# Our Youth, Our Future









































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Hyatt Regency of Cincinnati
78<sup>th</sup> National Conclave of The Girl Friends, Inc.



### Notes



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### President's Greeting



Dear Girl Friends and Friends of The GF Fund:



Our retreat fired up the GFF Board to make bold plans. Our goal was to empower chapters to support our youth. With a starting budget of \$53,000 which was increased to \$80,000, we proposed to support 13 deserving young men and women graduating from high school and attending four-year institutions.

GF chapters and members stepped up in a big way, volunteering their time to attend training sessions, nominating a record twenty-two students, and giving of their time and talents. Through generous donations and hard work, we are thrilled that we have surpassed our goal and met the challenge to provide some level of support to twenty-one qualified and capable scholars for the GFF Class of 2013.

We are humbled by the outpouring of support from GF chapters and members, foundations, and corporations that collectively, have helped us raise more than \$120,000 this year. We are particularly proud of our Vision 2015 Committee, comprised of current and former GFF presidents and advisers. Their wisdom and dedication to The Fund will strengthen our resolve to support the education of African-American youth.

This has been an amazing year of firsts for The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. None of this would have been possible without. The GFF Board of Directors. I could not have asked for a more capable, resilient, and classy group of ladies to work with in support of our scholars. Their individual talents have enhanced the work of The Fund, and provided excellent role models for future board members.

On a personal note, I want to thank GFF board members for being first and foremost, Girl Friends who are competent, patient and trusting; and who have provided valuable input in steering our actions over this past year. We have shared a committed vision to make a difference in the lives of the young people we support and their testimonies and reflections are our testament of a job well done, for which we are eternally grateful.

I want to encourage chapters to get involved and remain involved. The work we do is important and reflects the best of who we are as Girl Friends, and as an organization. I am proud to be part of the legacy we are creating.

Sincerely,

GF Andrea L. Johnson

GFF President





## Special Friends

BF Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, has served as President of University of Maryland, Baltimore County since 1992. His research and publications focus on science and math education, with special emphasis on minority participation and performance. He chaired the National Academies' committee that produced the recent report, Expanding Underrepresented Minority Participation: America's Science and Technology Talent at the Crossroads. He also was recently named by President Obama to chair the newly created President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans.



Dolores J. Lindsay is founder and CEO of HealthCare Connection. She is passionate healthcare administrator with over 45 years experience managing a community healthcare facility. She has a BS in Community Health Administration from the University of Cincinnati and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Southern California.

The HealthCare Connection connects all persons to quality healthcare--all ages, all cultures, all incomes, all health concerns. HCC was founded in 1967 as Ohio's first community health center. Their mission is the same today as it was when they first opened for operation. HCC serves low-income, underinsured, and uninsured persons living in northern Hamilton County. HCC makes sure receive the same access to quality healthcare as fully insured persons.



### Awards

We are so appreciative of the commitment of our Girl Friends and uplift those who are working to enhance the opportunities for our youth and the broader community. We salute the following persons, whose contributions have been indispensable to the success of The Fund over the past year.

BF Freeman A. Hrabowski III and Jacqueline C. Hrabowski Individual Giving

BF Steve and GF Vada Love Corporate Giving

GF Sylvia Simmons Board Fundraising

GF Lynn Peters Lewis Board Contributions

GF Joan Sessoms Ford Advisor

GF Esther C. Marioneaux Advisor, Visionary, and Role Model

New Jersey Chapter of The Girl Friends,® Inc. Strong Supporter and Trailblazer

The Cleveland Chapter of The Girl Friends,® Inc. Fundraising and Nominating Scholars

#### **Special Recognition**

Dolores J. Lindsay
Healthcare Services for Cincinnati Community
Cincinnati Chapter



# The Girl Friends Fund, Inc., Major Accomplishments and Vision of Future

The Fund's mission is "To empower and provide a vehicle for GF Chapters and members to give financial and mentoring support for promising high school graduates, and other charitable activities." The board has been fired up and ready to engage Chapters and GF members to move forward and expand our outreach into the community. Among our many accomplishments are:

