

DELTA LIFE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS
IN CHANGING TIMES



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Our many dedicated, industrious and hardworking volunteers have accomplished the mission of the Delta Life Development Foundation through seminars, workshops and political involvement activities, and educational trips in 2016. They have touched many and

improved the quality of life for our youths and adults alike. We say a profound and sincere "thank you".

We are grateful to our generous supporters, donors and "words of encouragement. In 2016, The Foundation awarded scholarships, community service grants and endowments in excess of \$76,000. Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc. will continue to work toward broadening our donor base, increase our grants and awards in Muscogee County and surrounding areas.

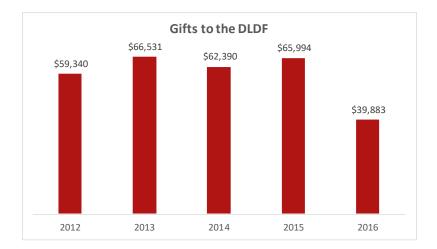
To those of you who are not involved, I ask that you consider volunteering, and/or make a financial contribution (tax <u>deductible</u>) to Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc.

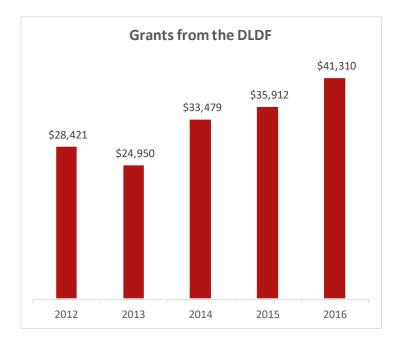
I hope you will review the statistics, reports and photos in this annual report.

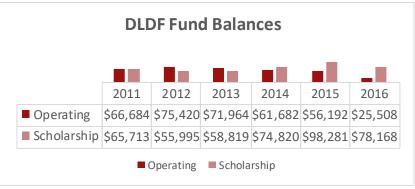
Regards,

Juanita L. Davis
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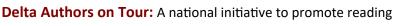


Arts & Letters



Deltas, Families, and Friends at the Theatre Series

Deltas, Family, & Friends "RED CARPET EVENT", viewing of the movie 'Hidden Figures'. This event was open to the community and appropriate for all ages.







RED and encouraging the gifts in our sorority. Monthly promotion of Delta Authors on Tour during Prime Time.



"Give the Gift of Reading", a collaborate effort with the sorority and and community to donate book to a local organization that works with women and children. The chosen organization this year, Damascus Way a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

"Delta Friends and Family Day at the Museum" was a day to explore recent photography of some of the history of Columbus, GA. It was great Black History event of Gordon Parks' Story.



"Deltas and Family/Friends Day at the Theater" was held at the

Columbus State University Riverside theater. This event was the season's opener and revealed the upcoming cultural events that will be held at this theater.

Another staple event from the Arts and Letters is "Chilling with the Authors". This event is for the community and it introduces and exposes them to local authors in our city and surrounding cities. The authors were able to share their gift, reason they began writing, and sell their work.



Delta G.E.M.S.

The goals of the Dr. Jeanne L. Noble GEMS Institute are to assist young girls with: Tools that enables girls to sharpen and enhance their skills to achieve high levels of academic success;

- Self-reflecting and individual growth and self-esteem building;
- Proper goal setting and decision-making;
- Developing healthy relationships;
- Planning for their futures in high school and beyond;
- Developing into compassionate, caring, community minded young women;
- Being actively involved in service learning and community service opportunities.

Delta GEMS is geared toward inspiring and enriching young women. The young women participate in an annual conference, community service projects, college preparatory workshops, bonding activities, a college tour and social outings.

Deltas G.E.M.S. started this year off with a Black History Tour on February 20, 2016 at the Columbus Consolidated Government Metra Transit System for a tour of Columbus Black History. The **G.E.M.S.** were given a history lesson on our city Black History Trail.

