

NEWSLETTER

Bringing Dreams\$ to Life!

President's Letter

Hello Girl Friends,

Welcome to the first edition of our Bringing Dreams to Life newsletter, a publication of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. In this season of giving, I want to thank all the wonderful members of the Board of Directors of the Girl Friends Fund and all the Girl Friends who volunteer. You always show your unwavering dedication to The Fund and we say, **thank you** for your time, talent and treasure.

To our many donors, **thank you** for your great generosity! We greatly appreciate your many donations and your sacrifice. Your support helps The Fund provide scholarships to many students that may otherwise no be able to afford their full tuition, room and board, or books.



I am truly grateful, honored and excited to have been elected as your 14th President of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. I look forward to working with all of you. A warm welcome is extended to our new board member GF Jacqueline Hrabowski from the Baltimore Chapter. Congratulations to the new officers and GF Tracey Allison, our new Parliamentarian, from the California Chapter. Together in unity we will continue to bring dreams to life by providing scholarships to high-achieving African American students, who face significant financial obstacles in their path towards a college education.

The Girl Friends Fund has been very successful in raising monies from and through opportunities provided by Girl Friends. I would like us to continue that journey and also call upon corporations and other organizations to strengthen our funding capabilities. So, as we continue the journey that leads us there, we have adopted an administrative theme ~ **Growing Future Funding**. This will guide us on the many roads we'll travel together in our goal to continue Bringing Dreams to Life.

Please enjoy our Holiday newsletter. You'll find a profile of a selected board member and a scholarship recipient that will be different month to month, as well as information about our upcoming events and fundraisers.

Until we meet again in 2020, I pray that you and your families have a blessed, healthy, joyful, and peaceful holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

*Growing Future Funding,
Ann E. Walters-Pope
President
The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.*

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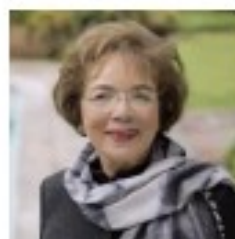
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SPOTLIGHT



on GFF Secretary GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall

Alzheimer's and Caregiver Advocacy is my personal ministry that began in 2006. In 2012, I began producing a free educational Symposium (in my hometown) to educate the community about the illness and acquaint caregivers with local public services.

Interviewed for a story on Caregiving by the staff of AARP Texas

The chores are carried out with love and a sense of responsibility by caregivers like Roslyn "Roz" Thibodeaux Goodall, 69, who splits her time living in Dallas with her husband and caring for her 92-year-old mother in Shreveport, Louisiana.

"This is my new normal, and I'm loving it," Goodall says. "When I'm away from my mother, I'm more worried about her than when I'm with her. So, yes, it's challenging. But at the end of the day, I'm so grateful for a wonderful husband who has never complained about my not being with him to take care of my mom. All he says is, 'Take care of your mother,' and that's a relief."



Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon

The Luncheon committee is busy making plans for a luncheon that will delight you, provide excitement, and raise scholarship funds. Save the date for May 21, 2020 at the conclave in the City of Brotherly Love - Philadelphia. Luncheon tickets are \$90 per person.

More information to come.

Silent Auction

The Girl Friends Fund (GFF), Inc. Silent Auction Committee is once again VERY EXCITED to begin the planning for the 2020 GFF Silent Auction!! We hope that you, too, will become increasingly excited about the upcoming 2020 GFF Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon and Silent Auction.

The goal of the luncheon and auction is to raise money for scholarships that the Fund awards to young deserving scholars. The GFF Silent Auction Committee greatly needs your participation in order that the committee can do its part in helping to support those young scholars. We ask that you place discussions regarding the GFF Silent Auction on your chapter meeting agendas because it is not too early to decide and commit to donate.

The silent auction committee has chosen a Red, White and Blue patriotic color theme for 2020 in celebration of Philadelphia and its most honored place in our national history. We would like to encourage chapters, when deciding what to donate, consider a donation with the auction's patriotic theme in mind. Please, please remember that your donation of any "stripe" will always be accepted. We want to raise monies for scholarships and in no way want to put a damper on your creative "juices" when you consider what you would like to donate.

As the Girl Friends' calendar year progresses, our committee will ensure that you receive full auction instructions leading up to the 2020 Conclave. In the meantime, we are asking that as you convene and restart chapter operations in this new chapter year, that you will consider donating to the 2020 Silent Auction. Your committed support of the auction will always be valued and appreciated.

It's That Time of the Year Again!

Scholarships



The 2020 GF Fund Scholarship Cycle:

- Chapter Liaison Instruction Sheet
(For chapter liaisons only)
- Scholarship Application
(fillable document to be shared with the candidates)
- Chapter Information and Verification Form
(fillable document to be completed by the chapter)

You can find these documents on the password-protected webpage.

<http://girlfriendsfund.org/scholarships/scholarship-criteria/>.

If your chapter has a password, use the same password. If your chapter does not have a password, request one by contacting the GFF Scholarship Chair at ftrobinson@hotmail.com

Scholarships

GF Chapters will manually process the applications once again this year. Please read the Chapter Liaison Instruction Sheet in detail. There will be one training session in February to ensure all chapter representative feel comfortable with the scholarship process and online submission process.

If you have any questions feel free to contact GF Fawn Robinson, GFF Scholarship Chair at ftrobinson@hotmail.com Please enter GFF Scholarship on your email subject line (Subject Line: GFF Scholarship).

Scholarship Applications are due by March 1, 2020 Thank you for your continued support of the GF Fund and its mission!! We look forward to receiving your scholarship candidates!

Scholarship Recipient



Jasmine Brown

Jasmine Brown is a freshman at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA. She plans to major in criminal justice and become an attorney. She lives with her grandmother and would not be able to attend college without the GFF scholarship. Toledo chapter gave her a college "shower" to help give her school supplies and the necessities for dorm living. "I do want to express my vast appreciation for the Toledo Girlfriends. You all have helped me greatly with the supplies and scholarship. Words cannot express my genuine thankfulness for this."



The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.

Liaisons

We are in the process of updating contact information for chapter presidents and chapter Fund liaisons. Please provide the contact information to GF Marie Latham Bush via email at docmlb2k@yahoo.com. Include the chapter president's name and email as well as your chapter liaison's name and email. We look forward to keeping you informed about all upcoming activities and fundraising events.

Fundraising

The Girl Friends Fund is completing plans to launch a fundraising opportunity - **ScholarSIP!!**

All chapters will have an opportunity to help the Fund raise monies for scholarship. We are designing one of a kind mugs that will feature ALL chapter names and the GFF logo. Stay tuned for more details...Please plan to support our ScholarSIP!!

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support of the Fund
and for always considering
the Girl Friends Fund!**

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encourage enthusiastic participation by all chapters and Girl
Friends in The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. General donations,
Chapter Challenge and Member Challenge, the Esther C.
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scholarships. It's your choice – please support YOUR Fund!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS