



Bringing Dreams to Life

ANNUAL YEAR END REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E



The last two and one half years have been unlike any we have experienced. The covid 19 pandemic does not seem to disappear. We are all tired of Zoom meetings, face masks, social distancing and any other restrictions imposed by federal, state, local and CDC guidelines. Yet, we continue to move forward and meet and conquer the challenges we face.

We as Girl Friends continue to support each other and maintain our conviviality. I am so proud and honor to serve as the fifteenth President of the Girl Friend Fund Incorporated. The Girl Friends Fund has not floundered in our commitment to provide financial support to our needy college students. Even though this past program year has proven to be challenging, it has still been inspiring.

I began my role as national president of the Girl Friends Fund after serving as the immediate vice president and prior to that as secretary of the Fund. These positions provided me with insight and information on the workings of GFF. My administration began with newly Board elected officers and five new Board of Directors. The officers forming my administrative team include newly elected Vice President, GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall; Secretary, Emily Monago; Assistant Secretary, Jaqueline Randolph; and returning Financial Secretary Tamara Turnley Robinson and Treasurer Lori Parker. The five new Board of Directors serving three year terms are Lynnette Crenshaw (Cleveland), Faith Hairston (Toledo), Emily Monago (Toledo, member-at-large), Sheryl Smith (Orlando), and Lashell Vaughn (Memphis). My role is to provide leadership, bring this group of volunteers together and form a cohesive team to accomplish the goal of the Girl Friends Fund.

Unfortunately this program year, we lost two icons of the Fund. GF Mirian C. Shropshire (Atlanta) was the fourth President of the Girl Friends Fund from 1995 – 2000 and passed in October of 2021. GF Kathlynn Duffy Espy (Columbus) served as a Director from 2019 – 2021 and passed this year. This first year of my administration “Girl Friends Fueling the Future” was a continuation of striving to make GFF as effective and efficient as possible.

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Major accomplishments include the following:

- Hired a webmaster; Updating the website
- Secured \$5000 donation from ProMedica Healthcare for students interested in medical and STEM college programs
- ProMedica promised to work with our scholars in all areas by providing workshops and internships
- Corporate Development Committee developed a brochure to use to further corporate donations
- Reviewing and updating The Policy and Procedure Manual
- Reviewing and updating GFF Bylaws
- Interviewed for a bookkeeper as recommended by the auditors
- Worked with Ameriprise advisor and developed best guidelines for using funds;
- Opened a second Ameriprise account for restricted funds.
- Consolidated Bank of America accounts to become more efficient
- Held virtual Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Fundraiser

The Girl Friends Fund is so grateful to Girl Friends, Incorporated for voting to make GFF its national project every two years. We received our first check in the amount of \$28,000 from this vote at the 2022 Cancun conclave. The support we receive from Girl Friends, Boy Friends and family and friends is invaluable. I sincerely look forward to working with the Fund as it continues to thrive and grow and provide more students with opportunities in "Bringing Dreams To Life".

Fueling the Future,

Marie Latham Bush

Girl Friend Marie Latham Bush, President
Toledo Chapter

G I R L F R I E N D S F U N D H I S T O R Y

“Bringing Dreams to Life One Scholarship at a Time”

The Girl Friends Fund, Inc (GFF, Inc.) was incorporated in Texas on February 22, 1988 and was recognized as a non-profit charitable organization by a five-year advance ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on June 30, 1989. The Final Ruling of the IRS that the GFF, Inc. continue operation as a non-profit charitable organization was received from the IRS on December 1, 2008.

The GFF, Inc. was the brainchild of Girl Friends Ersa Posten and Helen Wright, past national presidents of the Girl Friends, Inc. (GF, Inc.). Prior to the 1987 Girl Friends Conclave, GF, Inc. then national president GF Carolyn Wells appointed a three-member committee to explore the feasibility of securing a 501C-3 public charity tax exemption from the IRS for the GF, Inc. Members of the committee were GFs Joan Sessoms Ford (Chairperson), Helen Wright (GF Advisory Board Chairperson) and Yvonne Gandy. The committee's recommendation to the delegates to the 1987 Girl Friends Conclave approved the establishment of a separate charitable corporation. Tax-deductible contributions could be made to this fund. The mission of this corporation was to provide financial assistance for college bound students who demonstrated financial need and distribution of proceeds from fundraising for other charitable purposes. This separate fund was named “The Girl Friends Fund” (GFF) by vote of the Conclave delegates.

As required for incorporation in Texas, initial Board members elected were Girl Friends Rebecca Kingslow as Chairperson, Lucille Blondin and Joan Sessoms Ford as Directors. They in turn elected interim officers GFs Konnetta P. Sparks, President; and Yvonne Gandy, Secretary-Treasurer to serve until the first GFF, Inc. Board of Directors meeting. As Legal Counsel, Joan Sessoms Ford was charged with preparation of all documents necessary for incorporation and filing with the IRS for tax exempt charitable status. Five members of the Dallas Chapter served as incorporators and signed the document for filing for incorporation on December 22, 1989.

