The Seeds of Hope Emergency Fund was established to support emergency financial needs of students. The fund, which is managed by the FVTC Foundation, is designed to assist students with a financial emergency shortfall to pay for educational or personal expenses such as, but not limited to, medical, family needs, transportation expenses or repairs, occupational requirements such as certification examinations upon program completion, tools, and uniforms. For more information about Seeds of Hope, visit: www.fvtc.edu/seedsofhope.

Thank You for Making a Difference

Your contributions to Seeds of Hope through Staff Giving, attendance at fundraisers, or gifts of your time made a difference to 126 students during the 2015–16 school year. Since the Seeds of Hope fund was established in 2007, 742 students have received financial assistance and have made a difference to 742 students in school. Your generosity helps students realize and achieve their academic goals! If you know of a student in need, please refer them to Diane Drew in the Financial Wellness Center.

One Stop Shop 2015

With 103 vendors, all of whom donated to the raffle, food prepared by the Culinary Arts students, and an attendance of over 1500, this year’s “One Stop Shop” was a huge success. This great opportunity allowed local artisans, including FVTC Student Clubs, to showcase their talents. We send a big Thank You to the many volunteers who assisted with the event. Without your time, talents, and support, this event would not have been so successful!

Student Stories

It made me feel like my school has faith in me. I appreciate that the college cares so much about students.—Heather

Before I applied for the Seeds of Hope scholarship, I thought my college career might be at its end due to lack of money. I had a bad semester where I was struggling with personal issues and afterwards, found myself suspended from financial aid. I knew I could succeed in college if I applied myself. I had two semesters of Dean’s List grades under my belt. I wasn’t about to give up! I found out about Seeds of Hope and applied, in order to continue my way through school. I am now over halfway through the semester and doing well thanks to being a scholarship recipient. I feel so lucky to attend a school that has many people and resources for struggling students.—Jody

I arrived to the United States December 28, 2014 from Burkins-Faso, in West Africa and am studying the Paralegal program at FVTC. At a time when I needed it most, I was able to meet with Diane about Seeds of Hope. The only thing that really matters to me right now is going to school. Studying is very important to me and Seeds of Hope made my dream come true last semester, as I did not know I would go to school last semester because I could not afford paying my tuition. I made the 2016 Dean’s List and I owe this achievement to Seeds of Hope and all the people that believed in me.—Diane

I’m taking the time to thank you for the grant I was able to receive. Without this grant, I would not have been able to continue with my education in the last few weeks of the prior semester. I used my grant to help with the childcare cost I was not able to pay at the time, as I had lost my part-time employment. Having the "Seeds Of Hope" grant awarded to me was a blessing and made quite a difference as I was able to attend the few classes I had left during the semester.—Nancy

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Seeds of Hope Impact
By Diane Drew

When I was asked to share a couple of good examples of students who were awarded funds through the Seeds of Hope grant, I thought this should be a relatively simple task. After all, there were many applications to choose from. So, I began the process of reviewing them to make my selections.

As I read through their narratives a commonality leapt out across the pages, of struggles, hardships, and hopes of a better future. The memories of meeting these people were brought forward.

There was the mother who had never completed high school, working towards her GED. She relayed the difficulty she encountered in life with not having completed her high school education. She spoke about how hard it had been to find employers who were willing to consider her, without a diploma. How she often hid or was misleading about this fact on applications. She spoke about the shame she felt when she lost a job, after it was discovered that she had lied on her application. She felt relief recognizing that this would soon be a thing of the past. Receiving this grant to help with household and medical bills made achieving this goal more possible.

The accounts shared by the international students on their journeys here were particularly compelling. Many shared how their entire family pooled their financial resources to provide them with this educational opportunity. These students had more than their wishes at stake. They also carried the hopes and dreams of their families and communities. Many spoke of their goals for when they returned to their country and making a difference. Grants and educational funds are very limited for these students, which raise the importance and impact of this grant.

Many more mature students were no longer able to earn a living due to the damage done to their bodies after years of hard physical labor. One student shared how he felt tossed aside after working for an employer for many years. He took pride in being able to provide for his family. Furthering his education would enable him to be self-sufficient for many years.

Numerous individuals have disclosed that they are just scraping by while they are in school. Some may be surprised on how a grant of $300.00, or less, can be life changing for so many people. The Seeds of Hope enables others to have and achieve their hopes, of a better tomorrow.

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Volunteers also needed for this event!!!

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