



THE
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FRIENDS
FUND INC.

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Bringing dreams to life

PRESIDENT REPORT

Girl Friends,

In this season of Thanksgiving leading up to Christmas sharing I want to take a moment to reflect.

I am so thankful for the confidence The Girl Friends Board of Directors have in voting me to be their new president. I promise I will work diligently to meet their expectations. I have been a Girl Friend for ten years with Toledo Chapter and have served as treasurer and president. I was elected to Girl Friends Fund® in 2016 and served as secretary, vice president and now president.



I am thankful that such a wonderful organization as the Girl Friends Incorporated exists and I am a member. I am so proud the Girl Friends have established the Girl Friends Fund® to help worthy and needy scholars pursue "Bringing Dreams to Life". This year, 15 scholarships were awarded to college students totaling \$90,000 and additional funds of \$50,000 given to qualified returning scholars. Thanks to GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall for securing from Alzheimer Association a four year scholarship which brings a total of 16 new scholars. You did this through your generosity! Our goal is to continue growing and "fueling for the future".

Remember there are many ways to give to GFF. One of the easiest and more simple means is to use AmazonSmile. Go to the Amazon website and enroll in AmazonSmile and designate Girl Friends Fund®, Incorporated as your non profit organization. We will receive 0.5% of the purchases.

With Christmas around the corner remember to visit our store on the website girlfriendsfund.org. This year we have added a wine bag with the GFF logo for purchase. Our signature jewelry is available for purchase and orders placed now will be delivered at the Conclave. Visit our website and make a monetary Christmas donation by mail or credit card.

Donations are welcomed anytime. All Donations are used for scholarships and are tax deductible.

Hopefully, we will be together in-person in Cancun. As this Covid virus continues on its course, I ask you to follow the established health protocol and keep safe and healthy. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a very merry Christmas.

GF Marie Latham Bush

Toledo Chapter



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INTRODUCING GIRL FRIENDS FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021-2022

The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. ("The Fund") Board is composed of 15 GFF members and/or their spouses who volunteer their time and talent to function as administrators. In addition, the Board provides leadership in the areas of fund raising and marketing.

The Fund was conceived with the need to limit Board expenses in order to maximize scholarship awards and other charitable giving. To that end, The Fund Bylaws include a provision that no Board member may be compensated or otherwise reimbursed for her service. Additionally, there is no allowance for paid staff. This allows a maximum amount of donations to directly benefit our students.

Many committees of the Board are comprised of Fund members, all of whom volunteer their time and talent in the areas of law, marketing, information technology, financial services/accounting and creative writing.

The Girl Friends Fund welcomes five new directors to the Board. They are Lynnette Crenshaw-Cleveland Chapter; Faith Hairston-Toledo Chapter; Emily Monago-Toledo Chapter; Cheryl Smith-Orlando Chapter and Lashell Vaughn-Memphis Chapter. Each of these Girl Friends bring unique skills and talents to the Fund. All of them are eager to help "fuel the future" by raising funds to Bringing Dreams to Life.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2021-2022)



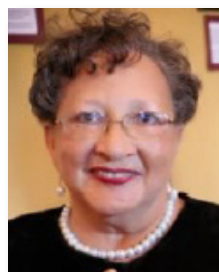
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Spectacular Jewelry Event

CUSTOM GIRL FRIENDS FUND COLLECTION PIECES

PROCEEDS FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

MAKE YOUR SPECIAL PURCHASES

The GFF Spectacular jewelry event is happening now. We have a variety of limited pieces, ranging from timeless classics to modern one-of-a-kind combinations! Supplies are limited!! Visit our [website](#) under the jewelry tab.