The first meeting of the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. Board of Directors was held at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Texas on May 27, 1989, and was convened by Interim President, Konnetta Sparks. Upon her election as the first president of the GFF, Inc., Chrystine Shack assumed the presidential role and proceeded with the meeting. Other initial officers were GFs Margaret Bush Wilson (Vice President), Cecile Springer (Secretary) and Lucille Blondin (Treasurer.) The first Directors were GFs Paquita Attaway, Lucille Blondin, Joan Sessoms Ford, Mae Johnson, Rebecca Kingslow, Irma Roy, Margaret Rucker, Chrystine Shack, Cecile Springer, Margaret Bush Wilson, and Konnetta P. Sparks (ex-officio). A projected three-year budget needed for filing with the IRS was developed by Yvonne Gandy, Konnetta Sparks, Cecile Springer and Helen Wright, dated May 27, 1989.

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Revised by-laws developed by Joan Sessoms Ford were reviewed and commented upon by the GFF, Inc. Board and the GF, Inc. membership and were approved on May 24, 1990 at the GFF, Inc. first annual meeting in Orlando, Florida and signed by Chrystine Shack (President), Joan Sessoms Ford (Legal Counsel), Cecile Springer (Secretary) and Margaret Bush Wilson (Vice President).

The first fundraiser of the GFF, Inc. was a Girl Friends Fund Wheel. This was a raffle spearheaded by GF Paquita Attaway on May 27, 1992 at the GFF, Inc. Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA. GFs Rebecca Kingslow and Lucille Blondin presented the framework of the GFF, Inc. scholarship program to the Board, and the first scholarship was awarded in 1995 under the guidance of GF Florence Sharpless as Scholarship Chairperson.

The Girl Friends Fund, Incorporated Endowment Fund was established in 2002 during the administration of GF Esther C. Marioneaux for whom the Endowment Fund was later named during the presidency of GF Lynda Carroll. GF Lynda awarded the first Esther C. Marioneaux Endowment Fund medallions to each Girl Friend who made a one-time \$250 donation to the Endowment Fund. This practice has been continued by each subsequent president. In addition to the General Scholarship Fund, through the beneficence of Girl Friends and/or their families, the GFF, Inc. has created five additional "named scholarships," called "Scholarships of Distinction": the GF Carolyn M. Carter Memorial Scholarship, the Anita Peek Gilger, MD Trust; the GF Juanita P. Humphrey Scholarship; the GF Gwendolyn G. Johnson Scholarship; and the GF Carole Temple Phillips Scholarship.

The presidents of the GFF, Inc. have all spearheaded outstanding activities.

GF Konnetta P. Sparks (1989), Girl Friends, Inc. President in 1989, and interim GFF, Inc. President in 1989, led the establishment of the GFF, Inc. through every stage of its creation. She is considered the "Mother of the Girl Friends Fund, Inc.", and evidences the close bond between the GF, Inc. and the GFF, Inc.

GF Chrystine Shack (1989 – 1992) oversaw the approval of the Revised Bylaws, the approval of the first GFF, Inc. fundraiser and development and advancing of the framework for the Scholarship Program during her tenure.

GF Helen K. Wright (1992 – 1995) initiated a significant fundraiser of printing the GFF, Inc. bylaws in booklet form and sold to Girl Friends for \$10 each booklet and assured the purchase of the first Certificates of Deposit by the GFF, Inc.

GF Miriam Shropshire (1995 – 2000) worked tirelessly to raise money for GFF, Inc. scholarships.

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GF Esther C. Marioneaux (2000 – 2002), in addition to starting the GFF, Inc. Endowment Fund, changed the composition of the Board to create transition terms to ensure that experienced Directors always remained a part of the Board.

GF Lynda P. Carroll (2002 – 2005) initiated the giving of medallions for contributions of \$250 to the Endowment Fund. She oversaw the renaming of the Endowment Fund in honor of GF Esther C. Marioneaux, and initiated perpetual plaques inscribed with the names of Girl Friends giving \$250 or more. GF Linda also prepared the first Annual Report.

GF Phoebe A. Haddon (2005 – 2007) consulted with a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to identify GFF, Inc. financial data inadequacies and proposed a contract with that same CPA to correct those inadequacies and preserve the GFF, Inc.'s tax exempt status.

GF Carole T. Phillips (2007 – 2010) worked with the GFF, Inc.'s CPA in retrieving needed financial data for filing with the IRS. She secured the IRS Final Determination letter of tax exemption as a public charity for the GFF, Inc. required after the five-year advance ruling period. She created the Endowment Fund Certificates to honor donations beyond the initial \$250 donation. The Carole Temple Phillips named scholarship was created in 2010 by the then Board of Directors and made a recurring scholarship by GF Carole in 2014.

GF Elaine Effort (2010 – 2012) launched the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. website, with a generous donation from the family of Cleveland GF Lillian H. Gregory, with legacy Girl Friends in the Cleveland, Potomac and California chapters. The GF Fund's interactive website allows scholars to apply online, encourages chapters to share special events and updates, and makes it easy and safe for GF members, family members, friends and other community and business resources to support the Fund through online donations.

GF Andrea L. Johnson (2012 – 2013) completed a comprehensive revision of the GFF, Inc. bylaws. She contracted for, and finalized, a complete GFF audit by a CPA established a Conflict-of-Interest Policy for the Board and established the GF Gwendolyn G. Johnson Scholarship in honor of her mother.

GF Cynthia Carter Cole (2013 – 2015) oversaw the GFF, Inc.'s most successful Silent Auction, partnering with St. Johns Knits to develop "GFF Shopping Days" that provided members a discount and allowed GFF, Inc. profit sharing. She also secured underwriting of a portion of the GFF, Inc. Luncheon by St. Johns Knits. GF Cindy partnered with the David Yurman Outlet in Las Vegas, which provided members discount shopping. She established the GF Carolyn M. Carter Scholarship in her mother's honor.