On Saturday April 9, 2016 the G.E.M.S participated in Columbus GA Alumune Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Adopted Daughter Luncheon. This is an mentor luncheon for our youth. 12 G.E.M.S attended this event.

On Saturday April 16,2016 15 G.E.M.S. visited Oxbow Meadows Environmental Center and learned how to protect our environment.

Delta Days at the Columbus Consolidated Government Citizen Services Center was held on May 3, 2016 were the G.E.M.S. were able to listen and learn about city government and was recognize by the City Council. **18 G.E.M.S.** attended this event.

On Monday, May 16,2016 a joint event with the **G.E.M.S, EMBODI and Delta Academy** took a road trip with 29 teens and visited Alabama State University, Tuskegee University and George Washington Carver Museum. The Teens had an opportunity to ask questions and visit these Historical land marks.





Dr. Jeanne L. Noble G.E.M.S. volunteered for the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission 2016 Help-the-Hooch Watershed Festival & Thank You Party. The event was held on the Riverfront Woodruff Park On Saturday, October 1, 2016. The Watershed Festive featured engaging, hands on Environmental projects and light refreshments for approximately 2,000 Help the Hooch volunteers. The G.E.M.S. setup the vendor display area prior to the event; staffed the Keep Columbus Beautiful booth and helped participants make Rainwater Cycle

bracelets; assisted with registering kids, staffed designated green space for different activities; distributed event volunteers t-shirts; and assisted with break-down and clean-up.

On Saturday, October 15, 2016 the G.E.M.S. Meeting "WCGCC Paint the Town Pink Community Service" which was held at the Delta Life Development Center. The G.E.M.S. had a presentation on Breast Cancer Awareness by Gloria Weston-Smart and another Cancer survivor. The G.E.M.S. also collected shoes for there annual Shoe Recycling Projected were over 300 shoes where collected donated to Keep Columbus Beautiful. 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 Keep Columbus Beautiful. 23 G.E.M.S.



On November 5, 2016 the G.E.M.S. participated in the Annual Fountain City Classic Parade for the big game of Albany State University and Fort Valley State University. The G.E.M.S. made Christmas Ornaments and cards to pass out at its Annual Christmas activity at Cobis Personal Care Home on Saturday, December 10, 2016. This was an joint activity with EMBODI. 16 G.E.M.S. attended and 6 EMBODI members attended and song a few Christmas Carol for the Seniors.

On November 19,2016 6 G.E.M.S. volunteered for 2 hours on the phone lines and raised over \$1,200 for the DBI Needy Children Christmas Party Radio-a-thon. On December 17, 2016 the GEMS volunteered for the DBI Needy Children Christmas Party which was held at the Columbus Civic Center. More than 2,500 children attended the party and received toys and bikes. 15 GEMS assisted with setting up and distributing the gifts.







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 Tuskegee
 University and Alabama State University
- 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. Academy volunteers strive to help participants who have potential, but need guidance, support and skills to achieve success.

EMBODI



(Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence)

The E.M.B.O.D.I. Orientation was held on September 24, 2016 at the Delta Life Development Foundation. There were 14 males in attendance (not all pictured) and 14 guests. 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:

- Tuskegee/ Morehouse parade...
- Fire Safety Clinic
- and constructed homemade Christmas ornaments to be distributed at Cobis Personal Home Care facility.
- E.M.B.O.D.I. ended the 2016 year by participating in the Kwanzaa program on December 29, 2016. These programs were educational, culturally enriching and promoted community outreach.







Aim is to provide financial based programs that educate the African American community in creating and maintaining economic stability while encouraging support of woman-owned businesses and debt reduction

In support of the Sorority's Economic Development Thrust, the Columbus, GA chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Columbus Alumnae Chapter and Columbus Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter in collaboration with the Delta Life Development Foundation presented the annual signature program, Financial Fortitude Seminar, and a mini-workshop. The mini-workshop, Extreme Couponing, and Rewards Points were hosted on October 15, 2016, at the South Columbus Library from 10am -12pm with 32 attendees. The presenters, Shalonda Patillo and Taneshia Hill of Lagrange, GA complimented the Committee's focus on financial fortitude by demonstrating and explaining strategies on how to save money thru couponing.