- I) Individual and chapter giving is at an all time high, far surpassing our budget projection of \$80,000.
- 2) A record twenty-two chapters nominated capable and deserving scholars for scholarships. Among our nominees are five young men and sixteen young women attending a wide range of four-year institutions, including HBCUs and Ivy League.
- 3) Publication of our quarterly newsletter to share our activities and accomplishments.
- 4) Series of training sessions on philanthropy and fundraising, including conducting auctions, governance of public charities, and scholarship reviews.
- 5) Held our first ever GFF Retreat and Strategic Planning session to formulate our vision, priorities and goals for 2013.
- 6) Published a FAQ about The Fund's activities and undertook a comprehensive review of The Fund's Bylaws and corporate governance.
- 7) Held our annual, signature fundraising luncheon and scholarship awards program preceding Conclave, and partnered with the local hosting chapter to conduct outreach in the community.
- 8) Created a Vision 2015 Committee to shepherd us toward our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an agenda to grow our endowment, expand our programs, and strengthen our relationship with our sister organization, The Girl Friends® Inc., through the Executive and Advisory Boards.
- 9) Designed, produced, and mailed out the GF Fund Brochure to 1600 Girl Friends.
- 10) Went live with our Silent Auction and conducted pre-online bidding.



		STUDENTS	SPONSORING CHAPTER	
1995 Gro	oup 1	Rashunda Davis Shonda Feaster Kayenda Johnson Arnita Moore	Cleveland Philadelphia Baltimore Memphis	
1996 Gro	oup 2	Ayanna Lyles Charissa Smith Melanie Price	Fairfeild Trenton California	
1997 Gro	oup 3	Kamela Kuntz Teresa Washington Precious Williams	New Jersey Detroit St. Louis	
1998 Gro	oup 4	Forrestine Grisby Ty-Isha Jones LaTonia Monroe	Charlotte Norfolk Springfield	
1999 Gro	oup 5	Idaceen Christian Hillary Fowler Deborah Minor	Memphis Orlando Cleveland	
2000 Gro	oup 6	Marlan McElvoy Geneene Thompson Eric Russell	Baltimore Columbia Washington	
2001 Grd	oup 7	Lawanna Evans Martine Joseph Michelle Robinson Charlene Talbot	Dallas Miami Pittsburgh Orlando	
2002 Grd	oup 8	Jody Arshimene Joy Bentley Jamille Lukes Krystal Reid Daniele Spears	Trenton New Jersey Albany Pittsburgh Fairfield County	
2003 Gro	oup 9	Precious Wilson Marie Porter Marquita Williams Janis Galloway	Durham Miami Columbus Norfolk	









## Thank You

GF Greta Pope is an award winning, internationally acclaimed entertainer. GF Greta holds a Bachelor of Music Degree, a Master of Music Degree and has studied at Indiana University with the brilliant Metropolitan Opera soprano Eileen Farrell. She holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration and is the author of the self-help book *Music, Money & You; Managing the Business*, now available at leading booksellers nationwide. Dr. Pope is a consultant to the Chicago Public Schools. *Music, Money & You* has been chosen as the selected text for several after-school music programs in the Chicago area.

Kandace Clifton is a graduating graphic design major from Hampton University who hails from Alachua, Florida. For most of her life, she has enjoyed the thrill of using pencils, crayons, colored pencils, markers or anything that would leave her mark as an artist. Kandace has a playful spirit and tries to express her bright nature through her designs. Color is the one tool that she believes anyone can use to express their emotions and beliefs to the world. There is nothing without color and so it's a powerful representation of visual communication that some use for unexplainable emotions that words just can't describe. Kandace designed the centerpieces and fliers under the direction of GF Jacqueline Bontemps.

D'Marcus Butler is a senior graphic design major from Atlanta, GA. He is also a member of Hampton University's Marching FORCE Band. A great deal of his artistic influence comes from music, however he finds much more of his inspiration in nature. D'Marcus designed the posters under the direction of GF Jacqueline Bontemps.

Special Thanks to Thomas Phillips who was the auctioneer for our Live Auction.