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GF Cecelia B. Henderson (2015 – 2017) commissioned a limited-edition bracelet engraved with the GFF, Inc. logo on one side and 'Bringing Dreams to Life' on the other side. Bracelets were marketed to Girl Friends as a fundraiser. She also started the GFF, Inc. Book Fair in 2017 through partnership with Barnes and Noble. She initiated personalizing the Esther Marioneaux Endowment Fund Medallions with the name and Conclave date of the donors.

GF LaVerne N. Boyd (2017 – 2019) successfully secured the trademarking of the GFF logo and the motto "Bringing Dreams to life" and initiated the implementation of a QuickBooks Financial Program for the membership of the GF, Inc. GF LaVerne commissioned a commemorative sterling silver bracelet, to memorialize the 2019 New York and future Conclaves. A Pioneer Campaign was also originated under her administration which, concurrently with the 30th Anniversary of the Fund, celebrated 48 Pioneer Girl Friends who initiated and formed the foundation for the Fund in a historically successful campaign at the 2019 Eunice Shreeves Luncheon.

GF Ann E. Walters-Pope (2019 – 2021) advanced technical tools to facilitate communication with members and launched an individual member email communication system to reach the Fund's over 1700+ members.

The amendment to the Bylaws of The Girl Friends®, Inc., including the provision that the funding from the National Project will now be awarded to The Fund on even years passed successfully. GF Ann implemented an online donation platform, Give Lively, that tracks donations and immediately sends Thank You responses. During this unprecedented pandemic, GF Ann designed and implemented the first ever Giving Tuesday Campaign that raised over \$16,000. Additionally, under her administration a first-time partnership with the Alzheimer's Association was established resulting in the funding of a named scholarship and the Fund's participation in their R25 grant that ensures a recipient will be a GFF Scholar. She designed the artwork for the ScholarSip campaign mug which collaboratively realized revenues of more than \$10,000, selling nearly 550 mugs. The GFF Bylaws were reviewed thoroughly, and proposed amendments sent to the members for review and approval. GF Ann created the 2021 Eunice Shreeves Scholarship luncheon format and theme, Pairings with a Purpose, which for the first time sold an unprecedented 280 tickets with income in excess of \$40,000.

All members of The Girl Friends, Inc. are members of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. We are one team with one mission. In recognition of the special importance of access to higher education for all and despite widespread economic instability and rising tuition costs we remain committed to eradicating the inequalities in educational opportunities in particular for African American young women and men that are low income and under-represented in universities

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and colleges across America. We have strength in numbers! We are a lifeline to our aspiring scholars and will remain so!

We gratefully acknowledge the historical work of the 2015 – 2017 History Committee: Co-Chairs GF Nina Jennings and GF Sheila J. Williams, the 2001 History of GF Cecile Springer, and the efforts of G.F. Lynne Bannister.

We also acknowledge GF Joan Sessoms Ford, Esq. for providing this history write-up and also note that additional updates were added in May 2021.

PAST PRESIDENTS EMERITI



GF Ann E. Walters-Pope
Miami Chapter
2019 – 2021



GF Phoebe A. Haddon
Philadelphia Chapter
2005 – 2007



GF LaVerne Nichols Boyd
Cleveland Chapter
2017 – 2019



GF Lynda P. Carroll
New Orleans Chapter
2001 – 2005



GF Cecelia B. Henderson
Buffalo Chapter
2015 – 2017



GF Esther C. Marioneaux
Charlotte Chapter
2000 – 2001



GF Cynthia Carter Cole
Boston Chapter
2013 – 2015



GF Mirian Shropshire
Atlanta Chapter
1995 – 2000



GF Andrea L. Johnson
California Chapter
2012 – 2013



GF Helen Wright
Cleveland Chapter
1992 – 1995



GF Elaine Effort
Pittsburgh Chapter
2010 – 2012



GF Chrystine Shack
Memphis Chapter
1989 – 1992



GF Carole T. Phillips
Brooklyn Chapter
2007 – 2010



GF Konetta Sparks
New York Chapter
1989 (Interim)

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



After serving as Secretary of the board of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. (The Fund), for two years, I was humbled to have been elected to serve as its Vice President, in 2021. Thank you, for placing your confidence in me, to fill this very important role, within our organization.

The goal of The Fund is to raise money to support college scholarships for high achieving, African American scholars, who otherwise might struggle with financing their education. In my role as Vice President, I endeavored to remain knowledgeable of all functions of the board, especially as this position would be expected to function in the absence of the President and, in the event she is unable to fulfill her tenure.

The President of The Fund and I held routine conversations, to discuss board activities. In addition to supporting the President, other officers and committee Chairs, I was tasked with Chairing the Corporate Development Committee. To that end, I recruited a team of individuals who I believed had the skills and interest to fundraise. The committee drafted a letter of solicitation that was sent to potential donors. We also produced a brochure that showcases some former recipients of the Girl Friends Fund scholarship awards to let prospective donors know the impact of our financial support. Other outstanding scholars will be featured on the website of The Fund.

Many corporations offer to match donations to non-profit organizations. In an effort to maximize such, from members of The Girl Friends, Inc. and their associates, we are creating a Matching Gifts solicitation page that will be sent to all members and posted on the website of The Fund. I worked with the Jewelry Special Events co-chairs to finalize work on the Cancun Charm.