The Financial Fortitude Seminar, Fraud Awareness, provided subject matter expert advice and information as it relates to avoiding becoming a victim of the contractor and bank fraud. Two presenters provided very informative tactics on preventing fraud abuse to include Mr. Kelvin Collins, CEO of the Columbus Better Business Bureau, and Ms. Melanie Perry, Manager of the Bank of Ozark of Columbus, GA. Four vendors from small women-owned businesses were present, as well as a total of 54 attendees. The committee received 24/25 evaluations with attendees rating the seminar overall as excellent.





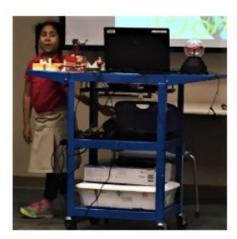


Educational Development

And learned about Recycling with Keep lumbus Beautiful Executive Director Gloria Weston-Smart



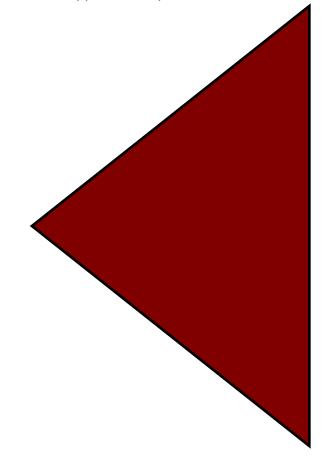




"to improve the literacy of youth and adults in the Chattahoochee Valley to include Columbus and Phenix City by collaborating and working with community organizations that focus on the improvement of literacy."

Columbus, GA Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. hosts the Lonnie Jackson Tutorial Academy for the month of October annually. The committee provides tutorial services on Saturdays from 10:00am – 12:00pm for students ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade. The committee also provides lunch and snacks for the program during the month of October.

The Educational Development Committee has also incorporated service learning into the overall program offerings by year by hosting Delta Day at Mildred Terry Library where K-5 grade aged students demonstrated how recycled materials could be used in conjunction with technology. The students created Lego displays and used computer technology to demonstrate the completed projects. Over 20 participants attended the presentation. The committee additionally presented the library staff with a monetary donation of \$500 to support literacy efforts and initiatives.



World Aids Day



The 2016 World Aids Day theme was "Fighting the Stigma, Know Your Status." Social media has become a major communication tool to bring awareness. HIV/AIDs became world epidemic in the 80's with a generation acknowledging the importance of safe sex, knowing one's status and identifying risk factors. Now there is a generation that has grown up with survivors who have lived with HIV/AIDs. It was important to inform the community there is no cure and the same practices for prevention is still important today.

The International Awareness and Involvement Committee (Columbus Alumnae Chapter) in collaboration with Columbus Metropolitan, Theta Phi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, INC, New Horizon community outreach program partner with Columbus State University.

This partnership brought about a testing day for students on the Columbus State University campus. The event was held December 1st. The place was the CCT Lobby and the time was from 12-2 p.m., which was a prime time for collegiate students. There were 19 students tested that day who were provided pamphlets, educational materials, and condoms along with a light refreshment. The event was advertised on the school's social media, collegiate website, and radio station.

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HIV/AIDs Walk 2016

The 6th annual HIV/AIDs walk started on the Columbus State University campus. The event took place Saturday, December 3rd. The purpose of the event was to provide education about HIV/AIDs and collect funds for the Ryan White Foundation. The collaborators were Columbus Alumnae, Columbus Metropolitan,

Theta Delta Sigma Theta, INC, Kappa Alpha Beta Chapter of Chi Eta Phi, INC, The Better Way Foundation (Jeremey Hobbs) and Amerigroup. The event began at 930 am with a light breakfast, a brief warm up by the Kappa Alpha Beta Chapter of Chi Eta Phi, Inc. After the warm-up, the walk began at 10 am.

