



Greetings From Parent Pathways' President & CEO, Susan Carparelli

It was gratifying to see so many Parent Pathways supporters, staff, volunteers and Florence Crittenton School students running, walking, volunteering and cheering at the 2010 "Miles for Moms" Run/Walk on May 8! Thanks to this outpouring of community support, we saw a record 38 fundraising teams raise more than \$52,000 to help Parent Pathways in our mission to help teen parents raise healthy families. Thanks so much!

Sue and T-shirt design winner, student Mayra Lozano

Two weeks later, 19 tenacious young mothers donned silver caps and gowns at the Florence Crittenton School 25th Anniversary Commencement Exercises at Central Presbyterian Church. Motherhood at a young age presented them with odds stacked for failure, but with the wrap-around support of Parent Pathways and the Florence Crittenton School, they earned their precious high school diplomas, an essential step in creating cycles of success for themselves and their children. More than three-quarters of our graduates plan to go on to college or vocational school, aspiring to be nurses, doctors, chefs and even a potential CEO! Please join me in wishing the Florence Crittenton School Class of 2010 all the best in life.

Meet the 25th Anniversary Class of 2010!

Small but mighty, the Florence Crittenton School Class of 2010 is charging out of the blocks and into the world to create cycles of success. Fifteen of the 19 grads have post-secondary education plans, with aspirations to become doctors, nurses, chefs and CEOs!

About half of the Class of 2010 grads are the first in their family to finish high school. Fifteen are headed for college. Such lofty goals are extraordinary for this group of determined young women who have managed the challenges of teen pregnancy, and in most cases poverty, to finish high school and position themselves to build successful lives for their families, thanks to the wrap-around support provided by Parent Pathways.

Already on the fast track:

- **Jessica Ramirez** won a scholarship to the Community College of Denver through the Metropolitan Mayor's and Commissioners Youth Award, and a \$900 scholarship from the Rotary Club of Denver.
- **Ashlee Cooper** was named a "Mile High Scholar" by the City and County of Denver, and received an \$875 Goodwill Scholarship and a \$500 Robert Glenn Jensen Scholarship.
- **Wendy Barron** was awarded a \$900 scholarship from the

Rotary Club of Denver and a \$500 Robert Glenn Jensen Scholarship.

- **Maria Garcia** and **Kristin Ayon** each won a \$500 Robert Glenn Jensen Scholarship.
- **Jennifer Castillo** won a \$1,000 Comcast scholarship.
- **Aushena Williams** won the \$1,000 Zonta Club of Denver II Sue Burch Scholarship.

Congratulations to all for their achievements. Please visit parentpathways.org to meet the grads, see graduation photos and watch student commencement speeches!

The Flo Crit Class of 2010!



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2010 “Miles for Moms” Run/Walk Sets Records for People & Money



The Parent Pathways’ 2010 “Miles for Moms” Run/Walk raised more than \$52,000 for Parent Pathways, almost 40 percent more than 2009!

The May 8 Run/Walk at Central Park-Stapleton, enthusiastically emceed for a second year by Denver City Councilman Michael Hancock, drew more than 38 fundraising teams. We saw more than 1,000 runners, walkers,

pledgers, volunteers, fundraisers, family and friends contribute to a record-setting day! Sponsorships were also up \$10,000 compared to last year. Thank you!

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Florence Crittenton Class of 2010 Steps out Into the World!



Flo Crit grads head out into the world!



“We did it, ladies!” student speaker Aushena Williams triumphantly declared to the Florence Crittenton School’s 25th anniversary graduating class at commencement ceremonies May 22. “We are lawyers, nurses, CEOs, doctors – the world is ours!”

Aushena, the mother of one-year-old Azhya, was one of 19 teen mothers to defy the odds and receive their high school diplomas at the ceremony on Saturday, May 22, 2010. Two years ago, Aushena was attending George Washington High School when she found out she was pregnant. She transferred to Florence Crittenton and traded in parties and fun for nighttime feedings – and for the opportunity to finish high school and build a better life.

Aushena won the \$1,000 Zonta Club of Denver II Sue Burch Scholarship and begins college this fall with the goal of eventually starting a nonprofit. She’s among 15 Class of 2010 alumni with plans to pursue post-secondary education! Read about them and watch Aushena’s speech at www.parentpathways.org.