

DELTA



LIFE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

MEETING THE COMMUNITY
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ANNUAL REPORT 2013

MISSION STATEMENT

The Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc. (DLDF) supports and provides charitable public service programs and projects that promote public service, social action, educational development, youth advancement, economic development, multicultural and international awareness to meet the growing and changing needs of our community, through funding and support of the charitable and educational programs of Columbus Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and collaborative organizations.

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Message from the Chairperson

Dear Friends,



As a charitable non-profit 501 (C)(3) organization and a philanthropic arm of Columbus Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc. is committed to providing charitable public service through economic development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental awareness, educational development programs, political awareness and involvement and other charitable programs, which benefit and improve the lives of the citizenry of Muscogee County and surrounding areas.

We are sincerely grateful for the “volunteer spirit” and hard work of the Community Service Committees to achieve the purposes for which The Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc. was established. The year 2013 was a very productive year in providing mentoring programs through the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy and Delta G.E.M.S. for girls and E.M.B.O.D.I. for young men; sponsorship of seminars on political awareness and involvement, educational development, physical and mental health and international awareness. The Delta Life Development Foundation awarded scholarships, community service grants and endowments in excess of \$35,000. The Foundation continues to work towards increasing our donor base in order to increase our grant awards and more opportunities to better serve our community.

We are excited about the opportunity to provide resources to organizations and individuals who are transforming and impacting our communities. You are invited to come and join our efforts. Consider making an annual donation to the Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc.

Thank you for your generous and continuous support.

Sincerely yours

Juanita L. Davis

Juanita L. Davis, Chair
Delta Life Development Foundation, Incorporated



Adopted Daughter Seminar

Every third Saturday in March at high noon, school-aged girls from ages five to 18 convene at the Delta Life Development Center for the annual Adopted Daughter Seminar. Girls from the Delta Academy and Delta GEMS are treated to an afternoon of fine dining while learning tips on self-esteem, etiquette, communications and interacting with hundreds of professional women and business leaders. The Delta Academy members presented educational etiquette tips. This year's special guest was Little Miss Albany State, Madison Graham who provided a musical tribute to retired and active duty soldiers.





Arts & Letters

Focused on efforts to promote cultural events through book clubs, theatre parties, movie showing and various media to promote the arts.

Deltas and Family Day at the Theater Series

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A community viewing and dialogue along with sorority members and their family/friends in an attempt to enhance historical understanding of African-American History. This film was a detailed depiction of the life of Jackie Robinson, the first African-American to play baseball in the major leagues.

The Butler

Hosted in an effort to not just encourage cultural exploration but to give those who attended a glimpse at history from the director's perspective. As a family oriented event, the movie offered the opportunity to discuss some pivotal times in history which would enhance a child's understanding of how far African Americans have come as a race. This movie was a riveting tale of one butler's experience and even his family's experience with his chosen profession.



Baggage Claim, Best Man Holiday

Hosted to promote quality time within families and ignite a desire to explore more cultural events as they come to the city of Columbus, GA.

Make a Soulful Noise

This play was written and directed by local playwright Shani Greene-Dowdell and hosted at the historic Liberty Theater. This event provided a more in depth look at cultural arts through theatre and awareness of local artists.

The Black Nativity

An adaptation of Langston Hughes' original play directed by local director Shani Greene-Dowdell. Attendees had the

opportunity to interact with Ms. Greene-Dowdell regarding aspects of the play.

Jazz on the River

Was hosted by Davis Broadcasting, Inc. and promoted by volunteers to provide musical cultural awareness to the sorority as well as the community. The family event was for intergenerational and provided an opportunity for all ages to share in the arts and engage in family togetherness.

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

Chasing Faith by Stephanie Perry Moore

A community book club established to embrace a love for the written word and reading. The first book, *Chasing Faith* by Stephanie Perry Moore was a riveting dramatic tale of a young FBI agent attempting to find her purpose in life.

Give the Gift of Reading

Volunteers donated books to the Second Chance Group Home through the **Give the Gift of Reading** collection which included a mixture of inspirational, encouraging, comical, and dramatic literature. Second Chance Group Home provides a safe haven for girls who have become teen mothers who continue to go to school and enhance their future.





Christmas Scholarship Gala

Signature event to support Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc. and its scholarship program

The annual **Christmas Scholarship Gala** is the Foundation and Chapter's signature event to fund scholarships for deserving high school senior girls from Columbus and surrounding areas.