After the walk, Jeremy Hobbs with the Better Way Foundation discussed the importance of knowing your status, getting tested and fighting the stigma of HIV/AIDs. The walk raised \$294.00 for the Ryan White Foundation which helps pay for medications, supplies and other items needed for the care of HIV/AIDs patients. There was a total of 82 participants.



Kwanzaa Program 2016

This year was the 50th anniversary for Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa is an annual celebrated from December 26 to January 1. The purpose of the event is to educate the community about African Heritage, culture, and unity. The event was December 29th at 6 p.m. at the Citizen Service Building in Columbus Georgia and open to the public. The collaborators were Columbus Alumnae and Columbus Metropolitan Alumnae Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta, INC. The participants of the Delta Academy, Delta G.E.M.s, and E.M.B.O.D.I educated the audience on the seven principles and symbols of Kwanzaa, poetry presentation tributes to Shirley Chisholm, President Barack Hassan Obama and special guest Mrs. Georgia Elegance provided a musical tribute.

There were over 90 participants for the event.

Participants enjoyed a beautiful feast at the end of the program along with a special gift from the Black Nurse's Association. A 2017 Kwanzaa calendar was given at the end of the program.



Physical & Mental Health

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 various activities brought to the Columbus community on behalf of The Physical and Mental Health Committee.

<u>CASA Superhero Walk -</u> <u>Our 4th Annual Support!!</u>

April is Child Abuse & Prevention Awareness Month. In April 2016 our Physical & 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 & Mental Health is excited to see with our support, this event raised over \$14,750, saw over 365 walkers and runners with proceeds that ultimately benefited over 550 foster children.

2016 was our 4th year sponsoring the CASA SUPERHERO event. We are proud to support our local Columbus, GA foster children and agencies. See you next year!



Starting Line CASA Superhero Race April 2016 (above). Pre-race 2016 photos of runners & teams – (below).





Physical & Mental Health Proudly Supports "Bowl For Kid's Sake!

Big Brothers & Big Sisters is recognized for being a national mentoring program that supports youth. In Columbus, GA Big Brothers & Big Sisters is supported by The Family Center, which also provides free and low-cost counseling services to families in need (thus supporting mental health).

Our committee began our first annual support of The Family Center in 2016 by donating to Bowl For Kids Sake. With our donation we were able to support 10+ families with free family counseling, and two adults with individual counseling.

On April 8 & 9, 2016 20 teams joined together for a night of bowling, silent auctions, entertainment and family fun. Good Samaritan Fact: 100% of all proceeds remain in our local area to help families and children. "Bowl For Kids Sake!"

Physical & Mental Health

Popular Probate Court Clinic Sponsored by DLDF, Inc.

On the 1st Saturday in March 2016, 81 people attended the Probate Court Clinic where participants learned important information regarding the probate process. The Clinic, held in at the Main Public Library Auditorium, is a free community educational event.

Topics included: probating wills, an understanding of how property or accounts pass to loved ones outside of probate, learning about Codicils, learning about filing a Will For Safekeeping (\$15), the particulars of GA law covering a spouse's share (1/3rd), deadlines and why to file for A Year's Support (24 months), a short discussion on Special Needs Trusts, and an explanation on why and why not to leave property or assets to a minor child versus an adult child. The clinic was presented by the Honorable Marc D'Antonio, Muscogee County Probate Court Judge, and emceed by Alaina Barnett, Probate Court Law Clerk (and an active member of Delta Sigma Theta).

Our P&MH Committee is especially proud of this public service event because: (1) it was a free event for the public to learn more about a critical subject (probating wills), (2) the audience of 81 people was a great mix of Deltas (55%) and Non-Deltas (45%), and (3) this was a dual collaboration between two local committees and chapters of DST.

