



## Rent-A-Center Awards \$100,000 to Qualified Recipients through Make A Difference Scholarship Program

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PLANO, Texas--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 24, 2022-- Rent-A-Center, Inc. (NASDAQ: RCII) ("Rent-A-Center" or the "Company"), a leader in the lease-to-own industry, recently partnered with Scholarship America to award customers, customers' children and coworkers' children with **\$100,000** worth of scholarships through the Make A Difference Scholarship program. This was RAC's 18<sup>th</sup> year working with Scholarship America to award **40** qualified current and prospective students each with **\$2,500** to be used toward higher education expenses.

Recipients were selected based on academic record, demonstrated leadership, participation in school, community involvement, honors, work experience, statement of goals/aspirations and unusual personal or family circumstances. Recipients were selected across all Rent-A-Center divisions, including *Get It Now!*, Home Choice, AcceptanceNOW/Acima and Rent-A-Center Franchising International, Inc.

"As a company, we strive to enrich the lives of our nation's youth by providing them the opportunity to reach their full potential," said Mitch Fadel, Rent-A-Center CEO. "By offering the Make a Difference Scholarship, our charitable efforts support students in the pursuit of higher education. We believe earning a college education can make a huge difference in everyone's life by offering them the opportunity to be the best they can be."

This scholarship improves the quality of life for students each year, helping them to achieve their dreams, and Rent-A-Center is honored to have the opportunity to do so once again.

Emmaleigh Clark, daughter of Matthew Clark, Manager-Advance Analytics at Rent-A-Center's Field Support Center in Plano, Texas, is grateful to receive the Make A Difference Scholarship and hopes to put the money towards pursuing her passion of becoming a nurse at the University of Texas at Austin.

"I was so excited when I found out I had received the RAC scholarship," Clark said. "This will allow me to take the next steps in my dream career of becoming a nurse."

James "Jay" Whitlock III, son of Sherry Whitlock, a customer from Cincinnati, Ohio, was appreciative to have been selected for this scholarship, as it will help to relieve financial burden as he continues to pursue his degree.

"I want to thank the Rent-A-Center Make A Difference Scholarship board for investing in my education and allowing me to continue my journey at North Carolina A&T," Whitlock III said.

Since 2004, Rent-A-Center has awarded more than \$1,113,750.00 to students through the Make A Difference Scholarship program.

The following is a list of recipients who have given permission for their names to be used in media:

Jeffrey Allen, Princeton, NC	Thierry Campbell, Riviera Beach, FL
Dominic Arredondo, Clute, TX	Lauren Carrier, Agawam, MA
Deandra Avalos, Seguin, TX	Hannah Cheatham, Frisco, TX
Armstride Belizaire, West Palm Beach, FL	Emmaleigh Clark, Plano, TX
Arieona Brooks, Chicago Heights, IL	Michael Cole, Greencastle, IN
Amaya Bush, Port Arthur, TX	Piper Cole, Burlington, IA
Farhan Buvvaji, Plano, TX	Leslie Ford, Woodburn, KY
Nicholas Calton, Rensselaer Falls, NY	Meghan Frazier, Osage Beach, MO
Jayda Green, Verona, PA	Sheldon Padgett, Middle River, MD
Shelby Greenwell, Clearfield, UT	Lariana Rodriguez, Bayamon, PR
Nysa Harisis, Venus, TX	Cassandra Smith, Prosper, TX
Sabrina Hatfield, Tulsa, OK	Malachi Thorsen, Jacksonville, NC
Hannah Kells, Fort Riley, KS	Kiana Valdez, Waipahu, HI
Aleyana Mitchell, Edgewood, MD	Morgan Vanaman, Fayetteville, PA
Macayla Moore, Springfield, OH	Taylor Vanaman, Fayetteville, PA
Ava Odom, Eupora, MS	Stephanie Vellon, Willimantic, CT
Morgan Orgeron, Youngsville, LA	James Whitlock III, Mason, OH
Victoria Orié, Virginia Beach, VA	Keeley Wood, Dallas, TX
Eva Overstreet, Joplin, MO	

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