This year's event was held at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center and attended by over 1,100 supporters. Gala sponsorship opportunities were solicited from the community for the first time. The response from corporations, businesses and individuals was incredibly favorable as an investment in educational scholarship for 2013.





Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy

The Delta Academy was created to enrich the lives of young girls ages 11-14 as they navigate the world. The goal is to provide educational opportunities and life skills to combat the stigma of academic failure and low self-esteem all the while providing mentoring and insight into new career avenues. Volunteers assist girls who have shown potential; however need additional guidance, support and skills to achieve success.

The Delta Academy's mission is to help young girls realize their potential by ensuring that students:

- Build self-esteem and respect
- Learn etiquette and manners
- Increase understanding of math, science, and technology
- Develop communication skills

Throughout the Academy program, volunteers inspire young girls to become servant leaders and plan for career and collegiate aspirations.



The Transformation of Me!



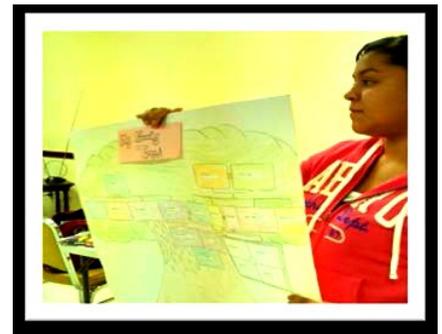
Tuskegee/Morehouse Parade

The girls were afforded opportunities to interact together, engage in field trips and educational meetings. The monthly meeting was their time to bond and develop new friendships. Parents were given opportunities to interact with their children at designated meetings.

Volunteers strive to help girls who have potential but need guidance, support and skills to achieve success. Further, volunteers endeavor to help create a thirst for those who are interested in cultivating service learning and are looking toward the future with career and collegiate aspirations. Volunteers provide encouragement and support in pursuit of higher learning.



HIV/AIDS Walk



The Transformation of Me!



Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta G.E.M.S.

The purpose of the DELTA G.E.M.S. (Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully) is to form a continuum of service and address the specific needs of young African-American women between the ages of 14-18 and/or in grades 9 through 12. The program hosts a series of structured workshops and activities to develop servant leadership.

Recent studies have shown a **steady decline in the enrollment of African-Americans in institutions of higher learning**. DELTA G.E.M.S. program has a proven track record for preparing young girls for academic excellence, college and future careers. The focus continues to assist teens in proper goal setting and planning for the future beyond high school and create compassionate, caring and community-minded young people by actively involving them in service learning and community service opportunities. In 2013, 23 young women from the Chattahoochee Valley were invited to participate in the G.E.M.S. program. G.E.M.S. visited many educational and business institutions to spark an interest in higher education, careers and an appreciation for the cultural arts.



Delta GEMS participated in the citywide Domestic Violence Walk and Vigil, remembering those persons who have been victims of domestic violence.

G.E.M.S. were presented information on standardized test preparation, college preparation and resume writing using exposure to different careers based on their individual education level. Additionally, teens received scholarship applications to complete and have reviewed and critiqued by volunteers which will be returned to teens during the next program year with constructive comments and criticism for revision by the teen.



Fitness trainer, Ms. Katrina B. Hill of KBH Fitness provided the G.E.M.S. with fitness /nutrition tips and a 20 minute at home workout.



Economic Development

Aims to provide education and financial planning, fiscal responsibility, investments and entrepreneurship while encouraging support of minority owned businesses and women business owners.

National economic trends—unstable employment, the threat to Social Security, and the widening gap between wealth and poverty are the basis for the development of the signature program, **Financial Fortitude Seminar and Expo**.

SEMINAR

Hosted by local entrepreneurs and volunteers, “How to Start A Business”

Workshop #1 Topics &

Discussion focused on:

- Self – Evaluation
- Choosing the Right Business
- Getting Educated
- Legal Structures of Businesses
- Location! Location! Location
- Start-Up Capital
- Business Plan – Write it Out!
- Record Keeping
- Pricing & Business Strategy
- Making A Business Better (Attorney, accountant, other professional services)



“Owning My Own Business” Workshop #2 Topics & Discussion:

- Qualities of an Entrepreneur
- Choosing the Right Business
- Time Spent on Business
- Commitment and Dedication Involved
- Education and Experience Needed
- Cost Involved In Starting Business



EXPO

Volunteers collaborated with local vendors to provide networking and retail opportunities for participants while gaining useful business strategies to achieve the maximum impact.