# The Girl Friends Fund, Inc., Board of Directors

#### The GF Fund, Inc. Officers

Andrea L. Johnson, President

Cecelia B. Henderson, Vice. President

Lynn P. Lewis, Secretary

Casma Huie, Corresponding Secretary

B. Stephanie Commander, Treasurer

Cindy Carter Cole, Financial Secretary

Janice Marshall, Parliamentarian

Margaret F. Haynes, Scholarship Chair

#### **Directors**

Jacqueline F. Bontemps

**Cheryl Finley** 

Faye M. Owens

Sylvia Simmons

Roslyn Smith

Kathy Taylor

Ava Washington

Carole T. Phillips, Emeriti President

Angela McAlister Berry, GF Inc. National President, Ex Officio Member



### Scholarship Recipients

1	STUDENTS	SPONSORING CHAPTER
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2004 Group 10	Matthew Mackey	Albany
	Vereaux Reynolds	Pittsburgh
	Janelle Coleman	Philadelphia
1	Zsa Zsa Booker	Detroit
1	Brittany Paige	Cleveland
2005 Group 11	Fatimah Muhammad	Cleveland
2000 S. Cup 11	James Robinson	Memphis
	Icshoah Murphy	Buffalo
	Brittany Clifton	Columbia
	Reiah Etwaroo	New Jersey
	Diane Melville	Miami
	Rachelle Jones	Orlando
	Cierra Witherspoon	Columbus
	Aisha Harris	New Haven
	Daniel DeVougas	Milwaukee
2006 Group 12	Sharla Berry	California
	Lanesha Bridges	Pittsburgh
1	Jessica Clinton	Miami
	Shauna Edwards	Albany
(	Chavaughn Gibson	Cleveland
7	Shellese Shemwell	Louisville
	Monica Soloman	Orlando
	Charrice White	Memphis
2007 Group 13	Ashley Bayton	Potomac
2007 Group 13	Tiffany Graves	Cleveland
	Bennie Williams*	Buffalo
	Melisa Douge	Miami
	Courtney Hubbard	Orlando
5	Bianca Stinney	Albany
	Chanise Shepherd	Louisville
	Trevorlyn Anderson	New York
	Trevorigit Andersoft	TVCW TOTA
	*/Eunice Shreeves Schola	ar: a one-time additional award



	STUDENTS	SPONSORING CHAPTER
2008 Group 14	Shauna Bowes	Miami
2000 2100 p 21	Adrian Caldwell	Greenville
	Monique Fortune	Philadelphia
	GF Juanita Humphrey	•
	Ashlie Graham	Buffalo
	Kelly Harper	Potomac
	Diamond Haynes	Cleveland
	Brittany Sumner	Norfolk
	Brittany Wharry	Baltimore
	Anita Peek Gilger, MD	Trust Scholar
2009 Group 15	Ariel Brown	Baltimore
	Bailey Brown	Fairfield County
	GF Juanita Humphrey	Scholar
	Jennifer Collins	Cleveland
	Vanessa LeBon	Miami
	Noni Thomas	Dallas
	Anita Peek Gilger, MD	Trust Scholar
	Paige Tutt	Albany
	Monika Wiggins	Buffalo
	Melody Williams	Orlando
2010 Group 16	Arion Chapman	Potomac
·	Jeffeline Ermilus	Miami
	Shanise Edmond	Buffalo
	Timia Harris	Columbus
	Leah Jones	Cleveland
	Chasidy Lowe	Baltimore
	Tershone Phillips	Brooklyn
	Christien Russell	Louisville
	Toni Walker-Stanley	Trenton
	GF Juanita Humphrey Scholar	
	<b>Brendon Taylor</b>	Pittsburgh
	Anita Peek Gilger, MD	Trust Scholar
	Chelsea Walker	Greenville
	Chelsea Zellar	Albany



### Our History

The Fund was the brainchild of GF National Presidents Ersa Poston and Helen Wright. The Vision of the Fund was implemented under the leadership of National President Konetta Sparks, incorporated by a committed group of Girl Friends, including GF Eddie Bernice Johnson, GF Veronica Frazier, GF Sandra Sutton, GF Marguerite Williams, and GF Joan Sessoms Ford, who acted as legal counsel and served on the board.

The initial board included GF Rebecca Webster Kingslow, GF Paquita Attaway, GF Lucille Blondin, GF Irma Roy, GF Marguerite Rucker, GF Mae Johnson, GF Rebecca Kingslow, GF Yvonne King Gloster, GF Cecile M. Springer and GF Margaret Bush Wilson, with GF Konetta Sparks as an ex office member. The Fund was incorporated on February 22, 1988 and received its IRC tax exemption status in 1989 as a public charity, with generous support from Girl Friend members and The Girl Friends, Inc.

Former presidents of The Fund, Inc. include GF Esther C. Marioneaux, GF Lynda Carroll, GF Marian Shropshire, GF Chrystine Shack, GF Phoebe Haddon, GF Carole T. Philips (Emeriti President), and GF Elaine Effort.

