



LOST COIN WOMEN'S FUND

Women helping women become self-reliant & self-empowered

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Join us
AGAIN at
our upcoming
Fundraiser!!

We had so much
FUN hosting
Musical Bingo
that we are going to
do it all again!!

**Break Rock
Brewing Co.**
534 Victory Road
Marina Bay, Quincy

**Sunday,
October 19, 2025
5-8 pm**

**We hope to see you
there!**

Let us introduce you to one of our Awardees...
Jessica Azevedo Bradner, in her own words



If you're a single mom pursuing a nursing career, just know that it's a challenging but achievable path. No matter how difficult the road may seem, you can do hard things. It took me almost 17 years to finally complete my dream of obtaining my BSN in nursing. My nursing journey began when I was accepted into an LPN program in 2008. At this point in my life, I was a very young single mom of a 2-year-old. Looking back, I have no idea how I managed to graduate but I did and shortly after I had my second daughter, followed by my third a few years later.

The next decade or so I worked as an LPN while caring for my young children and gained invaluable experience in both life and my nursing career. There was always something lacking though and I felt unfulfilled as I had not returned to school to carry out my promise to myself and earn my RN. Finally, I decided to start taking the required prerequisites for the LPN to RN program and began to chip away at the daunting list of courses. It took a couple years and plenty of patience partly due to it taking place during COVID yet by 2022 at long last I was able to apply to the Cape Cod Community College LPN to RN program.

I received my acceptance letter in May of that same year and was expected to start in June. Unfortunately, the summer program cost over \$2,000 and there was no financial aid available for the program. I had come so far and was about to lose my coveted seat in the program due to finances. That's when I was referred to the Lost Coin Women's Fund and they quite literally changed my whole life.

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Help us ...

**Help low-income women like Jessica!
Attend our Upcoming Fundraiser – Musical Bingo!**

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(More info on back)

Expressing Gratitude

From Dayibert P.: "I always wanted to attend nursing school, but it only seemed like a dream. Thanks to the Lost Coin Women's Fund, my dream is now reality! Thank you!"

From Shanna P.: "I am going to be able to continue pursuing my goals to make my children's and my own lives much better in the timeline that I originally planned because this grant is helping me pay for class. Without it, my program application may have been delayed a year!"

From Rosanna S.: "First I would like to thank everyone from Lost Coin for this award! Truly grateful! This grant will help ease the financial burden of my nursing education and allow me to focus fully on my studies. It brings me one step closer to achieving my goal of becoming a compassionate and skilled nurse."

"Never doubt
that a small
group of people
can change the
world –
It is the only
thing that
ever has."
Margaret Mead

Jessica Azevedo Bradner, continued

"With their incredible and generous support, I was able to continue in the summer program and eventually graduated with honors in May 2023. I knew I wanted to continue my education and earn my BS so I wasted no time and immediately enrolled in the college's partner program with UMass Boston. Again, this would not have been possible without Lost Coin Women's Fund, who saved the day in my final semester when I was so close to graduating but completely out of financial aid. They were able to pay my remaining balance and in August of 2024, I graduated from UMass Boston Summa Cum Laude with my BSN.

Now that I've achieved so much, I want to keep going and the next step is pursuing my master's as a nurse practitioner. If you had told me 17 years ago as a struggling single mom where I would be in the years to come, I wouldn't have believed it. Even the smallest seed of hopes and dreams can grow into something bigger than you ever could have imagined. All you must do is believe in yourself and never give up!

I would like to thank Lost Coin Women's Fund from the bottom of my heart; without them I wouldn't be where I am today. Their mission to help women like me is truly a gift and I hope to be able to repay them for all their kindness and support.

■ *Jessica Azevedo Bradner*

Musical Bingo Fundraiser Info:

Where

Break Rock Brewery

534 Victory Road, Marina Bay, Quincy

When

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Time

5-8 pm

Cost

\$20 at door

payable by Cash, Check, PayPal or Venmo



Prizes and Raffles Galore!