JERICHO FOUNDATION

2026 | FALL NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL NIGHT OF HOPE

SILENT AUCTION & DINNER



November 6, 2026 | 6:30 - 9:30 PM | Kalamazoo Country Club

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING THAT CHANGES LIVES

Reserve your seat, sponsor a table, or become a partner at our **Annual Night of Hope**. Your support helps students in Bosnia and Herzegovina access to our life-changing holistic scholarships.

EVENING HIGHLIGHTS:

Silent Auction • Raffle Prizes • Hors d'oeuvres
Dinner • Awards • BiH Student Speaker Sifet

TICKETS & TABLES:

Individual Ticket	$95
Table of 8	$680
Table of 10	$850
Raffle Tickets	$25

Reserve your seat or become a sponsor! | jerichofoundation.org/noh

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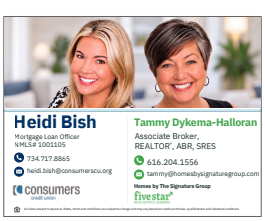
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A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD...

As we reflect on 2026, we are reminded of something that has been at the heart of Jericho Foundation since the beginning: *people make the difference.*

For more than 20 years, Jericho has been built by people who believe that a young person's circumstances should never determine the limits of their future. It has been built by donors who believe in the power of opportunity, by volunteers who give their time, by mentors who share their knowledge, by host families who open their homes, and by businesses and organizations willing to open their doors.

This year has also reminded us of the importance of strong leadership and a committed Board. We are grateful for the opportunity to step forward and help guide Jericho during this next chapter. While leadership may evolve, our commitment to our students and our mission does not. In fact, if anything, this year has strengthened our belief in what Jericho can accomplish when our entire community comes together.

We have had the privilege of watching another group of remarkable young people take the next step in their journeys. Our students continue to demonstrate the qualities that make us so proud to be part of Jericho — *determination*, *resilience*, *curiosity*, and an *incredible desire to build a better future for themselves* and their communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. For us, one of the most meaningful parts of Jericho is watching what happens when opportunity meets potential. A scholarship can help a student earn a degree. A mentor can help them see what is possible. An internship can give them confidence. A host family can make a new country feel like home. A business can open a door that changes the direction of a career.

But when all of those pieces come together, something much bigger happens. A student begins to believe in what they can accomplish. ***That is the true power of Jericho***. As a Board, we have had the opportunity to work closely with our students, our team, our volunteers, and our incredible supporters. We have seen firsthand how much passion and commitment exists throughout the Jericho community. We have also been reminded that Jericho is much more than an organization. ***Jericho is a family.***

It is a community that spans two countries, connects generations, and continues to grow because people choose to care about one another.

- **To our donors**, thank you for trusting Jericho with your generosity. Every contribution represents more than a financial gift. It represents a belief in a student and in what that student can accomplish.
- **To our host families**, thank you for opening your homes and your hearts. The kindness and hospitality you provide often become some of our students' most treasured memories of their time in the United States.
- **To our internship and business partners,** thank you for opening your doors and giving our students the opportunity to learn, contribute, and experience the professional world firsthand. The time you invest in them can have an impact that lasts a lifetime.
- **To our mentors, volunteers, and everyone** who gives their time to Jericho, thank you for showing our students that there is an entire community of people cheering them on.

That is how a legacy is created. As we look toward 2027, our commitment remains as strong as ever. We will continue to invest in students, strengthen our relationships in Bosnia and Herzegovina, expand opportunities for professional and personal growth, and build a community where our scholars know they are never alone in pursuing their dreams. The Board is working with a professional recruiting firm to identify our next Executive Director, and we are excited about the strong candidates they are bringing forward. We are confident that this next chapter will build on the relationships, commitment, and love that have always defined Jericho.

The future of Jericho is not defined by one person, one event, or one year. It is defined by all of us.
Thank you for standing with Jericho. Thank you for believing in our students. And thank you for being part of a community that continues to prove that when we invest in people, the possibilities are limitless.

With gratitude,

Igor Znidarcic, Board President ***Mark Drake,*** Board Vice President

WE PROMOTE UNITY.

U.S. LEARNING EXPERIENCE

LEARNING TODAY, LEADING TOMORROW

This year, five students gained hands-on experience with businesses in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids through our U.S. Learning Experience, building skills and connections for their future careers.