In addition to awarding scholarships to deserving students, The Fund has provided financial and service support for Katrina victims and for the Haitian relief effort. The Eunice Shreeves Luncheon, honoring the founder of The Girl Friends® Inc., was The Fund's first fundraising event, and has grown into our annual signature, fundraising event.

In 2013 the Vision 2015 Committee was created, comprised of GF Esther Marioneaux, GF Helen Wright, GF Joan Sessoms Ford, GF Lynda Carroll, GF Phoebe Haddon (ex officio), GF Carole T. Philips, GF Cindy Carter Cole, GF Lynn Lewis, and GF Stephanie Commander (chair). The Committee was formed to guide The Fund to realizing its mission:

To empower and provide a vehicle for GF Chapters and members to give financial and mentoring support for promising high school graduates, and other charitable purposes.

**GF Giving + Commitment = Academic Success** 



### About the Girl Friends Fund, Inc.

The Girl Friends Fund, is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation, whose primary charitable purpose is to provide financial and other mentoring assistance to worthy youth and to pursue other charitable purposes. Organized in 1988, the Fund is committed to eradicating the inequalities in educational opportunities. In particular, the Fund recognizes the special importance of a higher education for African-Americans and other groups that are underrepresented in universities and colleges across America.

The Girl Friends<sup>®</sup> Inc. began during the Harlem Renaissance in 1927, and has grown since then to more 45 chapters and more than 1600 active women. The Fund was incorporated in February of 1988 and received its IRC tax exemption status in 1989 as a public charity, with generous support from Girl Friend members and The Girl Friends,<sup>®</sup> Inc. The Fund began awarding scholarships to outstanding senior high students in 1995, after it had grown its endowment to \$50,000.

As of 2012, the Fund has awarded in excess of \$175,000 scholarships to 117 scholars attending a range of educational institutions including Ivy League, Historically Black Colleges and Universities HBCUs. These prestigious awards are funded through individual and chapter donations from The Girl Friends<sup>®</sup> Inc. and Girl Friend members. Endowed scholarships include The Esther Marioneaux Endowment, the Anita P. Gilger M.D. Trust, Dr. Carolyn Carter Fund, and the Gwendolyn G. Johnson Fund.

GF Chapters and Liaisons play a critical role as Fund Ambassadors in nominating high school students for Fund scholarships and mentoring scholars during their college experience. The Fund will support scholars for up to four years at a minimum annual scholarship award of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) award per student. The Fund's Scholarship Committee evaluates the applications based upon balancing financial need, exceptional academic, and community service achievement.

The Fund engages in a variety of fundraising activities including a Silent Auction at its signature event, The GFF Scholarship Luncheon, hosted at the GF conclave; raffles; and Online auctions. Members also use their networks to seek corporate co-sponsors that support chapter and Fund activities, such as anniversary celebrations.

In 2010 The Fund launched an interactive website funded through a generous donation from the family of Lillian H. Gregory. The website allows scholars to apply online, encourages chapters to share special events and updates, and makes it easy and safe for GF members and friends to support the Fund through donations, using PayPal.



### Scholarship Recipients

	STUDENTS	SPONSORING CHAPTER
2011 Group 17	Dafina Bobo Shanielle Carrington Myriam Diomande Anita Peek Gilger, MD Trus	Minneapolis New Jersey Albany st Scholar
	Linette Dulue Ariel Foster Natacha Jerome ** GF Carole Temple Phillips S	New Haven Miami Orlando Scholar
	Veronica Johnson Jasmine Jones Lauren Larkin Briana Nelson GF Juanita Humphrey Scho	Louisville Roanoke Cleveland Seattle
	Stephanie Osborne Malena Price Maya Wilson	Chicago Brooklyn Baltimore
2012 Group 18	Canedy Jordan Alexander Denisha Ivanna Bennett ShaRon DeBerry Bria Green Anita Peek Gilger, MD Trus	Cleveland Miami Potomac Buffalo st Scholar
	Nije Johnson Taylor Gaines Johnson Vanessa Marshall Raechel Mattison Quishaun Murden Diamond Pollard Shelby Smith	Pittsburgh Seattle Columbia Baltimore Trenton Roanoke Albany
**/GF Carole Temple Phillip	Bria White Edward Taylor GF Juanita Humphrey Scho s Scholarship: a one time additional	