The audience requested we repeat this clinic. Save The Date: Our next clinic date is March 11, 2017!

Relay For Life "Deltas For Life"

Muscogee County Relay for Life took place April 30 - May 1 at Memorial 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 relay our "Deltas For Life" Team raised \$600!



Above: Luminaries light up "H-O-P-E" (in the stands).



The audience asks questions of the Judge during the town-hall styled presentation. March 2016



Annual Blood Drive

The Delta Sigma Theta - Omega Psi Phi Blood Drive was held on October 29, 2016 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 our greater Columbus community.

This year's goal was to raise 21 units of blood and we were able to beat our goal! Our Blood Drive Volunteers donated twenty-two (22) units of blood! Fun Life Saving Fact: One unit of blood can save three lives. In 2017 we will again extend an invitation to all members of The Divine Nine to be involved in our Signature Annual Blood Drive because giving blood is truly a life changing!

Physical & Mental Health

"Exercise-Your-Mind Play Bridge"

Our committee launched "Exercise-Your-Mind Play Bridge" in 2011 to promote healthy minds. Having an active mind staves off dementia and stimulates healthy brain function. Looking for ways to expand this program, we branched out to a younger audience and proudly share "Exercise-Your-Mind Play Bridge" has been operating at The Boys & Girls Club (Columbus, GA) for over 18 months.

Members of Delta Sigma Theta and Columbus (GA) Duplicate Bridge Club meet with young players every Wednesday afternoon from 4-6pm. Over 61 youngsters (Jr. High Level) now know something about the game of Bridge. Although the numbers have been reduced to about 12 teens with a shown commitment interests – and the stats are superb! The Director states that he's seen an increase in the math scores of these 12 young dedicated players.



"Exercise-Your-Mind Play Bridge" at the local Boys & Girls Club – Fall 2016. Adult Bridge Instructors are Physical & Mental Health Chair (Agnes Shelton) and the Duplicate Bridge Club President (James Tanksley).



Sickle Cell Walk - September 2016 (Columbus, GA)

Sickle Cell Awareness Walk

The Association of Sickle Cell Lower Chattahoochee Region held the 22nd Annual Sickle Cell Walk/Parade on September 17, 2016. 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 \$8,000 to fund local assistance programs for sickle cell disease clients.

Physical & Mental Health Committee Supports

- 1. Sickle Cell Association Lower Chattahoochee Region
- 2. American Heart Association
- 3. Alzheimer's Association
- 4. Twin Cedars CASA and Children'
- 5. Boys and Girls Club
- 6. West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition "Paint the Town Pink"
- 7. American Cancer Association "Relay For Life"
- 8. The Family Center
- 9. Senior Citizens Seminar/Luncheon
- 10. Valley Health Care
- 11. Domestic Violence Roundtable



Santa's Surprise

The House of Mercy serves as a homeless shelter for disadvantaged men, women, and families in the Chattahoochee Valley area. In additional 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 2016.

The Senior Teens Seminar

annual event was held May 2, 2016, at the Delta Life Development Foundation Inc. House located at 4925 Forrest Road in Columbus, Georgia. Our theme was "We are one step closer to our dreams in 2016." The purpose of this event was to provide high school senior teens with critical information that should help them with their transition into college and be useful throughout their collegiate matriculation. To illustrate, information was presented on the following topics: basic finance, college 101 and social media.



To further illustrate, **Basic Finance** provided the senior teens with 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 provided senior teens 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. (and how social media can affect their life in both a positive and negative manner.)