I attended regular meetings of the Planning Committee for the Eunice Shreeves virtual celebration and reached out to several organizations to identify one that could provide a video for the event. I then worked with the selected vendor to effect the agreement for the virtual event.

We continued to promote the AmazonSmile initiative and encourage more members to sign up and help raise those funds.

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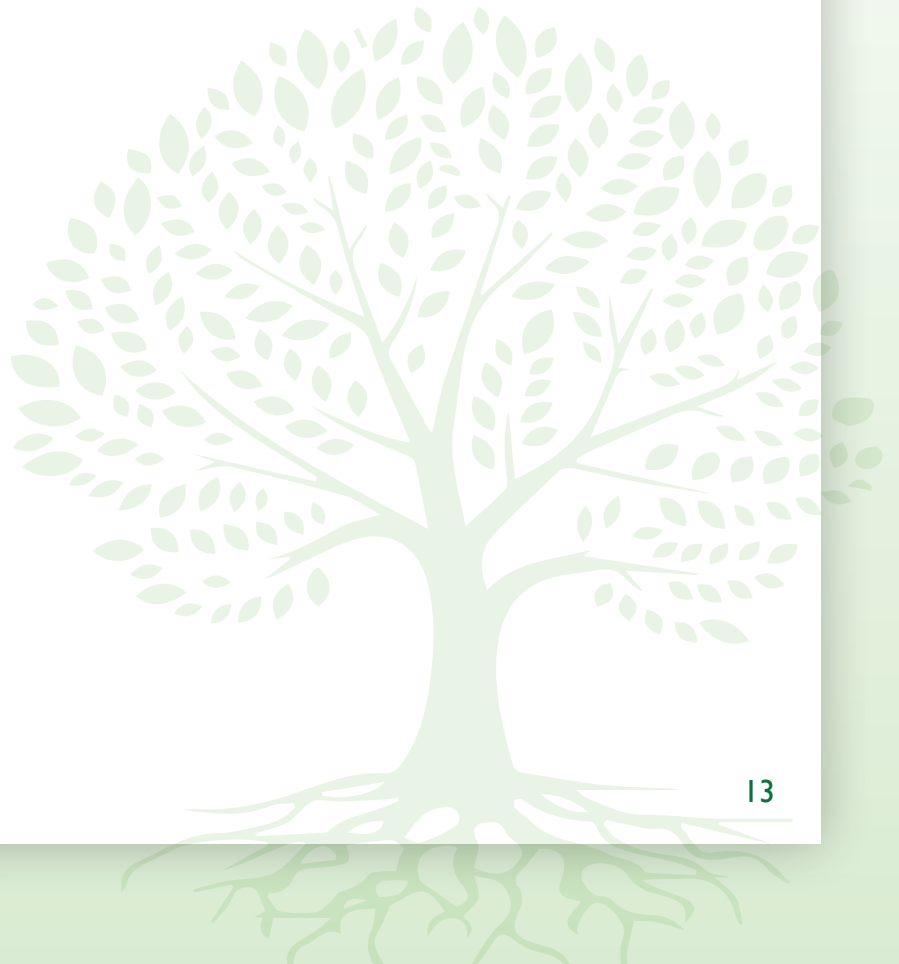
As the board continued to ensure all documents are current, I presented recommended additions and/or edits to The Fund's Policies and Procedures manual to the board for review and approval.

I have been actively involved with The Fund over my 39 years of membership in The Girl Friends, Inc. Being able to impact lives of deserving scholars, through my service on the board of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. has indeed been fulfilling. Thank you, again, for the privilege of serving as Vice President of the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. and for your support of me in this role.

With a grateful heart,

Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall

GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall, Vice President
Dallas Chapter



SECRETARY'S REPORT



Dear Girl Friends,

I am honored to serve as Secretary of the Board for The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. This is my first year of service as the Secretary and it has been an enjoyable networking and learning experience.

My responsibilities are to record history in the making as I take minutes at the monthly meetings, schedule and call board meetings, and record the attendance. The monthly meetings that I have been able to work on were scheduled from September 2021 to April 2022.

Toward the second half of my term as secretary, I have been fortunate to work alongside GF Jacqueline Randolph, Assistant Secretary, who at my request, agreed to review and co-edit draft meeting minutes. Due to her superior editing skills, we have had draft minutes for Board review with their feedback that the minutes were perfect.

As a new member of the Board, I have had a great experience contributing to the success of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. I look forward to contributing even more during the second half of my two-year term. Thank you, to all Girl Friends for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Emily Ann Monago

GF Emily Ann Monago, PhD, MPA, Secretary
Toledo Chapter

ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT



Dear Girl Friends and Fund Members,

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Assistant Secretary for the last year under the leadership of Girl Friend Fund President Marie Latham Bush. It is my responsibility to assure that the close to 400 contributions to the Girl Friend Fund this fiscal year are each acknowledged.

