



# DELTA LIFE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

*10 years of*

MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS

IN CHANGING TIMES



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The past year has been a progressive one for Delta Life Development Foundation, Incorporated. I hope that you will review the statistics, reports, and photos we have offered in this annual report.

The Board was busy in 2015 preparing for and celebrating our ten years anniversary as well as continuing the efforts to strengthen our foundation which include:

- ◆ Reviewing a strategic plan
- ◆ Developing a grant/grantee informational package
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- ◆ Reviewing and updating all printed materials
- ◆ Launching a website
- ◆ Updating constitution and bylaws

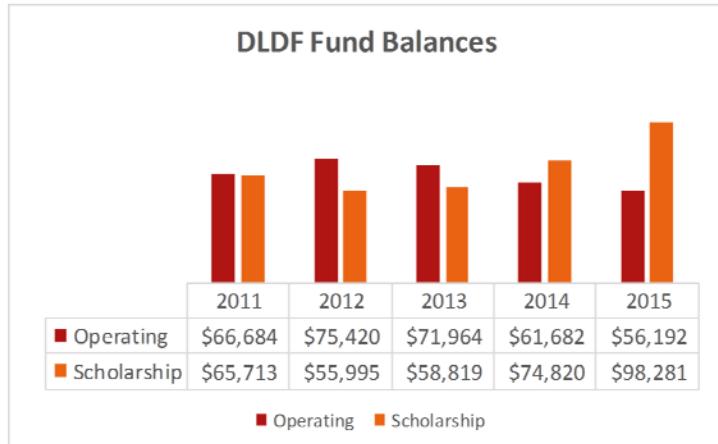
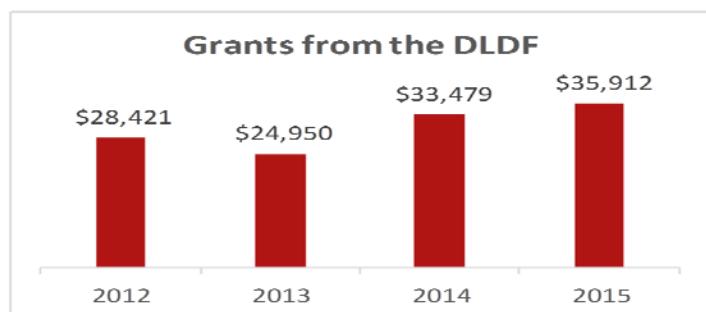
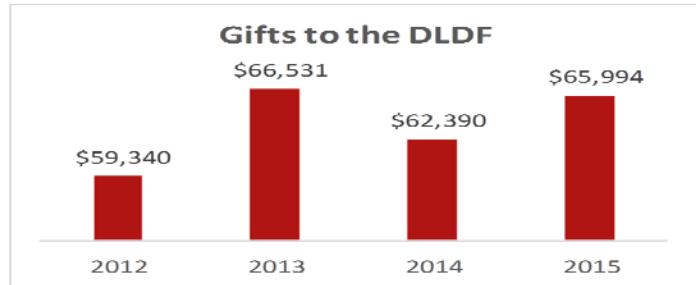
We are truly grateful to our dedicated and committed volunteers who have touched many and improved the overall quality of life for the citizenry, we say a sincere "THANK YOU"

We are also grateful to our generous supporters and donors in 2015. The Foundation awarded scholarships community service grants and endowments in the excess of \$30,000. The Foundation will continue to work toward broadening our donor base to increase grants and awards and opportunities to serve our community.

To those of you who are not involved, I ask that you consider volunteering, and making a financial contribution (tax deductible) to Delta Life Development Foundation, Incorporated.

Regards,

Juanita L. Davis  
Chair of the Board  
Delta Life Development Foundation, Incorporated





## Adopted Daughter Luncheon

The 2015 Adopted Daughter Seminar Luncheon was held during the month of March. The purpose of the program is **to expose young ladies to influential women in the community**. This exposure allows the girls to see strong, positive women in traditional and non-traditional roles in the community. Women in the field of nursing were recognized and honored at the luncheon. Miss Manners kicked off the seminar with etiquette and manner reminders for dining. The Girls, Inc. step team provided special entertainment highlighting precision and coordinated choreography.