	PRICE
A. Sterling Silver Charm Bracelet	\$120.00
B. Liberty Bell Charm	\$ 35.00
C. Sterling Silver Pendant	\$120.00

*Prices include shipping and handling

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GIVE THE PERFECT GIFT OF A CUSTOMIZED GFF

WINE Bag



These elegant wine bottle bags make the perfect addition to a blind wine tasting party, wedding, engagement party, birthday, housewarming, or dinner party. These all-occasion gift bags with rope handles are not just for wine; use to hold spirit bottles, vases, etc. Each upscale wine bottle gift bag features handles for convenient and easy transportation and are made of high-quality jute material, customized with the Girl Friend Fund® logo. To purchase, visit girlfriendsfund.org and click on "Store".

PRICE: \$25/ea.

*Price includes shipping. Turnaround time is 2 weeks in addition to shipping time.
Orders placed after Dec. 1, 2021 are not guaranteed to arrive before Christmas.*



SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOLARS



SLOANE MILLER

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Major: Computer Science

Sponsoring Chapter: Seattle Chapter

Accomplishments throughout the academic year:

Kid Tech Express Technology and Book Drive Hack for People; Winner "Team Muse" 2020 ACT-W (Advancing Careers of Technical Women), Convention Speaker, 2020 AFRO-Tech Scholar Program, 2020 Technical Directing Intern for Disney Animation Summer of 2021 ACM Member 2021-Present AWAFF Mentorship Program 2020-present.

"The Girl Friends Fund Scholarship has offered me significant reassurance while pursuing my education and served as a reminder of my goals towards helping the community that has given so much to me."



AISSA DEARING-BENTON

Howard University

Major: History, Environmental Science

Sponsoring Chapter: Durham Chapter

Accomplishments throughout the academic year:

Appointed by Durham City Council as the youngest-ever (at 18) Durham City-County Environmental Affairs Board Member; Interned at the White House Council on Environmental Quality (interested in the intersections of health, racial equity, and environmental justice); Served as the Co-President for the HU Climate Change Club; Served as a Teaching Assistant for the Environmental Studies Department; Served as a fellow of the Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship in Public Affairs.

"This scholarship has provided me much needed tuition and book relief during the pandemic. Unfortunately, Howard has raised their total cost of attendance, and this scholarship has allowed me to continue schooling without a huge financial burden."



TO: ALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS OF THE GIRL FRIENDS*, INCORPORATED
ALL CHAPTER GIRL FRIENDS FUND, INCORPORATED (GFF) LIAISONS
FROM: THE GIRL FRIENDS FUND, INCORPORATED

The Girl Friends Fund, Incorporated is pleased to announce the launching of our 2022 Scholarship Cycle!

This launch includes providing information to you to share with your chapter members and potential scholar applicants, serves to update you on this year's process, and invites you to attend one (or more) of our planned training sessions. Please see the e-mail below to all of you from the GFF Scholarship Chair, GF Fawn Robinson to assist you with this Cycle's process and share with your chapter members.

Dear GF Presidents and GFF Liaisons,

It's that time of the year again! Please see the below documents regarding the 2022 Girl Friends Fund, Inc. Scholarship Cycle:

- **Scholarship Application (illable document to be shared with the candidates)** - <http://girlfriendsfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/GirlFriendsFundScholarshipApplicationFillableForm.pdf>
- **Chapter Liaison Instruction Sheet (For chapter liaisons only)** - <http://girlfriendsfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/ChapterLiaisonInformationSheet-GFFundScholarship.pdf>
- **Frequent Asked Questions (For chapter liaisons only)** - http://girlfriendsfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/FREQUENTLY_ASKED_QUESTIONS.pdf

You can also find these documents on the password-protected webpage. There is a link at the bottom of the 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.

GF Chapters will manually process the applications. Please read the Chapter Liaison Instruction Sheet in detail. There will be one training session in January to ensure all chapter representatives feel comfortable with the scholarship process and online submission process. RSVP for Training at <http://girlfriendsfund.org/training>

If you have any questions feel free to contact me (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 1st.**

Thank you for your continued support of the GF Fund and its mission!! We look forward to receiving your scholarship candidates!