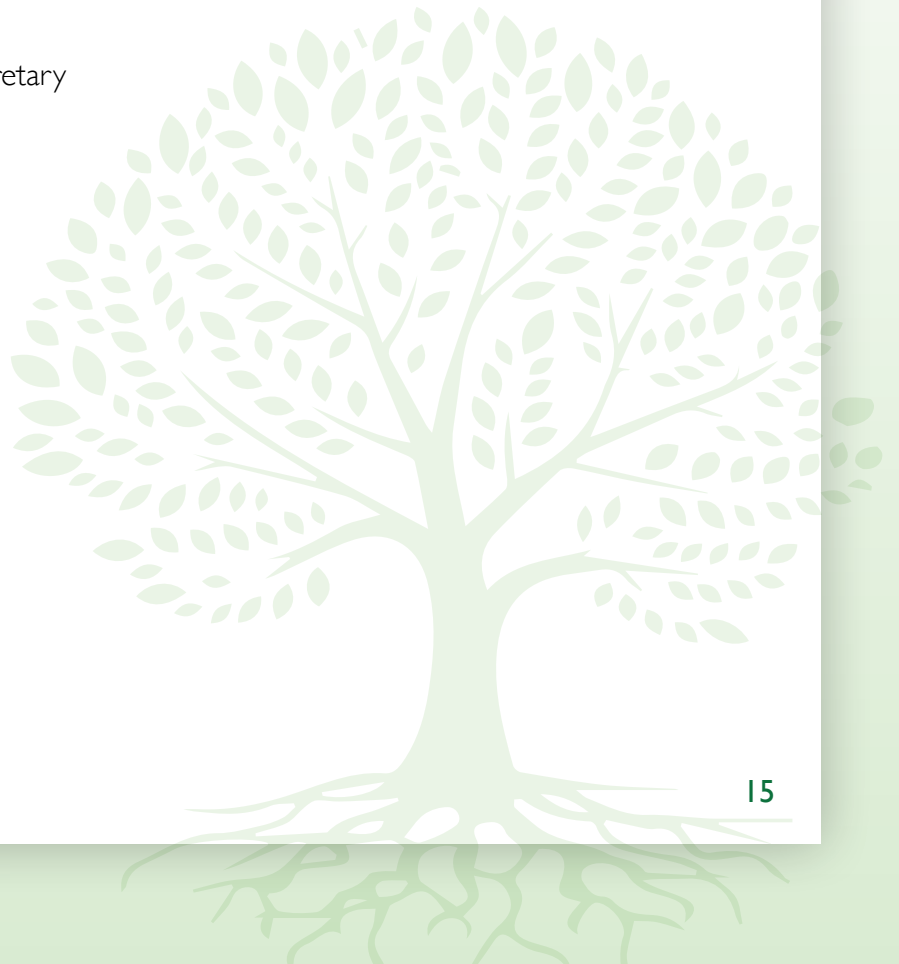
It has been my honor to assist the Fund secretary, Emily Monago. I have reviewed the draft monthly minutes as shared with me prior to the monthly meetings. And in the absence of the Fund secretary, I have taken meticulous notes and completed the the roll call at the start of the meeting.

It is with sincere gratitude that I thank the Executive Board for their ongoing collaboration and support.

In Service & Girl Friendly Friendship.

Jacqueline Randolph

GF Jacqueline Randolph, Assistant Secretary
New Haven Chapter



TREASURER'S REPORT



Dear Girl Friends Fund Board and Girl Friends,

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as your Treasurer under the dynamic leadership of our Girl Friends Fund President GF Marie Latham Bush.

As Treasurer for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, my responsibilities consisted of maintaining the financial records of the GFF assets.

One of my duties was to ensure that all transactions were recorded according to General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Additionally, all donations were timely deposited into the appropriate bank accounts at Bank of America. To maintain transparency and accountability all deposits and receipts were properly recorded in the check register and reconciled against the bank statements. The monthly financial reports included the income (donations), expenditures (expenses), and any outstanding checks.

It has been a privilege to serve on the GFF Board and to assist in "Bringing Dreams to Life" for our young scholars. I would like to thank GF Tamara Turnley-Robinson for providing me with accurate and timely financial secretary reports to complete my job efficiently. I would also like to thank the GFF board and GF Marie for their support and encouragement during my tenure.

In Girl Friendly Service,

Lori Parker

GF Lori L. Parker, Treasurer
Dallas Chapter

THE GIRL FRIENDS FUND, INC

2021 – 2022 TREASURER’S ANNUAL REPORT

Accounts	Checking Operating	Savings Committed	Savings Restricted	Savings Endowment	Bank of America	Ameriprise Investments
	#1897	#0753	#4450	#0458		
Beginning Balance 07/01/2021	\$170,010.65	\$94,578.15	\$113,641.21	\$9,540.28	\$387,770.29	\$381,780.69

FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022 INCOME

Monthly Income					FY2021-2022	FY2021-2022
July	\$80.00	\$4.02	\$4.83	\$0.41	\$89.26	
August	\$3,797.39	\$4.02	\$4.83	\$0.41	\$3,806.65	
September	\$80.00	\$3.68	\$4.42	\$0.37	\$88.47	
October	\$8,333.00	\$3.21	\$3.86	\$0.32	\$8,340.39	
November	\$724.30	\$3.11	\$3.74	\$0.31	\$731.46	
December*	\$811.75	\$	\$	\$208,263.03	\$209,074.78	
January	\$24,974.60	\$	\$	\$0.02	\$24,974.62	
February	\$8,754.30	\$	\$	\$0.02	\$8,754.32	
March	\$4,944.53	\$	\$	\$0.02	\$4,944.55	
April	\$23,160.82	\$	\$	\$0.02	\$23,160.84	
May	\$6,021.91	\$	\$	\$0.02	\$6,021.93	
June	\$45,934.85	\$	\$	\$0.02	\$45,934.87	
Total Income as of 6/30/2022	\$127,617.45	\$18.04	\$21.68	\$208,264.97	\$335,922.14	