Education Development/Assault on Illiteracy

Primary goal is to improve literacy and reading skills of youth and adults in the Chattahoochee Valley as well as provide year-round tutoring and educational reinforcement for students in Columbus, Georgia and Phenix City, Alabama.



Columbus, GA Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc. are the proud sponsors of The Mildred L. Terry Library historical Delta Study Room. The Delta Study Room bridges the historical mission of the past library built in 1953, to its present day mission of servicing and engaging the citizens of the surrounding communities.

The early library, named the Colored/Fourth Avenue Library was built to support community African American citizens as a result of segregation and was named after its first librarian in 1981. The Mildred L. Terry Library was reconstructed and moved to its present location in 2009. Although the original building was declared a historical site, funds were not allocated to preserve the building as such. As a result, a room in the newly constructed library was dedicated to the preservation and display of original library items. These items included books, the vertical files, and card catalogs with authentic materials.

Columbus, GA Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc. heeded the call to support the preservation of the historical educational documents and artifacts of the original library by sponsoring the room dedicated for this purpose. The historical room was thus named the Delta Study Room. The sponsorship of the historical room is on task to be completed by May 2014.



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

E.M.B.O.D.I. is designed to help African-American males reach their fullest potential educationally, socially and emotionally. The young males participated in the following community programs: Kwanzaa, Adopt-a-Stream and AIDS/HIV Walk. Their participation helped them focus on:

- ◆ culture
- ◆ physical & mental health
- ◆ lifestyles
- ◆ community service
- ◆ self image
- ◆ leadership and
- ◆ education in the community.





International Awareness and Involvement

Program to increase the awareness and involvement on international issues as well as philanthropic support for Thika Hospital operated in Africa and a Kwanzaa Celebration in December to celebrate African heritage and legacies.

The International Awareness and Involvement Committee continued its efforts of educating the community, and increasing the awareness of the community on international issues. Additionally, volunteers implemented the HIV/AIDS Walk and the Kwanzaa Program. This year's philanthropic focus was the Thika Level 5 Hospital.



Volunteers presented a program in

conjunction with the Women in the NAACP (WIN) at St. John AME Church entitled "A Spiritual Healing Program for HIV/AIDS". The program included a skit that focused on how even married women are in danger of contracting this terrible disease from their spouses who have been unfaithful to them and who have had unprotected sex with other women who are infected.



The HIV/AIDS Walk took place on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at Rotary Park. Davis Broadcasting provided a remote broadcasting of the event, as well as ABC affiliate, WTVM. Free testing was provided and speakers offered first-hand knowledge of the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS.



The Annual Kwanzaa Program was held on December 26, the first day of the celebration and attending members of the Delta G.E.M.S., E.M.B.O.D.I, and the Delta Academy, who provided a program of musical selections, poetry, and other readings. A wonderful feast was provided at the end of the program. The purpose of the Kwanzaa Program is to celebrate African heritage through a program of reflections of our legacy as a people. The community-oriented principals and symbols of Kwanzaa educate the participants, as well as the audience, regarding the "First Fruits" and increases awareness of Pan-Africanism.

It is important for the participants, the Delta G.E.M.S., Delta Academy, as well as members of E.M.B.O.D.I. to learn about African heritage as they reflect on the meanings of the symbols and the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

Umoja Unity	Kujichagulia Self Determination	Ujima Collective Work & Responsibility	Ujamaa Cooperative Economics
Nia Purpose	Kuumba Creativity	Imani Faith	Kwanzaa Yenu Iwe Na Heri Happy Kwanzaa!



Physical and Mental Health

Provides workshops, activities, and information on current health issues and providing public access to information of local health agencies and medical personnel who aid in the continuous maintenance of good health and better living conditions. Programs 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.



Sickle Cell Disease affects one in every 375 African Americans. In the United States, sickle cell disease

occurs in 1 in every 2,500 births, greater than that of any other condition detected by newborn screening. The Greater Columbus, GA (Muscogee County) area reflects a similar statistic, in a percentage relevant to the population.

The education of sickle cell clients and community members play a vital role in the process and delivery of proper health care and reduction of disease complications.

Nearly 500 walkers participated in the Annual Sickle Cell Walk-A-Thon in Downtown Columbus which raised funds for the Association of Sickle Cell, Lower Chattahoochee Region.

During this campaign DLDF, Inc. allowed ASC to educate volunteers and promote awareness about the debilitating disease. Additionally, the Association of Sickle Cell, LCR was pleased to assist the Columbus Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in 2013 during the Ryan White HIV Walk project with a generous contribution.



