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### Scholarship program to empower survivors of intimate partner violence celebrates 10-year anniversary

DES MOINES, Iowa – October 30, 2020 – Four hundred and eighty-nine survivors of intimate partner violence have had the opportunity to change their futures thanks to the Alice Barton Scholarship Program. Now in the tenth year, the program awards recipients with a \$2,000 scholarship to be used towards tuition, books and fees for classes, and a portion may be used to pay other expenses which support the survivor's education and job training efforts, such as child-care or transportation.

"Receiving the Alice Barton Scholarship was an integral part of the process of rebuilding a life for myself and my young daughter," says Joyna\*, a recipient of the Alice Barton Scholarship Program. "I knew I had to further my education in order to overcome one of the greatest obstacles victims face when breaking free from domestic violence, economic disparity between the abuser and the abused."

The Alice Barton Scholarship Program works to empower survivors of domestic violence through education and job training. Economic abuse is a common and subtle form of abuse a person who harms will use to control their victims. By enabling victims to gain new knowledge and skills, the program helps victims increase their self-confidence, find better employment and achieve economic independence.

"The scholarship helped me graduate with honors, which led to employment that affords me the ability to support my daughter," says Joyna\*. "Every educational goal I have completed with the help of the scholarship assisted in healing the wounds of abuse and refuting feelings of inadequacy that can plague domestic violence survivors"

The Alice Barton Scholarship Program is possible thanks to the generosity and support of Roxanne Conlin, a prominent Des Moines attorney and philanthropist; in collaboration with her brother, Raymond Barton, founder and Chairman of the Board of Great Clips, Inc.; and her sister, Rhoda Olsen, CEO of Great Clips, Inc., to honor their mother, Alice Barton, a survivor of intimate partner violence.

Applications for 2021 are now being accepted for the Alice Barton Scholarship Program. To apply, visit [www.icadv.org/alice-barton-scholarship-program](http://www.icadv.org/alice-barton-scholarship-program). Forty scholarships are available.

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**About the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) is the leading voice to end intimate partner violence in Iowa. Through our network of 22 statewide victim service programs, we provide comprehensive services to anyone who has been a victim of a violent crime – before, during and after. We take a survivor-centered approach to victim services and believe community-based agencies and interventions, healthcare, educational and government systems should work together, centering the voices and experiences of those most vulnerable in our communities, to enhance safety for survivors and their families. When that happens, everyone has the ability to reach their full potential, thrive and live a life free from violence ... *to the Last Girl*.

To learn more, visit [www.icadv.org](http://www.icadv.org) or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/IowaCADV](https://www.facebook.com/IowaCADV).

*\*For safety, survivors are identified by first name only. If you are interested in additional quotes from Jonya, please contact the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 515---244---8028 for more information.*