Thank you to our host families: Jeremy and Ruth Harper, Greg & Melinda Dobson, Krystal Rozema & Mahmut Selmic, Dan & Laura Schied, Gabe & Kat Wolverton, and Dave & Villo Zomer.

KALAMAZOO LUNCHEON

OPEN YOUR DOORS. INSPIRE A FUTURE.

This year's Intern Luncheon was held at the Kalamazoo Country Club, giving our scholars an opportunity to share their stories, meet our wonderful donors, and practice their networking and public-speaking skills.



2026 U.S. Scholars, Board President Igor Znidarcic, & VP Mark Drake

"I can speak for every Jericho student when I say that we are eternally grateful for the help of the foundation and all of the donors. Change doesn't happen overnight, but with your support, I feel that we are on the brink of seeing real progress."

- Vedad







THANK YOU

Night of Hope Silent Auction & Dinner

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Event Sponsor: The Shields Family

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Auction Sponsor: Big C Lumber, Brink, Key & Chludzinski, P.C., Heidi Bish & Tammy Dykema-Hallaron, The Znidarcic Family & Drake Financial Group

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The Wooden Spoon
The Moors Golf Club
Trove
Ulta Beauty
VanderSalm's Flower Shop
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TRY YOUR LUCK IN OUR RAFFLE!

Tickets are $25 each. Winners are drawn at the event; absent winners are notified by email or phone. Purchase online: **www.jerichofoundation.org/noh.**



YETI Tundra 45 Cooler
VALUE $325

Durable cooler with capacity for up to 26 cans.



Bose QuitComfort Headphones
VALUE $300

Wireless Bluetooth headphones — Twilight Blue.



Breville Barista Express Espresso Machine
VALUE $340

Café-quality espresso, lattes & cappuccinos w/ manual maker & built-in grinder.

****Raffle prize winners include free shipping to the 48 contiguous states.*

Check Out Our Silent Auction Preview!



Enjoy the beautiful **Grand Hotel**, which includes a one-night stay and breakfast for two; taxes, local assessments, baggage, and handling are included.



Choose from a range of services from **Reflections Salon & Med Spa**, including Cooltone Package, Emsculpt Package, Dermal Lip Filler, Botox, 1-month membership, Diamond Glow Facial, or a massage & pedi.



Relax & Explore

Relax & Explore – Silver Lake - Enjoy a two-night stay in this beautfiful *3-bedroom/6 beds, 2-bath cottage that sleeps 8*. Nestled on a secluded, tree-lined corner lot, it's just minutes from Silver Lake, the dunes, Lake Michigan, and Little Sable Lighthouse. Perfect for a peaceful getaway or an adventure-filled escape!

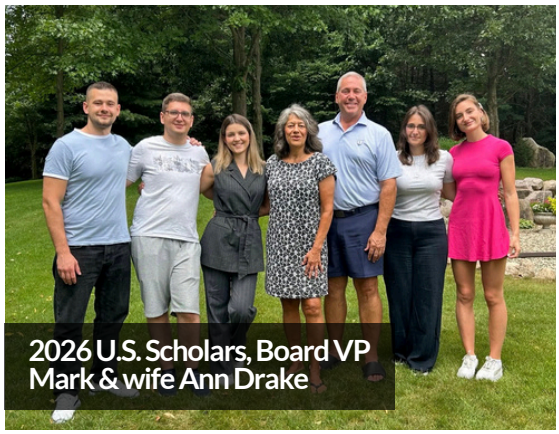
Dream Getaway - Silver Lake - Enjoy a two-night stay at this relaxing escape in a brand-new *3-bedroom/4-bed, 2-bath cottage that sleeps 8*, nestled on a secluded, tree-lined lot. Just minutes from Silver Lake, the sand dunes, Lake Michigan, Little Sable Lighthouse, and the village. Relax, explore, and create unforgettable memories!

****Booking dates between May 1st to Oct 30, 2027, subject to availability

For tickets or information: jerichofoundition.org/noh

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HOST A JERICHO STUDENT


2026 U.S. Scholars, Board VP Mark & wife Ann Drake

OPEN YOUR DOORS. INSPIRE A FUTURE.

Become a Host Business - Welcome a student to your workplace and share hands-on learning experiences that build skills and inspire future careers.

Become a Host Family - Welcome a student into your home, share everyday life, and build a connection across cultures.

"Our student enriched our lives, our extended families, and openly participated in many activities. It was an amazing experience."