### Income Statement

# THE GIRL FRIENDS FUND, INC. STATEMENT OF REVENUE, SUPPORT, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS CASH BASIS - UNAUDITED\*

For the Thirteen-Month Period Ended April 30, 2013\*\*

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Temporarily Restricted	<u>Total</u>
REVENUE and SUPPORT:			
Contributions	\$15,060	\$94,025	\$109,085
Scholarship Luncheon		16,295	16,295
Silent Auction		3,190	3,190
Interest Income	3,352	251	3,603
Net Assets Released from Restrictions - Scholarships	<u>\$62,572</u>	<u>(62,572)</u>	0
Total Revenue and Support	80,984	<u>51,189</u>	<u>132,173</u>
GENERAL EXPENSES:			
Miscellaneous	1,600		1,600
Professional Services	4,875		4,875
Fund Booklets	3,288		3,288
Brochure	1,458		1,458
Plaques	75		75
Copies, Printing and Mailings	769		769
Change in Value of Investments	<u>755</u>		<u>755</u>
Total General Expenses	<u>12,820</u>		12,820
SCHOLARSHIP EXPENSES:			
Scholarships	51,000		51,000
Luncheon Expenses	<u>11,572</u>		<u>11,572</u>
Total Scholarship Expenses	62,572		62,572
Total Expenses	75,392		75,392
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$5,592</u>	<u>\$51,189</u>	<u>\$56,781</u>

<sup>\*</sup>This Financial Statement will be audited by Dan Jefferson, CPA.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The GF Fund, Inc. has a fiscal year beginning July 1- June 30. The period covered by these financials reflects a 13 month period to coincide with the Annual Meeting.



### Balance Sheet

## THE GIRL FRIENDS FUND, INC STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS CASH BASIS - UNAUDITED

April 30, 2013\*\*

#### **ASSETS:**

Cash - Checking	\$99,497
Cash - Savings	34,011
Investments - Cash, Money Funds, and Bank Deposits	2,496
Investments - Mutual Funds	<u>245,835</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$381,839</u>
NET ASSETS:	
Unrestricted Cumulative Net Assets	\$237,630
Current Year Change in Net Assets	<u>5,592</u>
Total Net Assets Unrestricted	243,222
Temporarily Restricted Cumulative Net Assets	87,428
Current Year Change in Net Assets	<u>51,189</u>
Total Net Assets Temporarily Restricted	<u>138, 617</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$381,839</u>



### Scholar Reflections

#### Naima Rene Lamb, class of 2013

We are the parents of Naima Rene Lamb. We would like to thank your organization very much for awarding our daughter Naima the gift of your scholarship. Naima is a great daughter who is internally motivated and driven to pursue her dreams and accomplishing all that is possible while attending UCLA, in the fall of 2013. As parents, family, friends and community, we are very proud of Naima. Naima is currently the Student Body President at View Park Preparatory Accelerated Charter High School, located in Los Angeles, California. She is a member of the School Site Council; she is a recognized member of the National Honor Society; she is an active member of Girl Scout Troop #1115, she has participated as the captain of the school varsity Volleyball team, and has played Club Volleyball and Club Soccer. While accomplishing these extracurricular activities, Naima has maintained a solid 4.23 GPA.

We are expecting great things from her as she develops into a successful young lady and role model, who will give back from where she has received. With assistance from the Girl Friends Fund scholarship, encouragement from women like Girl Friends' Dr. Margaret White and Angel City Link member, Kimberly R. Lee, it makes her dreams much more possible.

Once again, we would like to sincerely thank the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. for all of their support and recognition in awarding Naima such a prestigious scholarship. As the parents, we are very proud of her.

Sincerely, Anthony Lamb Navaseia L. Belle

#### **Veronica Johnson (Class of 2011)**

Hello, my name is Veronica Johnson and I am a Sophomore Strategic Communications Major at Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky. I am more than grateful to be a recipient of the Girl Friends Fund Scholarship because the committee was so generous and allowed me to be one of the students they wanted to support, and I am truly thankful. Without this scholarship I would have to take out loans to pay for room and board. It helps out in a big way! But most in importantly, it is renewable. By it being renewable, it motivates me to keep my grades up and to accomplish everything that I can in order to somewhat pay back the women who selected me to be a recipient of this scholarship. I am blessed to say that with the help of this scholarship and others, I don't have to pay any money out of pocket for my college education. So I just want to say thank you to the Girl Friends Fund Scholarship Committee for giving me this opportunity and I will continue to strive to make you all proud! Thank you.