There was a total of 75 participants. Participants included the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy, Delta G.E.M.S., Jabberwock participants, GIRLS, Inc. steppers, and nine nurses. The diversity from the girls in age, school and background provided a great setting for a well-rounded event. Girls from all over the tri-city area and several different schools in the county were in attendance. The interaction with the girls and adults was a positive experience and well received.

## Deltas, Families, and Friends at the Theatre Series

### Selma

We hosted this event in an effort **to promote fellowship and encourage openness to the historical depiction of actual events in history**. There were 26 in attendance and the conversation following the movie was great. Participant of the discussion of the movie was positive. It was stated by some, to have a showing for the community other than at the movie to allow more discussions.

### Arts & Letters

### Chillin' With the Authors

Another aspects of the arts is meeting authors and hearing their journey into writing. This was an excellent opportunity to meet local authors. The authors told the audience how they started as writers. A synopsis of the books were shared by the authors.

### C. O. L. O. R. Book Club

#### Gather in My name and Mom and Me and Mom

By Dr. Maya Angelou

Both books dealt with the life of Dr. Angelou. The participants were inspired by the resilience of Dr. Angelou and the close relationship she had with her Mother and Grandmother. Her brother also played an important role in her life. Reading is another aspect of celebrating the arts in printed form.



### Deltas, Families, and Friends at the Museum

On September 27th, we enjoyed an afternoon at the Columbus Museum. We toured two exhibitions: Troublemakers and Trailblazers and Once Collected, Always Cherished: The Blind Tom Story. Both exhibitions were educational and informative. Both of these exhibitions dealt with history in our community.

### A Night at the Theatre

The gospel Stage Play, A Love Story, was at the Liberty Theatre. The play had an uplifting and inspiring message about Christian love. The goal of this event was provide an in-depth look at cultural arts through the eyes of on stage actors and actress.



*The Transformation of Me*

*Knowing Me, Developing Me,*

*Preparing Me*

The goal of the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy is to help young girls realize their potential. The Academy was created **to enrich the lives of our young girls ages 11-14** as they navigate through life. We tried to assist in accomplishing this goal by helping to ensure:

- ◆ that the participants build self esteem and respect by our facilitating and instructing them using the curriculum submitted to us from our National Headquarters. This curriculum deals with helping participants to know, develop and prepare themselves for the developmental changes during their body's transitional phases.
- ◆ that the participants learn more about their history through a field trip to a historic site in town.
- ◆ that the participants actively took part in the city's cleanup efforts in Help the Hooch.
- ◆ that the participants took part in the HIV/AIDS Walk.
- ◆ that the participants were given opportunities to interact together monthly.
- ◆ that the participants learn etiquette and manners by inviting participants to participate in the Annual Adopt -A- Daughter's Luncheon at the Delta Life Development Foundation House and interaction with the instructors.
- ◆ that the participants increased their understanding of math and through workshops such as Cooking with Math, and Technology Etiquette.
- ◆ that the participants maintain an active lifestyle through ZUMBA, proper nutrition and exercise.

We provided participants with information to combat the stigma of academic failure and low self-esteem all the while providing mentoring and insight into new career avenues. As a committee we wanted to strive to help the participants who have potential, but need guidance, support and skills to achieve success.

# EMBODI



The E.M.B.O.D.I. Orientation was held on September 19th, 2015 at the Delta Life Development Foundation

## E.M.B.O.D.I. (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence)

House. There were 13 young males in attendance. The program is designed **to help young males between the ages of 13-18 reach their fullest potential emotionally, socially and educationally.**

During the program year, the participants engaged in the following community service programs: Columbus Mayor's MLK Unity Walk, Tuskegee/Morehouse Classic parade, Sickle Cell Walk, Columbus Help-The-Hooch (Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission) Domestic Violence Seminar & Candlelight Vigil Human Trafficking Seminar, Kwanzaa program, Fire Safety Clinic and Fountain City Classic. These programs helped the young males educationally, culturally and promoted positive lifestyle changes in the community.

**Deltas G.E.M.S.** volunteered for Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (KCBC) 2015 Help-the-Hooch Watershed Festival & Thank You Party. The event was held on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at Golden Park. The Watershed Festive featured engaging, hands-on Environmental projects and light refreshments for approximately 2,000 Help-the-Hooch volunteers. The GEMS setup the vendor display area prior to the event; staffed the KCBC booth and helped participants make Rainwater Cycle bracelets; assisted with registering kids for finger printing, photo and voice records; staffed designated green space for different activities; distributed event volunteers t-shirts; and assisted with break-down and cleanup.



