care of. Once again, Jesus put us on your hearts and we are so blessed. May our Savior bless all that have given.

~ Wendy S.



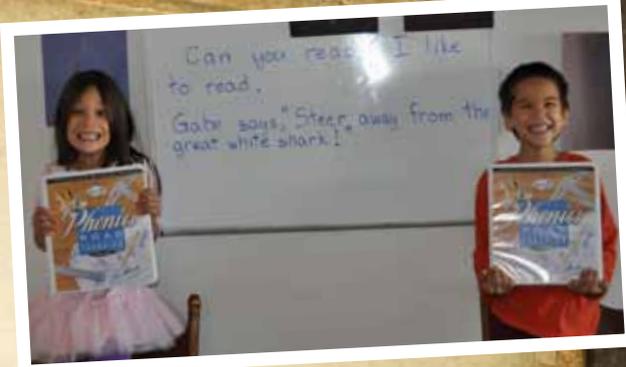
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I cannot begin to express what a blessing the grant was to us this year. We were able to buy all the curricula that we needed for the year. Since this was our first year homeschooling, I was overwhelmed with all of my options and the expenses that came with teaching my children. However, we were able to start homeschooling and my kids have thrived with the curriculum they are using. Audrey and Gabe have not only learned to read but they can write their own sentences and spell out most words. They can count to over 100 and are starting to understand addition and subtraction. Aiden knows his alphabet and can count to 20. He can also read a few words by himself. Thank you so much for blessing us so immensely this year.

~ The Simmons Family

With our recent move in hopes of finding stable employment, we weren't sure if we could continue to home educate our daughter through another year of high school. Since we were struggling to get re-established financially, we decided to apply for a grant to help with the purchase of curriculum. We were so happy to get the message that our family received a grant from HSF. The news came at the end of a difficult day. It was such a blessing of relief and reassurance of our call to homeschool. And we are grateful to God for the generous contributions by all the donors who made it possible for us to purchase curriculum with a biblical worldview and continue homeschooling in a way that glorifies Him. Please let them know how they have made a positive impact on our family. Thank you so much!

~ Marcey G.



Thank you so much for your Christmas grant this year. It couldn't have come at a better time with the little ones asking for their stockings and wanting so much to give to others and their friends. I have also had to make some curriculum changes as the year has gone on, like usual, but have been able to get a few things here and there.

I haven't been able to get to the Christmas cards this year but was going to put one of these pictures on it. I'm glad I'll be able to put the picture to some good use.

May God continue to bless your organization as you have blessed so many others.

~ Katherine M.



best things I can do for them in preparing and aiding them for their futures. The very best thing I try my best to do for them is raising them in the fear of the Lord and in His Word.

As my children get older, I am finding that purchasing their curriculum has become costly, especially for my son. With your help this year, that burden of purchasing those textbooks was greatly lifted.

Once again, thanks you greatly for your help, your organization, and the heart you all have for single homeschooling parents, widows, and the many others you help.

~ Janice H.

I just want to say thank you for the financial help my children and I received from your organization this year! We were truly blessed by it, and it helped to purchase our home-school curriculum for this school year. As a single homeschooling mom, who also works part-time, I am passionate about teaching my children. I feel this is one of the

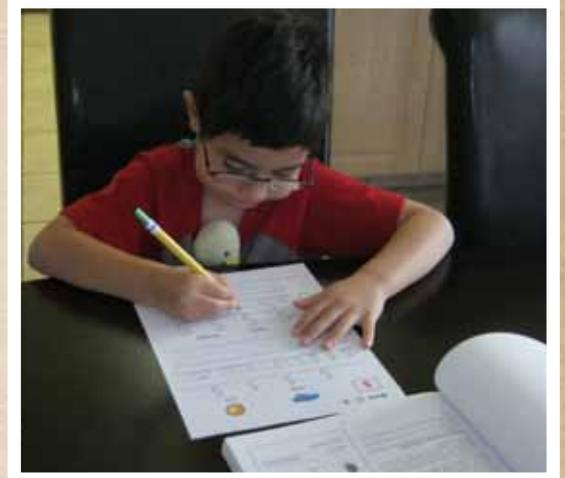
God is good and has always provided for us!

The last two years had been very hard on us financially. We lost our home in Feb. 2012. We didn't know where we were going to get the money for the books to homeschool our children.

One day I remembered reading about Home School Foundation, I prayed about it and sent in my application—about two months later we received a blessing.

My family and I are very thankful for the help that was given to us. With the money that we received, we bought the books needed to homeschool our three children. It has been hard to live on one income, but God is good and has always provided for us. I thank the Lord for people like you who share your blessings with others. Thank you for all your help and prayers. God Bless You.

~ The Parra Family





This past year has been an amazing adventure to say the least! I give all the glory to the Living G-d!

It started off with filling out an application to HSF for the Children of Single Parent's fund. This process itself was an amazing blessing as two other families in our congregation began home-schooling and credited it to seeing my children and myself.

I keep saying that I can identify with the Israelites wandering in the desert completely dependent upon G-d for every need and penny. And He has been more than faithful through the body of believers around us, specifically our Messianic Rabbi. Then we received a check from HSF! Once I got to my summer break and had time to really do some serious curriculum research, I was able to buy everything we needed plus have a bit more to combine with a community grant towards a much needed second computer! None of this would have been possible without HSF.

As a single mother of three children and a full-time student, one can imagine I do not have a penny to spare. Yet, I serve the Living G-d, who not only provides our every need, but often our heart's desires as well.

All of my children have birthdays between Dec. 6 and Jan. 5, so it makes gifts giving at this time of year impossible on my budget. But HSF surprised us with a check at Hanukkah/Christmas (we celebrate both) and a member in my congregation gave me money for each child as well. Then a gift of a DVD course in Constitutional Literacy arrived in the mail from HSF!

My children and I are so happy and doing well with their school! Thank you very much for your grant that made this year's home school possible when I needed it most!

~ Heidi Buck

I add you to my prayers that you continue to be a blessing to other families in need just like mine.

My daughter and I were tremendously blessed by the gift you sent to us. Right now she is doing well in 5th grade with the curriculum that I could buy for her thanks to the generous gift the HSF grant gave her.

During the month of November we also received a Christmas gift from HSF. It was a true blessing. I add you to my prayers that you continue to be a blessing to other families in need just like mine. Thank you so much. God Bless You always.

~ Lauriann C.