Moreover, the audience was given ample time to ask questions. The attendance for the event was as follows: 17 high school senior teens, 22 parents/guardians, 24 girls from Girls Incorporation of Columbus, Georgia and 35 members of the Columbus Georgia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated. As a result, this particular committee grants service to the community through one of our five-point programmatic thrust of educational development. Entertainment for this event was provided by Girls Inc. of Columbus, Georgia. Finally, the Senior Teens Seminar concluded by awarding scholarships to some of the outstanding high school senior teens in the Tri-City area.

2016 Scholarship Awards

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BREAKS RECORD BREAKING MILESTONE

During the annual Senior Teens Seminar, Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc. and Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. presented scholarships to Chattahoochee Valley area high school students. The grand total of scholarships awarded was \$33,400. This is surpasses last year's 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.

\$2,000	RACHEL MOBLEY	CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	
\$2,000	JOHN BUTLER III	GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY	
\$2,000	ALIVIA DAVIDSON	UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA	
\$2,000	CASSIE ATCHLEY	AUBURN UNIVERSITY	
\$2,000	BRIANA HARDIE	TROY UNIVERSITY	
\$1,300	DAVON PREWITT	GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY	
\$1,250	ABIGAIL COURVILLE	UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA	
\$1,250	MADELINE SNIPES	UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA	
\$1,250	MARKEISHA WAGNER	COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$1,250	TAYLOR TURNAGE	GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$1,000	EBONY LOCKWOOD	KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$1,000	ALEXIS BELL	UNIVERSITY SOUTH CAROLINA	
\$1,000	ZACARRIYA HUMPHRIES	JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$1,000	SKYLA HALL	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA @BIRMINGHAM	
\$1,000	JASMINE WILLIAMS	JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$700	MADISON BRABSTON	GEORGIA COLLEGE	
\$700	EMMITT BROWN	COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$700	ALEXIS WELLS	GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	
\$700	TYRA FIELDS	COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$1,200 – CHARTER MEMBERS	TABITHA JOSEPH	COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$1,000 - PAST PRESIDENTS	DESTINY ELLIOTT	GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$1,000 - EMBODI	LUCKEY LOWELL	KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$1500 - Marie Griffin DeRamus Memorial Scholarship	BRIANA HARDIE	TROY UNIVERSITY	
\$1000 - Lula Lunsford Odom Memorial Scholarship	XAUTYCA HALL	COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$600 - Shannon Greyer Memorial Scholarship	ALYSSA IDAHOSA	ARMSTRONG STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$500 - Christine B. Dawson Leadership Scholarship	DAVON PREWITT	GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY	
\$500 - Christine B. Dawson Leadership Scholarship	TAYLOR TURNAGE	GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$500 - NEW Teacher Education Renewable/YR1	XAUTYCA HALL	COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$500 - NEW Teacher Education Renewable/YR1	ALYSSA IDAHOSA	ARMSTRONG STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$500 - NEW Teacher Education Renewable/YR1	AMARIS DAVIS	KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY	
\$500 - Teacher Education Renewable/YR4	KAYLA WILSON	UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA	

Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc. Columbus Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Scholarship Award Summary

Lula Lunsford Odom Memorial Scholarship

A family memorial scholarship given in honor of one of the chapter's Charter members, **Lula Lunsford Odom**. The FEMALE finalist is selected based on the attributes of Lula Lunsford Odom, who was a highly intelligent, respected business woman in the Columbus community and a civil rights advocate.

Shannon Christina Greyer Memorial Scholarship

The Shannon Christina Greyer Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of the firstborn child of Karon Greyer and the late James Greyer. It is to be awarded annually to the daughter of a Delta (member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.) who is a finalist (graduating senior) with a grade point average of 3.0 or more and actively involved in community service.

Marie Griffin DeRamus Memorial Scholarship

This memorial scholarship is given by Clevon and Jocelyn DeRamus, the children of the late Marie Griffin DeRamus, former Director of Secondary Schools of MCSD. The scholarship will be awarded to a Kendrick High School senior from the top 25 candidates as selected by the Delta Scholarship committee. This Senior will possess a GPA of 3.5 or higher, documented exceptional leadership experience and notable service extending beyond the status quo as exemplified through the late Marie Griffin DeRamus. In the event a senior from Kendrick High School has not been selected by the scholarship committee, family administrators may award the scholarship to any senior student from the top 25 candidates as they deem necessary.

