



## BETTIE BRAND MOTHERS' EMPOWERMENT FUND NEWSLETTER

### Women's History Month: Celebrating Our 2025 Spirit Award Winners

*"Step out of the history that is holding you back. Step into the new story you are willing to create." -- Oprah Winfrey*

The 2025 Women's History Month theme, **"Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations,"** honors the power of women in education, mentorship, and leadership. The Bettie Brand Mother's Empowerment Fund proudly embodies this theme by uplifting and supporting women who are striving to transform their lives and communities. Through education, perseverance, and service, our awardees exemplify the spirit of moving forward together.

#### 2025 Spirit Award Recipients

Thanks to your generous support, Bettie Brand Mothers' Empowerment Fund proudly introduces our five remarkable 2025 awardees, expanding our legacy to 33 empowered women since 2013. Their journeys of perseverance and strength continue to inspire.

**Nyjah Hunter:** A devoted single mother balancing work, school, and parenthood while pursuing a career in massage therapy.

**Tennille L. Jackson:** Transforming her passion for cleaning into an empowering business that uplifts other women.

**Ashley Johnson:** A single veteran mother overcoming homelessness and pursuing her dream of becoming a nurse.

**Mattie Spencer-Henry:** Receiving her second Spirit Award, Mattie is finally achieving her lifelong goal of becoming a nurse after decades of caregiving.

**Tawana Thompson:** Overcoming financial and personal hardships, Tawana is on track to earn her bachelor's degree in human resource management.



These five incredible women exemplify the spirit of perseverance, resilience, and determination. The Bettie Brand Spirit Award is honored to support them on their journeys to success. Their stories remind us that with the right support, anything is possible.

## Heartfelt Thanks to Our Sponsor Agencies

Our mission is strengthened the support and nominations from our partner agencies:

HomeStretch

Graceful Care

Southern Crescent Veteran Services

Baisden's Healthzone

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Your unwavering support brings these extraordinary stories to light! Thank you for being a part of the journey.



## Join Us for Our Culinary Virtual Event "A Taste of Love - Dishes to Honor a Mother's Dream"

A Virtual Fundraiser  
Featuring Daryl Shular, Certified Master Chef

**Date: May 8, 2025**  
**Time: 6 to 7 pm EDT**

We invite you to an exclusive online culinary event hosted by the acclaimed Chef Daryl Shular, Certified Master Chef, for a fun, nostalgic, empowering celebration on how to create mouth-watering dishes inspired by Chef Daryl's mother.

When you make a purchase of \$200 or more you are also automatically entered to win one of our fantastic prizes:

- Daryl Shular, Certified Master Chef/Owner, [Shular Institute, LLC](#). Chef's Table, 6 people at home, four-course meal, \$4,000 Value.
- George McKerrow, Co-founder, CEO [Ted's Montana Grill](#). Chef's Table for 10, Ted's Room Luckie Street Location, \$1,000 Value.

**[Keep an eye on your inbox and our website for early bird ticket information for this exciting event!](#)**

Your engagement supports Bettie Brand Mothers' Empowerment Fund and its mission to "provide women in need with a hand up, not a hand out, so that they may live with dignity and independence."

In a full circle approach, the women who are awarded stipends from the Bettie Brand Fund agree to "pay it forward" in whatever way they can.

*Please share this email with your friends and family to be a part of the Bettie Brand family!*

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