

## 2023 Fall Newsletter

### ANNUAL NIGHT OF HOPE

Friday, November 3, 2023

Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo, MI

6:30 Silent Auction | Cocktails | Hors d'oeuvres

8:00 Dinner | Program | Guest Speaker

#### Tickets

Individual - \$90

Table for 8 - \$640 | Table for 10 - \$800

#### Sponsorships

Event \$4000 | Partners in Hope \$3000 | Friends in Hope \$2000 | Participants in Hope \$1,000



Our Annual Night of HOPE remains our largest and most crucial event for raising funds needed for the upcoming year. This event is a unique opportunity to unite again for hope. **Please join us!**

### MEETING THE MAYOR OF SARAJEVO

Berin Alagic, CEO of XYLLION, a partner with Jericho, arranged a meeting with the Mayor of Sarajevo. Our BiH Director, Nejra Vreto, and founder, Joanna Shields, in her ambassador role, had the opportunity to present our Foundation and discuss potential collaboration. The Mayor shared that Jericho is the only organization providing full scholarships in the country. She is excited to see how she can support Jericho to empower & educate youth in BiH.



# WE PROMOTE UNITY.

## 2023 FALL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR



**Exciting highlights from our Fall Leadership Seminar!** Our seminar was tremendously successful, providing scholars with valuable insights from engaging speakers and learning excursions. Here are some of the key takeaways:

- How to combat life after college, the significance of networking, and building relationships.
- How to improve intergroup relations between the three ethnic groups.
- How to use your inter-dialogue, and learn to think for yourself.
- The importance of preventing prejudice, fostering peace, and promoting unity in Bosnia.
- Finding common ground with those from different backgrounds or perspectives.

We arranged a surprise learning excursion to Jablanica and Mostar for our scholars. We visited the Museum of the Battle for the Wounded at Neretva and participated in a panel discussion with peace-building representatives from the three ethnic groups. Finally, we explored Mostar and concluded our excursion with a dinner attended by some of our alumni students.

## U.S. LEARNING EXPERIENCE



Our scholarship includes a U.S. Learning Experience for 4th and 5th-year students to job shadow in a company in their field of study. This year, nine students participated, gaining valuable experiences from our host business sites. Participating in this program will significantly enhance our scholar's chances of achieving long-term success and securing future job opportunities.

**Adil Arapović** - Sebright Products, Inc.

**Amar Valentić** - Financial Counseling Dept. - Corewell Health

**Azemina Hodžić** - Kalsec

**Danijela Jovanović** - SBF Enterprises

**Darko Lazić** - Dr. Stephen Fitch - Corewell Health

**Đurđica Dragišić** - Gordon Water Systems

**Eman Alibalić** - ITS Delivers

**Sara Jakovljević** - Envision Advertising & WMU Graphics

**Uroš Dobraš** - Dr. Stephen Fitch - Corewell Health



# WE PROMOTE LASTING CHANGE.

## HOST A STUDENT

**Thank you to our host families:** Elvir & Alma Tabakovic, Elmedina & and Saudin Podrug, Joe and Svetlana Jovanovic, Stacy & and Dan Burton, Kim & and Pat Lem, Phil & Cheri Fox, and Kat & and Gabe Wolverton, and Shelley McLaughlin; we can't do this without you!

**Hosting a Student:** If you or someone you know is interested in hosting a student, please email us at [jericho@jerichofoundation.org](mailto:jericho@jerichofoundation.org).



## SIP FOR A CAUSE GRAND RAPIDS

Our Sip For A Cause event in Grand Rapids was a resounding success. It provided an excellent opportunity for our scholars to engage in networking and to share the impact of their scholarship. With refreshments, delicious



hors d'oeuvres, and our scholarship speakers, nearly 80 people connected with our mission and continued to help us empower the next generation of youth in BiH. Thank you to Igor Znidarcic, Dijana Znidarcic and Nadija Kadunic-Horning for hosting this event!

## 2024 U.S. Learning Experience

We are excited to announce our **potential** 2024 students joining us in the U.S. for **six weeks**, from mid-July to the end of August, to pursue their passions and gain invaluable experience in their field.

**Business host site:** We're always looking for new job shadowing opportunities for our students. If you or someone you know is interested in being a host site, please get in touch with us at [jericho@jerichofoundation.org](mailto:jericho@jerichofoundation.org).



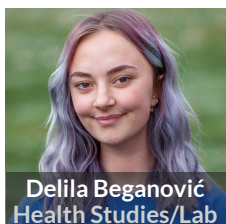
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Anes Mujanović  
Nurse



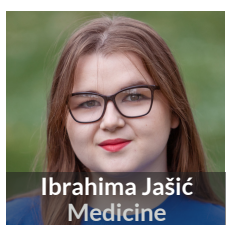
Armin Džulović  
Mech. Engineering



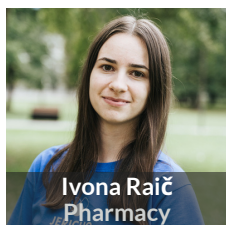
Delila Beganović  
Health Studies/Lab



Ena Građanin  
Law



Ibrahima Jašić  
Medicine



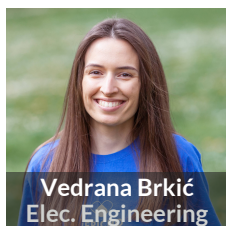
Ivona Raič  
Pharmacy



Jovana Milidragović  
Medicine



Mirnes Dilberović  
Nurse



Vedrana Brkić  
Elec. Engineering

Join a...

CIRCLE 4  
HOPE

**\$35**  
/MONTH

12 DONORS PAVING THE  
WAY TO A BRIGHTER  
FUTURE.

**\$100**  
/MONTH

4 DONORS CHANGING  
THE LIFE OF  
A STUDENT.

**\$200**  
/MONTH

2 DONORS GETTING A  
STUDENT TO  
GRADUATION.

**\$4,800**  
/YEAR

1 CHAMPION  
CHANGING A FAMILY'S  
LEGACY.

# A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR...

## Reflecting on the Past Year



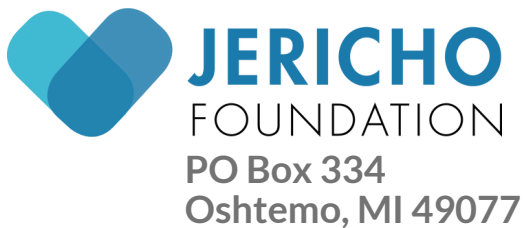
I am incredibly inspired by Jericho students. The success stories and determined faces of the students motivate and inspire me to strive for excellence. I am grateful to all of you for your support and for embracing me in my new role.

Over the past year, I have successfully grown our team in BiH to six student mentors. This is the key to providing our students with the personalized support they deserve for them to thrive. My priority has always been and will continue to be quality over quantity as we continue to grow the foundation.

Honestly, I wake up each morning feeling incredibly fortunate to have the best job ever! I am confident in my abilities and excited to take on this position and lead Jericho into a new chapter.

And now here we are.. almost a year later, getting ready for our annual Night of Hope. This is where it started. This is where I stood before all of you and gave my promise to continue to help rebuild a very forgotten war-torn country by educating and investing in its youth. The future is in the hands of this youth; they offer new perspectives, innovation, and a heart to move beyond the divisions of generations before them. Their potential drives our mission, one student at a time. Thank you all again for your continued support - it means the world to me!

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



  
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## Celebrating 2023 Together!