Joseph J. Gosha Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2015 in memory of former Principal **Joseph J. Gosha**. This scholarship recognizes a twelfth-grade student at William H. Spencer High School with outstanding academic achievement, (minimum cumulative average of 3.25), exemplary character, and well-rounded participation in school and community. This award will provide \$2,500 towards tuition at a four-year institution of learning. Students in need of financial assistance are encouraged to apply.

Christine Barksdale Dawson Leadership Scholarship

Established in 2016 in honor of Christine B. Dawson who is a contributing leader of the Columbus Community and retired professor and Program Director with Columbus Technical College.

The scholarship is awarded to a finalist who is a George Washington Carver High School senior. Preference will be given to the student also accepted into Columbus Technical College and special consideration will be given to students who enroll in the Business Technology Program. The award is based on outstanding academic achievement (minimum cumulative average of 3.0), participation in school and community activities, and financial need.

Two awards will be given in the amount of \$500 each. Awards can be applied towards tuition or other expenses (i.e. books, materials, etc.) and will be paid annually. *Minority males are strongly encouraged to apply.*

The Gwendolyn Jackson and Shannon Christine Jackson Perseverance Award

Established in 2017 in honor of Gwendolyn and Shannon Christine Jackson. Gwendolyn and her daughter, Shannon, will recognize a student with a disability. The finalist must indicate he/she has overcome adversity through their disability and/or describe how he/she was able to persevere in spite of their disability. The candidate must be a graduating senior with a minimum cumulative average of 3.0.

The scholarship award will provide \$1000 and can be applied towards tuition or other expenses (i.e. books, materials, etc.).

Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc. Columbus Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Scholarship Award Summary

The Teacher Education Renewable Scholarship

The Teacher Education Renewable Scholarship is awarded to a finalist who is passionate about pursuing a career as a certified teacher. The award of \$500 per year not to exceed four years is contingent upon the college recipient(s) maintaining a 2.5 GPA and maintaining an interest in Teacher Education.

CHAPTER AWARDS

The Charter Members Award

This award is given in honor of the 12 members who chartered Columbus GA Alumnae Chapter in 1948. The finalist selected for this award possesses the spirit of fortitude and exhibits leadership skills. The Charter member award is given in the amount of \$1,200.00.

The Past Presidents' Scholarship

This scholarship is given in honor of past Columbus GA Alumnae Chapter presidents. The finalist selected for this scholarship is based upon active leadership in school and community organizations. The scholarship award is in the amount of \$1,000.00.

EMBODI Award

The EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence) program is designed to refocus the efforts of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., with the support and action of other major organizations, on the plight of African-American males. The finalist selected is a high school senior who is an active participant in the EMBODI program and local community engagements. The amount of the EMBODI award is \$1,000.00.

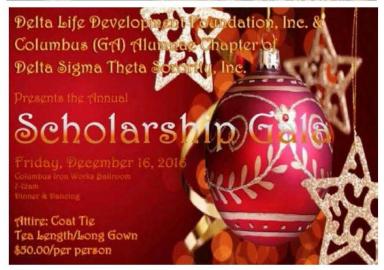
Delta Life Development Foundation Scholarship Gala

The primary goal for this Gala was to fund educational scholarships for high school seniors in the Tri-City area. Scholarship awardees from last year were featured along with the colleges which they are enrolled in.

Delta Life Development Foundation, Inc. and the Columbus, GA Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, collaborated to sponsor the Annual Scholarship Gala. This fundraiser was held Friday, December 16, 2016, at The Columbus Convention and Trade Center. There was 1,023 guests in attendance.