Meet the amazing host businesses and families who welcomed our 2026 U.S. Scholars!

Join a...

CIRCLE 4 HOPE

Your gift + your circle = a scholar's year.

Every monthly gift, big or small, adds up when we give together. Join a circle and help provide the $4,800 a year it takes for one student to succeed. Give at *www.jerichofoundation.org/circle4hope.*

$35 /MONTH	$ 50 / MONTH	$100 /MONTH	$200 /MONTH	$4,800 /YEAR
12 DONORS PAVING THE WAY TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE.	8 DONORS EMPOWERING A STUDENT.	4 DONORS CHANGING THE LIFE OF A STUDENT.	2 DONORS GETTING A STUDENT TO GRADUATION.	1 CHAMPION CHANGING A FAMILY'S LEGACY.

WE PROMOTE CHANGE.

2026 FALL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

This year's leadership seminar sparked fresh ideas and new perspectives for our scholars through inspiring speakers and dynamic learning experiences. Here are a few highlights:

- **Ruth Harper,** a long-time donor and volunteer, helped lead all the team-building exercises our students love.
- **Melinda Dobson**, our Jericho Board Member and longtime donor, volunteer, & host, spoke to our students about telling their story and how to stand out in their scholarships, jobs, & life.
- **Greg Dobson, COO & Principal of AVB**, invited students to think of success not as a single achievement, but as the result of the systems and habits they build every day. His session explored how priorities, routines, discipline, energy, and decision-making work together to create an "operating system" for life.
- **Mike Shields, Founder & Historical Consultant for Blackberry Windows**, married to Jericho's founder, Joanna Shields, and a long-time supporter, led students through a practical conversation about turning ambitions into clear and achievable goals.
- **Haris Memic, Founder & CEO of Symphony** in BiH, shared the story behind building a company from the ground up and the lessons he learned along the way. Rather than focusing only on success, he spoke about discipline, difficult decisions, persistence, and the work that happens behind the scenes.
- **Mersed Camdžić, Founder of Mistral** in BiH, took students through his entrepreneurial journey - from building Mistral to eventually selling the company and entering a new chapter of his life. He encouraged students to think beyond their next exam, job, or immediate goal and to consciously build a life that takes them toward the horizon they choose.

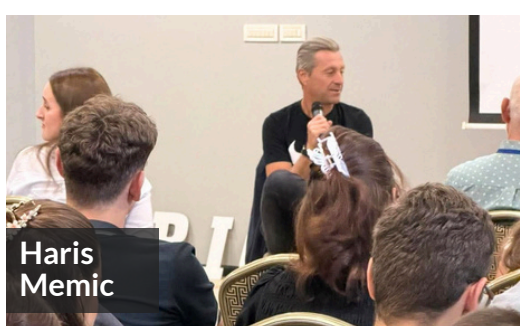

Melinda Dobson & Ruth Harper



Mike Shields



Greg Dobson


Haris Memic

2026 U.S. VOLUNTEERS & JERICHO TEAM

From Left to Right: George Balogh, Terri Balogh, Mike Shields, Joanna Shields, Ruth Harper, Aleksandar Cesic, Nejra Vreto-Milić, Alisa Hidić, Afrodita Sinani, Ena Jugo, Eldina Grabovic, Jasenka Semimović, Melinda Dobson, Cabe Dobson, & Greg Dobson



DIARIES OF LOST AND FOUND – FILMING UPDATE



From Bosnia and Herzegovina to the USA, a story of *hope*, *generosity*, and *lives transformed*. ProudCloud Productions is delighted to announce that the documentary **Diaries of Lost and Found** has entered the final stages of offline editing, following extensive filming in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the United States.

Throughout production, our team has conducted more than 30 interviews with current and former students, host families, donors, Jericho staff, and board members, capturing deeply personal stories and reflections on the remarkable impact of the Foundation's work. With filming now complete, we are bringing these powerful testimonies, memories, and experiences together into a documentary that celebrates not only the lives changed through education and opportunity, but also the extraordinary generosity and human connections that made it all possible. We look forward to sharing the finished film with everyone who has been part of this remarkable journey.

PEOPLE NEED PEOPLE TO BECOME PEOPLE!

Join us at Night of Hope!
Sponsor, reserve your seat, or book a table today!





On a mission to restore HOPE in Bosnia and Herzegovina, one student at a time

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ENDING 2026 STRONG!