FISCAL YEAR EXPENSES 2021 – 2022

Monthly Expenses	Operating	Committed	Restricted	Endowment		
July	\$(66.00)	\$	\$	\$	\$(66.00)	
August	\$(187.60)	\$	\$	\$	\$(187.60)	
September	\$(81,065.10)	\$	\$	\$	\$(81,065.10)	
October	\$(28.69)	\$	\$	\$	\$(28.69)	
November	\$(79.88)	\$	\$	\$	\$(79.88)	
December	\$(42.34)	\$	\$	\$(60.00)	\$(42.34)	
January	\$(159.40)	\$	\$	\$	\$(159.40)	
February	\$(1,351.15)	\$	\$	\$	\$(1,351.15)	
March	\$(525.00)	\$	\$	\$	\$(525.00)	
April	\$(6,869.30)	\$	\$	\$	\$(6,869.30)	
May	\$(2,549.12)	\$	\$	\$	\$(2,549.12)	\$(88,001.22)
June	\$(1,714.84)	\$	\$	\$	\$(1,714.84)	
Total Expenses as of 06/30/2022	\$(94,638.42)	\$	\$x	\$(60.00)	\$(94,698.42)	

Market Loss

BOARD APPROVED TRANSFERS

12/1/2021*		\$(94,596.19)	\$(113,662.89)	\$(217,252.00)		217,252.00
Board Approved Transfers		\$(94,596.19)	\$(113,662.89)	\$(217,252.00)	\$(425,511.08)	
Bank Ending Balances 06/30/2022	\$202,989.68			\$493.25	\$203,482.93	\$511,031.47
Total Net Assets Bank of America & Ameriprise						\$714,514.40

* Committed and Restricted Accounts closed on 12/01/2021 with board approval and funds transferred.

Respectfully Submitted, GF Lori L. Parker - July 15, 2022

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT



Tamara Turnley Robinson

GF Tamara Turnley Robinson,
Financial Secretary
Atlanta Chapter

THE GIRLFRIENDS FUND, INC. REVENUE RECEIVED

2022 FISCAL YEAR

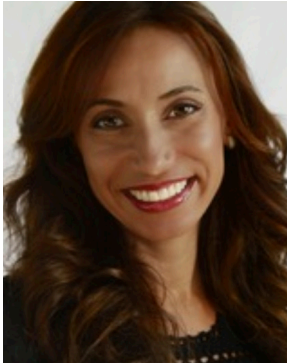
REVENUE CATEGORY	REVENUE RECEIVED
General Donations	\$68,656.36
Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon	\$19,138.99
Anita P. Gilger Trust	\$17,000.00
Jacqueline Hrabowski Scholarship	\$6,000.00
GFF Signature Jewelry	\$4,846.71
Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon Silent Auction	\$4,425.48
Esther Marioneaux Endowment Fund*	\$3,150.00
Pioneers of the Fund Campaign	\$1,904.08
Carolet Phillips Scholarship	\$1,750.00
Gwendolyn Johnson Scholarship	\$1,300.00
Other	\$802.36
Carolyn Carter Scholarship	\$650.00
Total	\$129,623.98

*Esther Marioneaux break down on next chart

ESTHER MARIONEUX 2021 – 2022

NAME	CHAPTER	AMOUNT
Jacqueline Bontemps	Newport News	\$500.00
Robin Belle	Washington DC	\$250.00
Jacqueline Randolph	New Haven	\$500.00
Shauna Tucker Sims	New Haven	\$300.00
E Paulett Moore Rogers	New Haven	\$300.00
Deborah Allen	Charlotte	\$300.00
Mary Childs	Fairfield County	\$100.00
Jacqueline Hrabowski	Baltimore	\$300.00
Leslie Douglas-Churchwell	New Haven	\$300.00
Roanoke Chapter	Roanoke	\$300.00
Total		\$3,150.00

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT



Dear Girl Friends Fund Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Parliamentarian of the Girl Friends Fund again this year. My responsibilities this past year have consisted of ensuring that the Girls Friend Fund abides by our Bylaws, reviewing our Bylaws from time to time on various matters, reviewing and providing opinions on protocols relating to adjustments due to Covid restrictions, including the location and timing of the annual board meeting.

Given that Conclave was held in Mexico this year, we looked at implications related to selling merchandise supporting the Girl Friends Fund abroad. As the Girl Friends Fund seeks additional ways of generating revenue, I explored the feasibility of collaborative efforts between local chapters fundraising efforts and those of the Fund. I also worked with GFF Vice President Roslyn Thibodeaux on the corporate matching gift program.

The Girl Friends Fund continues to grow our efforts to support the academic endeavors of our young scholars no matter the obstacles or challenges we may face. I am proud to serve as an officer of the Fund and grateful to be of service in ensuring that we abide by the Bylaws and other appropriate rules, regulations and best practices in the execution of our philanthropic endeavors.