On Saturday, October 17, 2015, eighteen GEMS and nine Committee members attended a meeting at the Delta Life Development Center. Sister Vickie Riggins and Gloria Weston-Smart gave a short presentation on Breast Cancer Awareness. The GEMS received factual information and brochures to increase their awareness about breast cancer. Update information regarding the GEMS participation in the November 7, 2015 Albany State University & Fort Valley State University Parade, November 14, 2016 Keep Columbus Beautiful Shoe Recycling Collection, the November 21, 2015 Davis Broadcasting Needy Children Christmas Party Radio-a-thon as well as the December 12, 2015 Annual Christmas activity at Cobis Personal Care Home.

On Saturday, November 14, 2015 twenty GEMS and six Committee Members volunteered for the Keep Columbus Beautiful Shoe Recycling Project, which was held in the parking lot of Kmart on Airport Thruway. The GEMS **collected**

**2,600 pair of shoes, and prepared them to be shipped to developing countries.** The purpose of this annual shoe recycling project is to; divert shoes from our landfill, given them to people that need them and to help raise funds for KCBC. The GEMS also made arts and craft items to be given away during the December 12, 2015 Annual Christmas activity at Cobis Personal Care Home.

The G.E.M.S participated in the Davis Broadcasting Radio-a-Thon, on Saturday, November 21, 2015. Nine G.E.M.S volunteered for 2 hours and raised \$1,000.00.

On December 19, 2015 the GEMS volunteered for the Davis Broadcast Needy Children Christmas Party which was held at the Columbus Civic Center. More than 2,500 children attended the party and received bikes and toys. The GEMS assisted with setting up and distributing the gifts.

On December 28, 2015 the GEMS participated in KWANZAA which was held at the Delta Life Development Center.





## Economic Development

Financial Fortitude is a financial education initiative developed under the Economic Development component of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's National Five Point Programmatic Thrust. Improving the economic well-being of our members and the community we serve is the goal of the Economic Development Committee.

Columbus (GA) Alumnae and Columbus Metropolitan Chapters in collaboration with the Delta Life Development Foundation held a seminar entitled Financial Fortitude: Jump-Starting Your Finances in 2015. The seminar was held on January 24, 2015, from 9 AM – 12 Noon at the City Services Center in Columbus, GA. Our focus was **educating the public on debt reduction**.

The seminar was a great success. There were 87 people in attendance. The morning began with a complimentary continental breakfast. The seminar was opened with a welcome, prayer, and occasion. Teresa Whitaker served as facilitator of the event and did an excellent job. There were five speakers that spoke for twenty minutes each on the following topics – Personal Debt Reduction, Strategies for Improving Credit, Increasing Savings, Investing 101, and Tying It All Together. The speakers were very motivating, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic. In between each speaker door prizes were given away. There were also six vendors on the program. Each one was allowed two minutes to tell something about their business and how they got started. Each vendor also gave away a door prize. The guests were allowed to ask questions at the end of the seminar. When the seminar was over, guests were allowed time to talk to the vendors and guest speakers. The vendors had items for sale for anyone that was interested.

The seminar was very informative as very valuable information was presented for the guests to use as they see they see fit, and to think about debt reduction and finances. Hopefully, all in attendance will be able to make better financial decisions as a result of this seminar.



**"to improve the literacy of youth and adults in the Chattahoochee Valley to include Columbus and Phenix City by collaborating and working with community organizations that focus on the improvement of literacy."**

The primary goal is to improve the literacy of youth and adults in the Chattahoochee Valley to include Columbus, GA and Phenix City, AL by collaborating and working with community organizations that focus on the improvement of literacy.

The Educational Development Committee presented a \$500.00 check to the Mildred L. Terry Library in support of ongoing efforts to provide the community with literary events that educate its patrons such as the one below where author and playwright Ms. Shay Youngblood discussed her literary works and traced her beginnings back to the library as a child. Fifteen member girls step team from Girls Inc., Pretty Girls Rock, was available to perform and celebrate the library as a viable partner in ensuring education is a community effort; they were joined by volunteers from Columbus, GA Alumnae Chapter and Committee members. Volunteers shelved books, checked in and out books and material, and assisted in updating library cards for what is traditionally known as Mildred L. Terry Day in May.

Financial support of the library's efforts, through the Delta Life Development Foundation, also support in part a project where community members' audio record for the blind historical accounts of the educational and civic contributions of noted African Americans in the community.