Refuse to be a Victim is a seminar where officers from the Marshall's office advise persons on personal safety at home, out in the community and when traveling.



My Cry in the Dark Symposium
"When I hide myself inside myself"

My Cry in the Dark Symposium covered material on depression, anxiety, cyber-bullying, emotional vital signs, cosmetic violence, teen dating and more.



"Silence Hides Violence", a walk in honor of victims and survivors. A candlelight vigil was held as a tribute to all Georgia residents who died due to domestic violence.



5th Annual Blood Drive held in conjunction Omega Psi Phi was held at the Delta House on September 7, 2013.



Political Awareness & Involvement (Social Action)

Focused on heightening awareness in the Chattahoochee Valley area about social action and current issues. Goal is to work and increase political awareness and involvement through social action programs to benefit the community.

The Castle Law Forum (GA's Stand Your Ground Law)

Program enlisted 50 individuals and students to provide community awareness as it relates to Georgia's Castle Law. Volunteers collaborated with Columbus State University Chapter of the NAACP, local city chapter of the NAACP and local attorney Shavon Thomas.



Columbus, GA Alumnae Social Action Luncheon

Inaugural luncheon themed, "*Advocacy in Action: A Stronger Presence, A Stronger Voice*" led by attorney, Janice L. Mathis who challenged over 50 local community leaders and activists to take a more active role in social action.

Voter Registration and Deputy Registrar Training

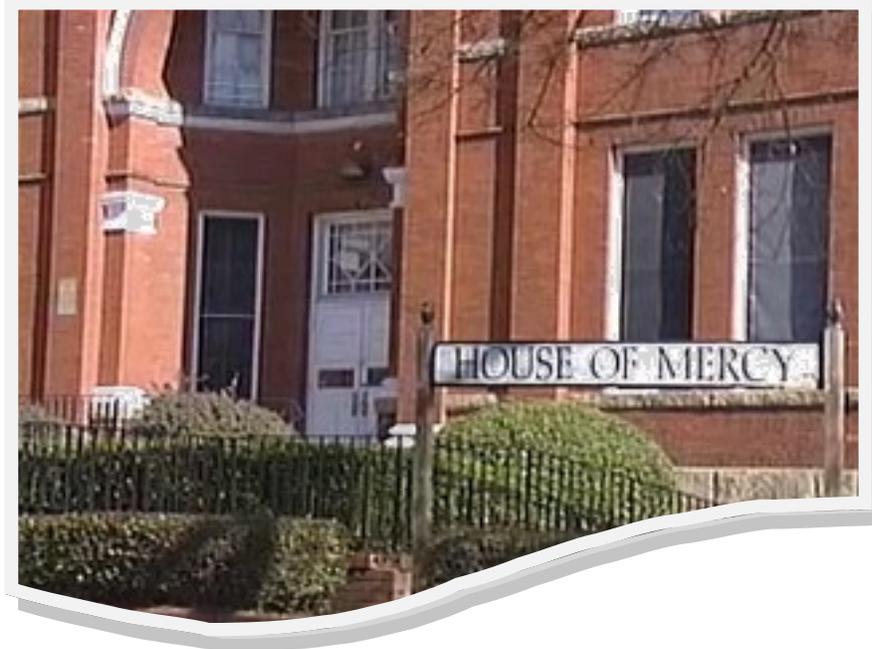
Commencing with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority National Voter Registration Day and done in collaboration with the local Voter Registration Office, volunteers launched a Fall campaign to provide training for and register voters in Muscogee County. The three month effort yielded 100 newly registered voters and deputized 10 new registrars.





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, HOM 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 2013.





Scholarship

Establish criteria and guidelines, provide recommendations for annual awardees as well as financial aid information. Scholarship awards are provided for books, post-secondary and teacher education.

The Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc. and Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. awarded (22) twenty-two scholarships totaling \$20,800 to Chattahoochee Valley area high school students.