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### Scholar Reflections

### Chapter Giving

#### Bailey Brown (Class of 2009)

Bailey Brown will be graduating with honors in May 2013 from the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania with a major in Sociology and a minor in Urban Education & Africana Studies. While at U of Penn, she has enjoyed a busy campus life: including her work with U of Penn's Community School Student Partnership program as a tutor and mentor in the Philadelphia public schools; an officer of the CSSP operating board and Ase Academy as a tutor, mentor and program director. She also has active memberships in Onyx Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, University Eco Reps and the DuBois College House Politics and Cultural Pluralism program.

In the area of scholarly pursuits, Bailey was named a Ronald E. McNair Scholar and last summer was selected to participate in the Leadership Alliance Summer Research Early Identification Program for the training and mentoring of undergraduates interested in pursuing PhD programs. She is currently visiting universities and reviewing offers from the doctoral programs at University of Chicago (Social Sciences Fellowship), University of Michigan (Rackham Merit Fellowship), Columbia University (Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellow & Diversity Fellow), Northwestern University (University Fellow), Yale University, Johns Hopkins University and University of Maryland (University Fellow). In recognition of her accomplishments and promise, all of these top-ranked sociology departments have extended prestigious, highly-competitive, fully-funded, five-year fellowships.

Bailey's research interests include educational inequalities, racial, social and economic stratification, school closures, the intersection between schooling experiences and neighborhood spaces and how this ultimately impacts under-served students, school reform and the impact of charter schools on public schools. We are so proud of Bailey and delighted to see her hard work and dedication pay off. We appreciate the support and encouragement she has received through the years from her community -- teachers, administrators, mentors, scholar-ship organizations, friends and family. You have all played an important role in her growth and we are so appreciative.

Sincerely,

Tracy & Darrell Brown (Parents of Bailey Brown)

The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. wants to specially recognize all chapters who have made donations and contributed auction baskets, and/or nominated chapter scholars for awards during this past year. You have truly been Ambassadors for The Fund and we really appreciate it.

#### Chapters That Support The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. (2012-2013)

Albany Chapter Louisville Chapter

Baltimore Chapter Memphis Chapter

Boston Chapter Miami Chapter

Brooklyn Chapter Minneapolis Chapter

Buffalo Chapter News Chapter

California Chapter New Jersey Chapter

Chicago Chapter Norfolk Chapter

Cincinnati Chapter Orlando Chapter

Cleveland Chapter Pittsburgh Chapter

Columbus Chapter Potomac Chapter

Dallas Chapter Richmond Chapter

Detroit Chapter Roanoke Chapter

Durham Chapter Seattle Chapter

Fairfield County Chapter Toledo

Greenville Chapter Trenton Chapter

Las Vegas Chapter Washington Chapter





### Scholar Reflections

Up to \$249.00 (Green leaf)



#### **Honoring**

GF Phyllis Taylor and Cynthia Taylor-Wolfe by Leslie Taylor (Roanoke)

GF Janice Valentine by GF Barbara Ward

**Chapter Donations** 

**Memphis Chapter** 

**Corporate Donations** 

**Ffriend Enterprises** 

#### **Organizations**

The Links, Inc., Middlesex County Chapter \* Manasota ASALAH

#### Note:

We apologize that we were unable to include the following Girl Friends in last year's annual report. We really appreciate our supporters and wish to acknowledge you here. Thank you for your continued support.

Buffalo: Cecelia B. Henderson \* Janet Archer \* Lois Dabney \* June Simmons Barrow

#### Chanise Shepherd (Class of 2007)

I have been honored to be a recipient of the Girl Friend Fund, Inc. Scholarship these past fours years. I would like to thank the Girl Friends for this award and for helping me, as well as other students with financial needs, afford college. To those whose financial situation jeopardizes the furthering of their education, contributions like yours make all the difference in the world. My educational pursuits would not be possible without generous support from scholarship sponsors like your organization. Thank you for enabling this opportunity. My parents have always stressed the importance of education and the value of a college degree. This scholarship has continued to enhance my value of education. I always knew I wanted to attend college, but I had no idea how I would pay for it. I am so blessed to have received this award. This scholarship has given me the opportunity to achieve my dreams. I am graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and a minor in Psychology. After graduating, I will be entering my second semester of Nursing School to earn my Bachelors of Science in Nursing.

