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Women helping women become self-reliant & self-empowered

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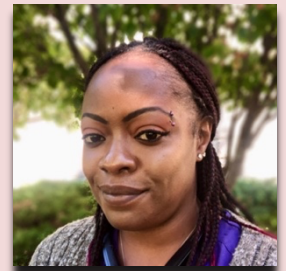
Our Next
Fundraiser is
still in the
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The James and Mary McNamara Foundation Scholarship

Each year, Lost Coin recognizes a generous donor, The Jim and Mary McNamara Foundation, by awarding a McNamara Foundation Scholarship to a prior Lost Coin awardee who is continuing her education. This year's McNamara Foundation awardee is Tiffany Basden, a first-year student at the Brockton Hospital School of Nursing.

Tiffany spent many years working as a certified medical assistant in hospital settings before deciding to return to school to achieve her goal of becoming a registered nurse. Prior to returning to school, Tiffany's family suffered a tragedy which led to an enormous emotional and financial impact on her family. Tiffany, her husband and her children suffered the profound loss of her teenage son following a long battle with a childhood illness. That experience has only intensified her motivation to achieve her goal of becoming a nurse.

In her personal statement, Tiffany speaks eloquently of how her life experiences have guided her in being resilient and recognizing the need for compassion in the health care professions. This award is a major support to her as she continues her nursing school education.



Annual Founders' Scholarship

The Founders' Scholarship was established to honor the visionary women who established Lost Coin Women's Fund in 1992. The annual Founders' Scholarship is available to any qualified LCWF applicant who has already received a grant in the prior twelve months and who continues to have tuition and other educational expenses due to on-going enrollment in her post-secondary program or school.

This year, the Founders' Scholarship was awarded to Natalya Fodor, a student at Greenfield Community College in the nursing program. She has worked as a Medical Assistant with Trinity Health of New England since 2013 and her goal is to become a Registered Nurse. As Natalya's letter of recommendation states, "Natalya exemplifies the qualities of resilience, perseverance, and dedication...". She lost her dad at the age of 5, immigrated to the US from Moldova, seeking a better life for her family, and later lost her husband in a car accident. She was encouraging her young son to go beyond an associate's degree and take the exam to become a Physician's Assistant, and he in turn, challenged her to join him and take the test to become an RN. So together they work and study to achieve their goals, helping other students along the way. What sets Natalya apart is her deep motivation to create a better future—not only for herself, but also for her family and patients.

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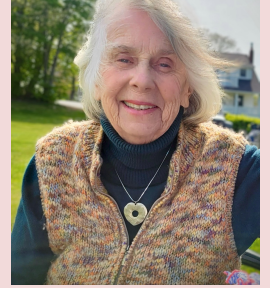
Expressing Gratitude

From Luisa L.: "As a single mother raising two teenagers, I work multiple jobs just to keep my household afloat. Every paycheck goes toward necessities - rent, utilities, food, transportation, and ensuring my children have what they need to succeed. Despite working tirelessly, I am barely able to set aside any savings, and there is little room for unexpected expenses or educational costs.

Returning to school is not just a personal goal for me it is my hope for creating a more stable future for my children and breaking the cycle of constant financial strain. I am doing everything I can to move forward, but the financial burden of school has become overwhelming. Receiving assistance means more than financial relief; it gives me the opportunity to continue my education with dignity, focus, and hope for a better future for my family."

In memory of Margaret Murphy

Margaret Ann Murphy, who passed away peacefully on October 20, 2025, two months shy of her 90th birthday and surrounded by her loving family, was a long-time supporter of Lost Coin. Margaret earned her bachelor's degree from Regis College, her tuition funded by her beloved single aunts, who instilled in Margaret the importance of women being self-reliant, educated and property owners.



Margaret left Catholicism in the late 1980s and found spirituality in Al-Anon and the recovery community. A sponsor to some, a mentor to countless others, particularly women, always reminding individuals about their potential and untapped talent. She modeled kindness and sought authentic relationships

In conversation with her daughter Nina, she told us that Margaret was always a seeker of truth and an advocate for those without a voice; Her life celebration was a testament to the impact she made on strangers and friends alike.

Margaret's donations and the donations received from her family and friends will continue her voice of helping women become self-reliant and educated.

So much fun at our Musical Bingo Fundraiser!!

Held at Break Rock Brewery, Marina Bay, Quincy, October 19, 2025



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