GF Fawn Robinson

GFF Scholarship Chair
Pittsburgh Chapter



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SILENT AUCTION

November 19, 2021

Dear Girl Friends Chapter Presidents and Liaisons,

It's that time of year again! Time to begin thinking about and planning for the 2022 GFF Silent Auction.

This one is scheduled to be a gathering of girl friends in Cancun, Mexico. This initial letter is to inform you of the Auction Committee's plan to once again be in the room at the 2022 Eunice Shreeves Luncheon scheduled for Thursday, May 12 at noon.

Please ask your chapter members to thinking about how you plan to support the 2022 Silent Auction Fundraiser. The auction tables would look terrific featuring beach vacation items, diva fashions, eye popping jewelry, or any items of your choice. So, let's just load up those auction tables. While you are deciding how to support the auction, please do not forget the Boy Friends. We are sure they will love to get in on the bidding action! Let's try and surprise them with some excellent sought after items.

We are so looking forward to watching the fun tactics, jostling, and strategies that Girl Friends are so famous for to ensure they snag the special auction item that can't leave conclave without them unless its in their luggage or shipping cart. Bring on the BIDDING WAR!

Please know that if chapters and/or Girl Friends choose a less stressful way to support the Silent auction, the committee is always ready to receive monetary donations. If that is your choice you may send in your monetary donations NOW. Donations can made on the website girlfriendsfund.org or by mail to GF Tamara Turnley Robinson at 3348 Brickey Ln, Marietta, GA 30068. PLEASE include the donation form from the website with your check. Make sure you indicate that this donation is to the Silent Auction. All donations are for scholarships and are tax deductible.

Stay tuned, Girl Friends! More updates and instructions are forthcoming leading up to the Conclave. However, if you have questions or concerns you are always welcome to contact GFF Silent Auction Committee Chairman GF Sonya Goldsboro at jgolds64@gmail.com or text 702-400-0201.

Girl Friendly always,

GF Sonya Goldsboro

GFF Silent Auction Committee Chairman
Las Vegas Chapter





FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS



#GIVINGTUESDAY

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement. Once again the Girl Friends Fund, Inc.® has joined this movement that will take place on November 30 to support our efforts of Bringing Dreams to Life by raising \$20,000 to help fund our many scholarships awarded to high-achieving, African-American students who face significant financial obstacles in their path toward a college education. We are counting on you! Girl Friends!! Please considering giving \$10 or more on GivingTuesday and encourage 10 or more of your family and friends to join you on November 30 by also donating \$10 to the Girl Friends Fund, Inc.®.

You don't have to wait, you can start giving now! Remember donations are tax deductible.

girlfriendsfund.org/givingtuesday



AMAZONSMILE

AmazonSmile is a program that rewards participating non-profit organizations 0.5% of purchases, made by its members. It is so easy to join. Just sign up for the service, and indicate The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.® as your preferred charity. With holiday shopping upon us, let's get the majority of our members, family and friends to join AmazonSmile and indicate The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.® as their charity of choice. With this effort, it will not be long before proceeds from their purchases will grow into an amount that can potentially fund one or more scholarships. Please support us through AmazonSmile.



DONATE BEFORE THE END OF 2021!!!
BENEFIT FROM THE 2020 CARES ACT!!



Chapter Donors like you allow us to continue Bringing Dreams to Life. Your ongoing support is greatly needed. The 2020 CARES Act passed by the 116th U. S. Congress added “a new provision that provides an above-the-line deduction for charitable contributions, plus, the limits on charitable contributions are changed”.

Please consider donations before the end of the year to The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.® and share the word. Donations can be made one-time or monthly. There are three (3) convenient options available:

1. Text GIVETOGFF to 44321
2. Use this link: <http://girlfriendsfund.org/donate/>
3. Mail your check payable to: The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.®

GF Tamara Turnley Robinson
3348 Brickey Lane
Marietta, GA 30068

Please include the donation form with your check:
GFF Donation Form



HAPPY *Holidays!*



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