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Annie Lillard Named Single Mother of the Year

Oklahoma City, Okla. – Single mother, Annie Lillard, was named Single Mother of the Year during Bethel Foundation's T.E.A. (Teaching, Educating, Attainment) spring conference on April 24.

The JR Hospitality Club received many nominations, but Lillard was set apart from the other mothers because she is raising her daughter alone while she attends college, works full time and finds ways to volunteer.

"She tries to take life as it comes her way and work through whatever struggles she is faced with," said Bethel Foundation Founder, Lynda Powell. "Annie is one of the many single mothers we help at Bethel and serves as a role-model for many."

During the T.E.A. Conference, mothers learned about budgeting, savvy savings with coupons, using character to praise and finding work by setting yourself apart from other applicants. The T.E.A. conference for Bethel was a success by helping 80 single mothers.

During 2009, Bethel helped more than 5000 single mothers and children and expect those number to double in 2010. The have recently opened a new office and are already planning Summer camps and cooking for the next few months. Go to www.bethelfoundationusa.com for more information on Bethel's services or ways you can help single mothers in the community.

About Bethel:

Founder, Lynda K. Powell, was inspired to develop Bethel Foundation by her own experiences as a struggling single mother. We take our mission of making mothers more productive citizens to heart. We accomplish our mission by alleviating dependence on systems that inhibit a family's ability to take steps to provide a better life for their kids. Our belief is that strong families make a strong America, changing lives, one mom at a time.

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