#### Melody Williams: (Class of 2009)

Thank you so much for selecting me to receive the Girl Friends Fund Scholarship for another year! I received the check two weeks ago and plan to put it to very good use.

I am currently a 4<sup>th</sup> year student at the University of Central Florida (UCF). One year ago, I changed my major to Pre-Clinical Health Sciences and I am so glad that I did. My educational goal is to earn a Bachelor's degree by Fall 2014 (when I changed my major, I added an additional year of study) and then pursue a Master's degree in Occupational Therapy. I feel that through this career, I will be able to sincerely help people to have better lives. I will also be employable anywhere in the world, which, I pray, means job security.

In my last 3 semesters at UCF, I feel very proud that I have earned a place on the Dean's List! I am also working part-time in a dental office and researching volunteer opportunities in Occupational Therapy, as well as grad schools.

Yes, life if busy but it is very satisfying. I have earmarked this year's scholarship to pay for my summer tuition. This scholarship is truly a blessing!

#### Lauren Larkin (Class of 2011)

Receiving the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. Scholarship has truly helped me to continue on my path to reach my goals. I am now a sophomore Biology major at Howard University and I'm doing quite well. I love my university and I am grateful to be able to continue my education there. Just to update you a little bit on what I am have been doing since I graduated from high school: this past summer I was able to participate in the Summer Medical and Dental Program for Undergraduate Students at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. It was a wonderful experience and only strengthened my desire to become a Pediatrician. At Howard, I am maintaining a 3.7 G.P.A. and was on the Dean's List this past year.





### Friends of the Fund





Fairfield County Chapter for BF Robert Cheek

GF Raeland Uddyback (Fairfield County)

Angela McAlister Berry (Durham) \* Mary Childs (Fairfield County)

Louisville Chapter for GF Ruthy B. Bryant

New Jersey: Daisy B. Douglas & Dorothy A. Dowdye for Arrie Belle Douglas Ford

Roanoke: Marla C. Burch for Jessie Wilson \* Reba T. Cannaday for BF Irving Cannaday, Jr. \* Doris N. Ennis for BF Hugh W. Ennis, II \* Hermina W. Hendricks for GF Susan Fain Davis & Pauline Fletcher Weeden Maloney \* Patricia Henry for BF Samuel L. Henry, Sr. \* Betty F. Kolb for GF Dorothy F. Harris \* Gloria Lindsay for Mary Lindsay

Barbara J. Yancey (Washington) for GF Ruth Booker Bryant

Deborah Clarke Hall (Richmond) for GF Estelle Hayes Clark, Grandmother

Charisee Lillie (Philadelphia) for GF Ida Haddon

Esther C. Marioneaux (Charlotte) for BF Charles Price Sherrill

Barbara J. Ward (Potomac) for GF Janice W. Valentine

#### Honoring

Loudoun County by California Chapter
Loudoun County Chapter by Milwaukee Chapter
Loudon County Chapter by Pittsburgh Chapter
Juanita C. De Berry by Valerie De Berry (Buffalo)

GF Dawn Hall, Sister and GF Rosalind Hayes, Cousin by Deborah Clarke Hall (Richmond)

Shirley O. Powell (Roanoke) by Jeffrey, Juan and Brian Powell



LaDarria Arnold Stephen F. Austin U. Film Producer Dallas Chapter

Juanita P. Humphrey Award



Sydney Harper Howard University Diplomat Potomac Chapter



Brytney Humphries Hampton University Pediatrician Pittsburgh Chapter



Naima Lamb St. Johns College Pre-Law California Chapter



Jeremy Ledbetter Washington & Lee U. Psychology Roanoke Chapter



Delenn Lloyd-Latif Hofstra University Pre-Med Albany Chapter



#### \$250-\$999 (Silver Leaf) In Memoriam



Fairfield County: Mary & Kenneth Childs \* Dorothy R. Jaiven \*
Mary Ann Mahan \* Henry O. Crawford \* A. Robert Abboud \* Cheryl Williams (Fairfield County)
For GF Beatrice Foreman

New Jersey Chapter for GF Audrey Jackson, Ms. Grace Crowder, Ms. Arrie Douglas

#### **Honoring**

Loudoun County Chapter by **Boston Chapter** \* GF Casma Huie by Andrea L. Johnson (California)
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