## Educational Development



## World Aids Day



December 1st of every year the world unites in the fight against HIV by showing support for people living with HIV and remembering those who died. On Tuesday, December 1, 2015, the Delta Life Development Foundation in conjunction with the Columbus, GA Alumnae Chapter of Delta joined to promote AIDS/HIV education and encourage testing. An informational program a program was held at St James AME Church. In support of this endeavor women were asked to wear red shoes and men were asked to wear red ties or shirts.

"Take a Stand for HIV /AIDS Awareness". The speaker for the event was Mrs. Shankeia Pollard, Founder of the non-profit; EITA, Inc., (Education is the Answer). The discussion was held on how the virus is transmitted, risk factors, signs and symptoms, prevention and treatment. Testing supplies were provided and free confidential testing was available upon request. There were plenty of brochures and information available to read and take home. At the conclusion of the program, those who attended left with a better understanding of this disease. Brochures and information were available to read and share.

The purpose of the committee's involvement was **to educate the public with facts about HIV and AIDS and to encourage testing.** According to the World Health Organization, at the end of 2014, there were approximately 37 million people living with HIV globally, 2 million people became newly infected and 1.2 million died of HIV-related causes. This program was a community-wide event and everyone was welcome

### HIV / AIDS Walk

The International Awareness and Involvement Committee organized the 5th Annual HIV/AIDS Walk at the Rotary Park on Saturday, December 5, 2015. This walk was a continuation of the World Aids Day event held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. The walk was a community wide event and support from local business donated refreshments. The purpose of the walk was not only to provide educational information, encourage HIV/AIDS testing, but also monetary donations was accepted. All money collected was donated to the Ryan White Foundation at The West Central Health District. The Ryan White Foundation provides primary medical care for those afflicted with the disease and are in need of assistance to pay for services which include HIV counseling and testing, antiviral medication, case management, support groups, and information

After the three mile walk, the participants returned to participate in a short program. The speaker was Mrs. Shankeia Pollard, Founder of non-profit; EITA, Inc., (Education is the Answer). She issued a challenge and delivered a call to action that awareness should continue after the walk. Approximately 70 teenagers, young adults, men and women participated.

### Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is a celebration which honors African heritage and is observed from December 26 to January 1, culminating in a feast and gift-giving.

The purpose of the program was **to create an understanding of African heritage, unity and culture.** A community-wide Celebration was held on Monday, December 28, 2015 at The Delta Life Development Foundation House. This event was a collaboration between the Columbus GA Alumnae and Columbus Metropolitan Alumnae Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. with the Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc., 85 participants were present.



The youth who participated in the formal program were members of E.M.B.O.D.I., Delta G.E.M.S., and from other community groups. The youth presented the meaning of the symbols, the seven principles, recited poetry, and gave a tribute to Erykah Badu and Maya Angelou.

The Black Nurses Association, a community partner, presented participants with a 2016 calendar as a gift. At the conclusion of the program, the traditional Kwanzaa feast was served.

# Physical and Mental Health

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*Provides workshops, activities, and information on current health issues and provides public access to information of local health agencies and medical personnel to aid in the continuous maintenance of good health and better living conditions. Areas of focus include, but are not limited to: stress reduction, health fairs with emphasis on screening detection, symposiums on critical health issues, diet and nutrition, and HIV/AIDS Awareness. Below are activities brought to the Columbus community on behalf of The Physical and Mental Health Committee.*



## **Relay For Life: Annual Cancer Fundraiser**

Relay For Life took place May 1-2, 2015 at Kennett Stadium in Columbus, GA. The purpose of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life cancer fundraising event is to give everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

At this year's 2015 event we had about 20 sorors visit the tent space throughout the evening, including many children of the sorors present. For our combined efforts our team (named "Deltas For Life") raised over \$1,000 through donations and through a combined fundraising effort with the local Columbus Lions Indoor Football team.