\$500

Maya Broadwater, Columbus
Christi Cannon, Smiths Station
Alexis Dowdell, Carver
Astassia Fields, Northside
Kierra Franklin, Carver
Jessica Fuqua, Central
Jasmine Phillips, Jordan
Markia Sellers, Carver
Lindsey Theobald, Central
Cierra Vance, Brookstone
Tori Williams-Bankston, Carver

\$1,200 Founders Scholarship

Desire' Outler, Hardaway

\$1,000.00 Past Presidents Scholarship

Taylor Mitchell, Columbus

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

\$500 Teacher Education scholarship recipient (renewable)

Jerica McCall (Alabama State University)
Chauntelle Robinson (University of Georgia)
Kayla Wilson, Northside

\$750

Alexus Mack, Columbus
Kayla Walker, Carver

\$1,000

Alaya Martin, Shaw
Kenya Patterson, Columbus

\$2000

Kalah Ozimba, Central

\$2500

Margaret Kelley, Hardaway

\$600.00 Shannon Christina Greyer Memorial Scholarship

Alaya Martin, Shaw

\$1000.00 Lula Lunsford Odom Memorial Scholarship

Ashley-Tierra Bell, Shaw

\$2,000.00 Marie Griffin DeRamus Memorial Scholarship

Aisha Moses, Kendrick



Senior Citizen Seminar

Annual seminar for senior citizens in the community which focuses on health issues, diet and nutrition, and improving the lifestyle (body, mind and spirit) of senior citizens

The seminar provides education to senior residents of public government subsidized housing. Volunteers offered inspirational topics and activities which focuses on healthy living, memory retention and important issues affecting the elderly population in the Chattahoochee Valley.





Senior Girls Seminar

To provide high school senior girls who have excelled in academics with critical information that should help them with their transition into college and be useful throughout their collegiate matriculation.

Annual interactive forum for young women and their parents who are in the upper 20% of their graduating class with plans to attend college. The **Senior Girls Seminar** focuses on:

- ◆ Fiscal Management - information regarding their personal finances (on ways to build a good credit history, types of credit cards, and tips on how to protect your identity.)
- ◆ College 101—how to be successful in and out of the classroom.
- ◆ Safe Dating
- ◆ Social Media—information on Facebook, texting, chat rooms, twitter, etc. (and how social media can affect their life in both a positive and negative manner.)
- ◆ Time Management

Over 90% percent of 2013 seniors received scholarships from DLDF and the Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. totaling \$20,800. Awards ranged from \$500 to \$2,500.

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*2013
Senior Girls Seminar*



2013 Grantees

Community Service Organizations

100 Black Men

American Cancer Society/Relay for Life

American Heart Association

Area Agency on Aging—River Valley Regional Development Commission

Association of Sickle Cell

Court Appointed Support Advocates (CASA)

Columbus Health Department-Ryan White Foundation

Combined Communities of South Columbus

Domestic Violence

House of Mercy

Mildred Terry Library

Omega Foundation

SISTERS Inc.

SISTERS Network

Thika Hospital

Tuskegee Morehouse Alumni Association

United Negro College Fund

Valley Health Care

West Central GA Cancer Coalition

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this Annual Report. If you find any discrepancies, please accept our deepest apologies. Please contact us and we will correct our records. We very much appreciate your support of Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc.



Financial Statement

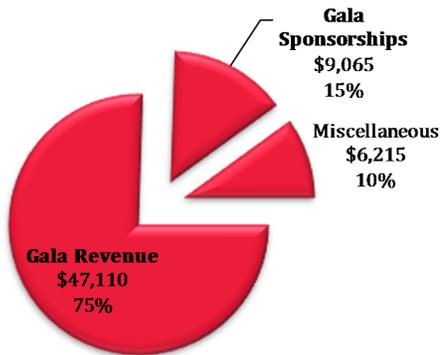
Operational Account

Beginning Balance—January 1, 2013	\$73,990.66
Ending Balance—December 31, 2013	\$71,963.89
Building Up-Keep	\$36,532.97
Community Services & Donations	\$12,367.20

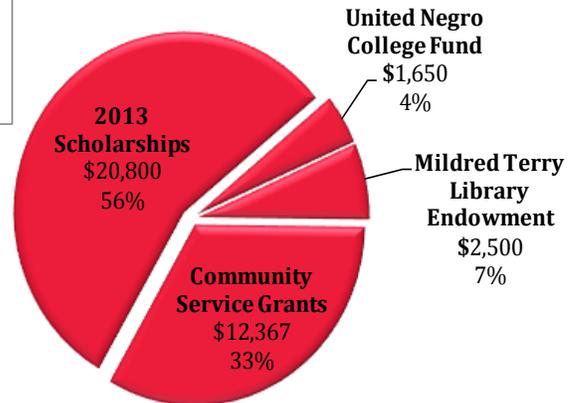
Scholarship Account

Beginning Balance-January 1, 2013	\$78,975.52
Ending Balance-December 31, 2013	\$58,819.22

DLDF Contributions by Type



2013 DLDF Grants



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