Senior Citizens Luncheon



The Senior Citizens Seminar/Luncheon is an annual event held for senior residents of government-subsidized housing in the community. The primary goal is *to improve the lifestyle (body, mind, and spirit) of these beloved citizens*. This event emphasizes making healthier choices in diet, medication, and socialization. Information and demonstrations on healthy lifestyles, including chair exercises, were presented. Physical and Mental Health, Emergency Response Team, AARP and River Valley Area Agency on Aging also collaborated with this committee and provided gifts and valuable information. A nutritious meal was served to the participants, musical entertainment, games, and words of inspiration were provided.

This event held on March 29, 2016, from 11 AM to 1:30 PM at the Delta Life Development Foundation house was one of the largest since the inception of the project. Our targeted audience overwhelmingly responded that they looked forward to returning to the event next year. This event has received numerous awards for its work with the area senior citizens.

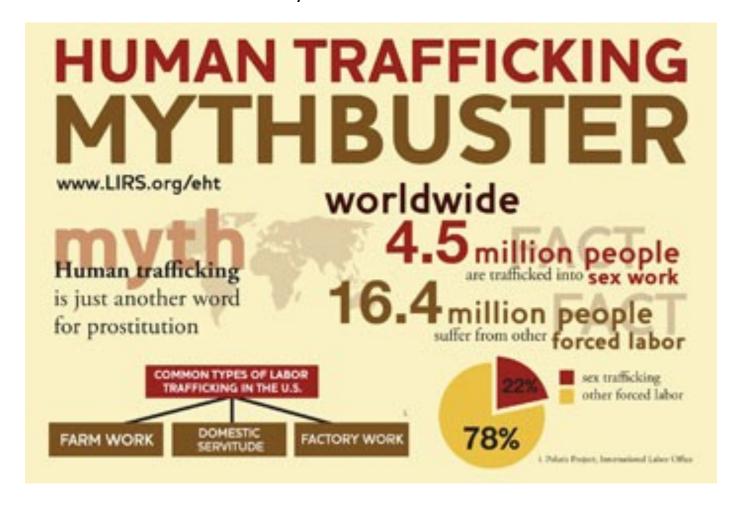
2nd Annual Social Action Luncheon "Taking a Stand Against Human Trafficking"

HUMAN TRAFFICKING is the illegal trade of human beings for commercial sexual exploitation or forced labor. Young girls often fall victim to this horrific exportations.

The Human Traffic Luncheon and Forum provided an arena to learn more about how crimes of human



trafficking are being committed in this state and our local area and what we can do to protect our children and community.



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Financial Statement 2016

Operational Ad	ccount
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Beginning Balance-January 1, 2016	\$56,192.00
Ending Balance-December 31,2016	\$25,508.00

Scholarship Account

Beginning Balance-January 1, 2016	\$98,281.00
Ending Balance-December 31, 2016	\$78,168.00

Donations to Foundation

Gala		\$47,505.00
Gala Sponsorships & Centennial Dor		\$19,268.00
	Less Expenses	\$34,690.00
Net Gala Donations		\$32,083.00

Scholarship Donations \$7,800.00

Total Donations \$39,883.00

Donations Awarded

Scholarships Awarded for 2016 \$35,400.00

Community Service Donations

UNCF	\$1,600.00
Association of Sickle cell	\$550.00
Thika Hospital	\$500.00
American Heart Association	\$500.00
Chattahoochee Valley Library	\$500.00
House of Mercy	\$500.00
Columbus Health Department Ryan	
White Foundation	\$290.00
CASA/Twin Cedars	\$250.00
Valley Health Care	\$200.00
W. Central Ga Cancer Coalition	\$200.00
The Family Center	\$200.00
American Cancer Society	\$200.00
Urban League	\$200.00
SISTERS Network	\$125.00
Domestic Violence Roundtable	\$50.00
Boys and Girls Club	\$45.00

Total Donations \$41,310.00



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