## **My Cry In The Dark: Depression In Women Across The Lifespan.**

To educate, enlighten and empower girls and women on the many faces of depression throughout the lifespan, our symposium covered topics on the following subject matters: Pre-Menstrual Syndrome; Pre-Menstrual Dysphoric Disorder; Depression during pregnancy, Post-Partum depression; Menopause; and our program also covered the issue of suicide and grief that can affect women at any age. Our audience included a total of 31 women (which was 50-50 mix of Delta women and Non-Delta women from the Columbus community). This audience included 1 pre-teen (9-13), 2 teens (14-18), 21 adults (19-55), and 7 seniors (56+). Our community partners included the Columbus GA Metro Black Nurses, Inc. and the Columbus Branch of NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness). Our audience was treated to a "What Is Depression Video" which covered signs, symptoms, risk factors and treatment options; a panel discussion where audience participants could interact with a psychiatrist and licensed counselor; and audience members were allowed to participate in a Vital Signs Assessment. We look forward to growing this symposium by reaching a larger audience and partnering with a variety of local health educators and agencies.

## **Sickle Cell Awareness Walk**

The Association of Sickle Cell Lower Chattahoochee Region held the 21st Annual Sickle Cell Walk/Parade on September 19, 2015. The Walk/Parade is held in observance of National Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month.

The event served approximately six-hundred (600) participants in the Walk/parade. Also participating in this awareness activity were health education resource vendors, food vendor and entertainment. The Sickle Cell Awareness Walk was very successful, exceeding our goal of 500 walkers, which helped raise over \$6,000 to fund local assistance programs for sickle cell disease clients. The Columbus, GA Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., contributed greatly to the success of the program through fundraising, volunteering and walking.



## **Annual Blood Drive**

The Delta Sigma Theta - Omega Psi Phi and Divine Nine Blood Drive was held on July 18, 2015 at the Delta Life and Development House. The goal is to provide the American Red Cross with life giving blood donations to help alleviate the critical shortage of blood available in the greater Columbus community. The drive produced twenty (20) units of blood. This was a good effort, but short of the expectation and goal of obtaining twenty-eight (28) or more units. We hope to exceed our efforts in 2016 by introducing more aggressive advertising in all facets of media outlets (social, print and broadcast), and by incorporating better incentives to increase donor participation. In 2016 we will invite all members of all Divine Nine chapters to be involved because our Blood Drive is truly a life-changing event.



## **CASA Superhero Walk**

April is Child Abuse & Prevention Awareness Month. In April 2015, our Physical and Mental Health Committee sponsored the CASA Superhero Walk, where proceeds assist both CASA (a legal advocacy volunteer-based program designed to promote the best interest for children in foster care) and the Children's Tree House (which provides free forensic interviews and medical exams for children who are victims of sexual abuse). The Superhero themed walk is designed to attract both the young and young at heart. Physical and Mental Health was excited to see with our support, this event raised over \$10,500, saw over 175 walker/runners and ultimately benefited over 550 foster children. 2015 was our 3<sup>rd</sup> year sponsoring the CASA SUPERHERO event.



## Santa's Surprise

The House of Mercy serves as a homeless shelter for disadvantaged men, women and families in the Chattahoochee Valley area. In addition to housing, House of Mercy also provides nutritional and spiritual support to over 200 individuals daily.

Because of their tireless efforts and benefit to the community, Santa's Surprise volunteers selected HOM as the recipient of its philanthropic support for 2015.

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The **Senior Teens Seminar** annual event was held May 6, 2015 at the Delta Life Development Foundation Incorporation House. Our theme was "Reaching for Our College Dreams in 2015." The purpose of this event was to provide high school seniors with critical information that should help them with their transition into college life. The informational program included Basic Finance, College 101 and Social Media.

**BASIC FINANCE** provided the teens with information regarding their personal finances, specifically ways to build a good credit history, types of credit cards, and tips on how to protect your identity.

**COLLEGE 101** provided participants with information on how to be successful in and out of the classroom.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** provided them with information on Facebook, texting, chat rooms, twitter, etc. The focus was on how social media can affect their life in both a positive and negative manner.

The participants for this event included: 29 high school seniors, 49 parents/guardians, 20 girls from Girls Inc. of Columbus, Georgia and 33 members of the Columbus Georgia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated.

The program concluded with the awarding of over \$30,000 in scholarships.



## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS REACH RECORD BREAKING MILESTONE

During the annual Senior Teens Seminar (May 6, 2015), Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc. and Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. presented twenty-two (22) scholarships to Chattahoochee Valley area high school students. The grand total of scholarships awarded was \$29, 500.00. This is a record breaking amount ever given in the history of the scholarship committee program. A special thanks to the volunteers, members and supporters for their donations and contributions which made this momentous milestone possible.