Respectfully yours

Tracey Allison

GF Tracey Allison, Parliamentarian
California Chapter



Scholarships

2022 SCHOLARS



Makaila Hyman
University of Maryland
Political Science
Baltimore Chapter



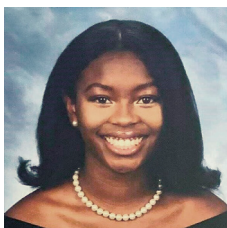
Sarah Elizabeth Noel
Kent State University
Business Administration
Buffalo Chapter



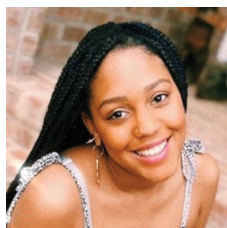
Troy Williams-Ruffin
Ohio State University
Business Management
Cleveland Chapter



Taylor Donald
Clemson University
Biology
Columbia Chapter



Trennedey Wade
Spelman College
Biological Sciences
Dallas Chapter



Allyson Lawrence
North Carolina A&T
State University
Business Management
Durham Chapter



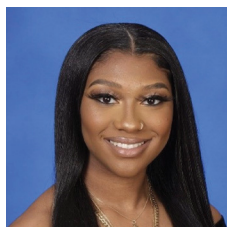
Anisa Richardson
Spelman College
Political Science
Fairfield County
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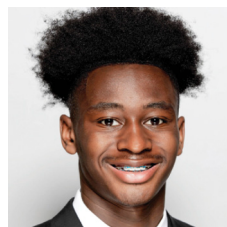
Jonathan Luines
USC Columbia
Business
Greenville Chapter



Dre Boyd-Weatherly
University of Nevada
Political Science
Las Vegas Chapter



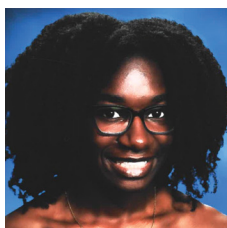
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Mass Communication
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University of Kentucky
Public Health
Louisville Chapter



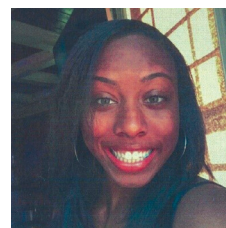
Troi Slade
Yale University
*Mechanical/Aerospace
Engineering*
New Jersey Chapter



Nicole Shorter
Florida International
University
Biology
Orlando Chapter



Julian Westray
University of
Southern California
Biomedical Engineerin
Pittsburgh Chapter



Alaysia Oakes
Stanford University
*Econometrics and
Quantitative Economics*
Roanoke Chapter

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT



Girl Friends Fund Scholarship Committee was pleased to provide opportunities for Girlfriends across the country to support student success through the Girl Friend Fund, Inc. The Scholarship Committee was tasked to organize and execute the 2021 – 2022 Scholarship Cycle and Scholars Renewal Process.

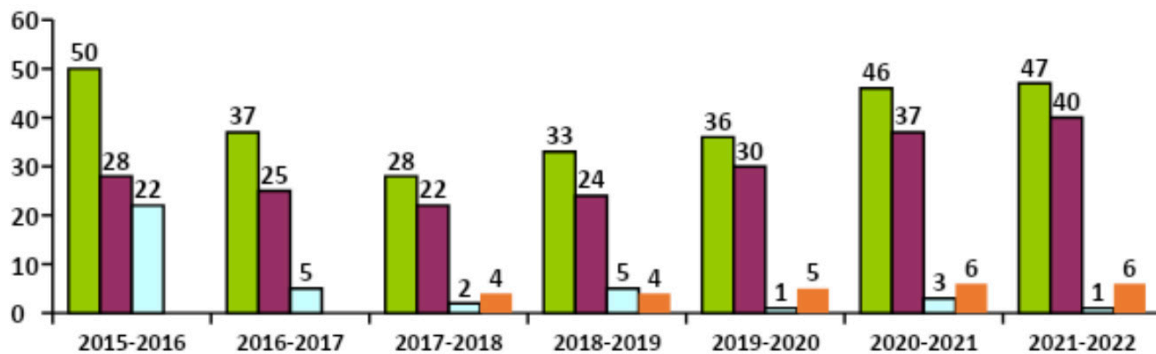
The Scholarship Committee Members are: GF Sonya Goldsboro (Las Vegas), GF Faith Hairston (Toledo), GF Annette Johnson (Albany), GF Jacqueline Randolph (New Haven), GF Cheryl Smith (Orlando), GF Nedra Starling (Cleveland), and GF Tamara Turnley-Robinson (Atlanta).

2021 Scholars Renewal Process

Each year, the Scholarship Committee reaches out to our scholars during the months of May – August 2021 to encourage the scholars to renew their scholarships. The scholars are eligible to renew the scholarship annually (up to four (4) years consecutively). The scholars must meet the renewal process criteria: (a) a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA at the end of each academic year; (b) enrolled full-time in an accredited four-year undergraduate institution; (c) completion the Returning Scholars Renewal Form; (d) official transcript; and (e) enrollment verification.

- 47 Past scholars were eligible to reapply for the scholarship with 41 scholars reapplied for the scholarship
- 40 scholars met the renewal requirements and received the annual scholarship which included nine (9) \$1,000 scholarships and one (1) scholars who received the GF Carolyn M. Carter Scholarship of \$3,000 to assist with cost of medical school applications.
- The scholarship checks were distributed in September 2021 along with the 16 new 2021 Scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT



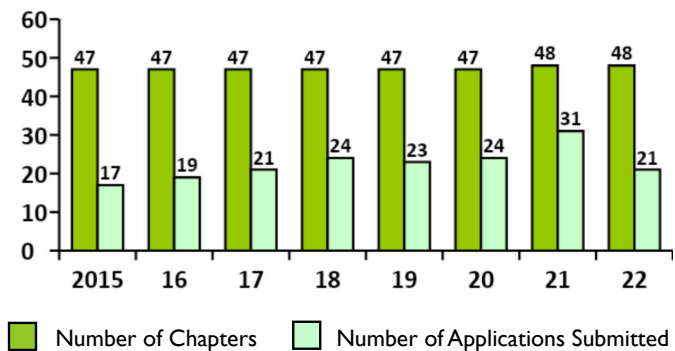
- Eligible for Renewal Scholarship
- Received the Scholarship
- Did not receive the Scholarship
- No contact from scholar/did not apply

For the 2022 – 2023 renewal scholarship cycle, the Scholars will be emailed in May 2022 with instructions regarding the online renewal form and submission of an official transcript and enrollment verification by July 31st. The online renewal form will be available on the Girl Friends Fund website June 1st – 31st. Scholarship checks will be distributed in September 2022.