**\$3,000.00 recipient:** Erna Bentley (University of Georgia)

**\$2,500.00 recipients:** Morgan Josey (Albany State University) and Ozzarah Watson (Georgia State University)

**\$2,000.00 recipients:** Autumn Person (University of Georgia) and Quentoria Walton (Tuskegee University)

**\$1,500.00 recipients:** Ronald Dill, Jr. (Oglethorpe University) and J'haria Dallas (University of Alabama)

**\$1,200.00 recipient:** Zachary Youngstrom (Jacksonville State University)

**\$1,000.00 recipients:** Alyssa Reddish (Howard University) and Kya Walker (Kennesaw State University)

### **\$500.00 recipients:**

Robert Jernigan (Delaware State University)

Nantyka Jolly (Clayton State University)

Katherine Kelley (University of West Alabama)

Jvariis Liddell (Savannah State University)

Briana Marsh (Georgia Military College)

Lexi Nunn (University of Georgia)

Niakeele White (Albany State University)

Kiara Williams (Auburn University at Montgomery)

Sedaya Westmoreland (Alabama A&M University)

### **\$500.00 Teacher Renewable Education Scholarship recipients:**

Kayla Wilson (University of West Georgia)

Jerica McCall (Alabama State University)

### **CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS**

**\$1,200.00 Founders' Scholarship recipient:** Brianna Sutton (Alabama A&M University)

**\$1,000.00 Past Presidents' Scholarship recipient:** Sydney Norris (University of Georgia)

### **MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

**\$1,000.00 Lula Lunsford Odom Memorial Scholarship recipient:** Shayla Jones (Tuskegee University)

**\$1,000.00 Marie Griffin DeRamus Memorial Scholarship recipient:** Erna Bentley (University of Georgia)

**\$600.00 Shannon Christina Greyer Memorial Scholarship recipient:** Sydney Norris (University of Georgia)

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## 2015 Scholarship Awards



The purpose of this annual seminar/luncheon is to educate and motivate senior citizens to a better quality of life. Great emphasis is placed on making healthier choices in diet, regular exercising, and socialization. The targeted audience was community senior citizens who reside in government subsidized housing. This group has the lowest income and education level, with the most serious chronic health problems.

Program participation was 26 chapter members and 47 non-chapter members. 3 community partners/organizations were involved. A representative from Area Agency on Aging was present to provided pamphlets and information on resources available in the community for these beloved citizens. A local artist provided entertainment. Our guests thoroughly enjoyed her singing and playing the piano. Some decorations were provided by the director of one local government subsidized complex. Total attendance was 76 at this 2015 event.

The goal of this program was to educate and motivate these seasoned citizens to an improved quality of life physically, mentally, and spiritually. The goals were: **(1) to take medication as prescribed; (2) to exercise regularly; (3) eat healthier; (4) engage in**

#### **therapeutic recreation/leisure fun.**

Chapter members, a community partner and a non-chapter member collaborated in this event. This event was well planned with the Physical and Mental Health Committee, other health professional, retired educators and retired social workers. The health and lifestyle tips were interactive by role playing of the correct and incorrect way to take medication. Standing and sitting exercises were demonstrated by a health care professional with participation from attendees. A nutritious lunch was served. Games were played with prizes award as well as prizes for completed and returned evaluations.

There was 100% participation in the evaluation feedback. 94% indicated they would return. A scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest rating was used for this evaluation. 90% rated the food served as 5. 86% rated the games played as a 5. 99% answered that the health and lifestyle tips were helpful.

The impact on the community of this annual Senior Citizens Seminar/Luncheon is that it educates, demonstrates, and motivates these beloved citizens into action. They participated in the exercises and noted that the sitting exercises were most beneficial for those with limited mobility. They enjoyed a delicious but nutritious lunch. They engaged in a dialogue concerning health and wellness. The health and lifestyle tips were

informative and educated attendees on their individual role in maintaining a healthier lifestyle and how to do so.

The mind stimulating games were to sing or recite the next lyrics to a variety of songs after being played on a CD player. Another game involved searching for different items in their purse or wallet. These games promoted laughter but also teamwork and competitiveness as tablemates help in the search with someone at their table. The prizes were Walmart Gift Card and nontraditional gifts. Attendees were reminded of the importance of

registering and voting. Prizes were awarded for guests who could show their voter's registration card. Their voices must be heard on various issues which directly impact their well-being.

The theme and decorations were Mardi Gras. Guests were given beads and a hat or mask. Parades were part of the celebration with the crowning of a king and queen. Other chapter members were generous in assisting this committee in reaching its goal of every guest receiving a Walmart Gift Card.



## **Senior Citizens Luncheon**

# Social Action/Political Awareness and Involvement

The purpose of the Social Action/Political Awareness and Involvement programs is to use our influence toward the enactment of laws for the protection of the unfortunate and weak and for the repeal of those depriving human beings of their privileges and rights. These programs will be accomplished by:

- Participating in the law making process
- Testifying before legislative committees
- Researching and advocating for legislative issues
- Monitoring legislation at national, state, and municipal levels
- Conducting Voter Registration Drives
- Educating the public on public policy issues



**Voter Registration Drives**-Voter registration drives were conducted at local high schools in the community in an effort to increase the number of registered voters. Voter registration were held at the following high schools:

- George Washington Carver High School- January 13, 2016
- William H. Spencer High School-January 14, 2015
- Hardaway High School-January 14, 2015
- Jordan High School-January 15, 2016

As a result of these voter registration drives, 128 persons were registered as new voters.

Deputy Registrar training was held on December 7, 2015 in an effort to keep chapter members informed of this process and updates. A representative from the Board of Elections in Muscogee County facilitated the training and awarded certification that is valid for one year.

**Ebola Virus Forum**- In an effort to inform the local community of the facts regarding ebola, the Social Action committee presented a forum on this disease February 17, 2015. The event was held at the Columbus Public Library. Dr. Folarin Olubowale, M.D., Infection Control Specialist was the guest speaker. Guests learned the signs and symptoms of the Ebola virus, status of the vaccine(s), and the current recommendations to combat and prevent the spread of this virus.



Reverend Bernice King, daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
speaks to participants on bus.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Selma March

The Social Action committee sponsored a bus trip to Selma, Alabama to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Selma March. Approximately forty-five chapter members participated in this activity. Participants were able to visit key historical sites in the surrounding area also.



Participants crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge

**Delta Day at Columbus City Council**-During the month of May, 2015 members of Columbus Alumnae Chapter attended the regular meeting of the Columbus, GA City Council meeting. An annual event, members present themselves to the mayor and city council as an illustration of the continued involvement in all aspects of the local political process. During this visit the city council also recognizes the chapter for the work that it does in the community.

## Stroll to the Polls

This was a collaborative effort of local Greek letter organizations, community organizations, and concerned citizens strolling to the polls. The goal of this activity is to bring awareness to the importance of community involvement in encouraging people to vote. The walk took place on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Participants walked from a nearby shopping area to the Columbus Citizen Service Center, several walkers carried out their civic duty by also voting that day.





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*Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this Annual Report. If you find any discrepancies, please accept our deepest apologies. Contact us and we will correct our records.*

# Financial Statement 2015

## Operational Account

Beginning Balance-January 1, 2015	\$61,682.00
Ending Balance-December 31, 2015	\$56,192.00

## Scholarship Account

Beginning Balance-January 1, 2015	\$74,820.00
Ending Balance-December 31, 2015	\$98,281.00

### Donations to Foundation

Gala Sponsorships	\$11,812.00
Centennial Donations	\$5,605.00
Scholarship Gala	\$48,577.00
	\$65,994.00
<i>Less Expenses</i>	\$31,566.00
<b>Net Gala Donations</b>	<b>\$34,428.00</b>

## Donations Awarded

Scholarships Awarded in 2015	\$29,400.00
United Negro College Fund	\$1,650.00
Chattahoochee Valley Library Association (Mildred Terry Library)	\$500.00
Community Service Donations	
Area on Aging	\$100.00
West Central GA Cancer Coalition	\$200.00
Association of Sickle Cell	\$550.00
American Cancer Society	\$576.76
CASA/Twin Cedars	\$250.00
American Heart Association	\$500.00
Domestic Violence Roundtable	\$50.00
SISTERS Network	\$100.00
House of Mercy	\$500.00
The Family Center	\$200.00
Mental Health Seminar-My Cry in the Dark	\$218.76
Columbus Health Department-Ryan White Foundation	\$301.25
Thika Hospital/My Mother of Mercy Hospital	\$815.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$35,911.77</b>



In recognition of our ten years of service to the community, the Delta Life Development Foundation would like to honor and thank our founder, Mrs. Lula Lunsford Huff for her vision



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