2022 New Scholars Cycle

For the 2022 Scholarship Cycle, Chapter Presidents and Chapter Liaisons received the Scholarship Application through email in November 2021. The committee conducted a training session on January 30, 2022 with 10 Girlfriends attending the session. With the March 1st deadline, the Scholarship Committee received 21 applications which was a decrease of 10 applications from last year.

Chapter and Submitted Applications Comparison



SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The GF Chapters made it difficult for the scholarship reviewers, by submitting an incredible group of young scholars with amazing academic achievements, leadership initiatives, and service commitments.

The following 21 chapters submitted a Scholarship Application for the 2022 Scholarship Cycle:

- | | | | | |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Albany | 6. Columbia | 10. Greenville | 15. Orlando | 20. Trenton |
| 2. Baltimore | 7. Dallas | 11. Las Vegas | 16. Philadelphia | 21. Minneapolis/
St. Paul |
| 3. Boston | 8. Durham | 12. Louisville | 17. Pittsburgh | |
| 4. Buffalo | 9. Fairfield
County | 13. Miami | 18. Roanoke | |
| 5. Cleveland | | 14. New Jersey | 19. San Diego | |

Thank you to the 16 Scholarship Reviewers from eight Girlfriend chapters for reading, reviewing, and rating each application.

- **Birmingham Chapter** - GF Tamara Harris Johnson
- **Cincinnati Chapter** - GF Deborah Spradley
- **Golden State Chapter** - GF Stephanie Christmas, GF Holly Cousins, GF Felicia Duncan, GF Elna Hall, and GF Sidney Hunter
- **New Haven Chapter** - GF Gloria Chapman and GF Jacqueline Randolph
- **New Orleans Chapter** - GF Nikki Epps-Baham
- **Norfolk Chapter** - GF Alveta Green
- **Potomac Chapter** - GF Sandra Days
- **Toledo Chapter** - GF Faith Hairston, GF Emily Manogo, GF Monica McCain, and GF Lati Osinowo

The scores from each reviewer were tallied and combined together. A final list of the scores were submitted to The Fund Board for review and the 2022 Scholars will be announced at the Conclave.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Thank you for promoting the GFF scholarship, participating in the scholarship training, submitting scholarship applications, communicating with local school districts, cultivating our scholars, raising scholarship funds, and giving to The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. both in service and in dollars. As a committee, we strongly encourage each chapter to continue to mentor their scholars and strengthen the relationships between the chapter, scholars, and the local high schools in effort to generate more scholarship applications. Your efforts are impacting the development of the next generation and your continuous lovely friendship is embracing and creating a community of great scholars!

Respectfully Submitted

Fawn T. Robinson

GF Fawn T. Robinson, Scholarship Chair
Pittsburgh Chapter

GENERAL & NAMED DONATIONS

VISIONARY LEVEL (\$15,000 - \$30,000)

The Girl Friends, Inc.

Anita Peek Gilger, MD Trust

In honor of GF Laverne Boyd

PATRON LEVEL (\$5,000 - \$14,999)

Jacqueline Hrabowski Scholarship

Jacqueline Hrabowski

General Scholarship Fund

Alzheimer's Association

Promedica Health System

BENEFACTOR LEVEL (\$1000 - \$4,999)

Gwendolyn Johnson Named Scholarship

Cleveland Chapter

Carol Temple Phillips Named Scholarship

Carol Diggs Smith & Stephen M Smith, MD

General Scholarship Fund

Chapters

Columbus Chapter

In honor of GF Laverne King

Louisville Chapter

Orlando Chapter

San Diego Chapter

General Scholarship Fund

Individual Members

Jacqueline Bontemps, Newport News Chapter

A Crawford, UBS Financial

Lynnette Crenshaw, Dallas Chapter

Tangee Gibson, Dallas Chapter

Eva Martin, Las Vegas Chapter

Emily Monago, Toledo Chapter

Cheryl Smith, Orlando Chapter

BENEFACTOR LEVEL (\$1000 - \$4,999)

Non-members

Blackbaud Giving Fund

Drs. Michael Bush-Arnold &

Jaime McBride Bush-Arnold,

In Honor of Our Mother GFF President

Marie Latham Bush

GENERAL & NAMED DONATIONS

PARTNER LEVEL (\$250 - \$999)

General Scholarship Fund

Chapters

Baltimore Chapter

California Chapter

Columbia Chapter

Columbus Chapter,
In memory of GF Kathy Espy

Dallas Chapter

Detroit Chapter

Durham Chapter

Fairfield County Chapter

Memphis Chapter

Newport News Chapter

New York Chapter
In memory of Audraine Wilson

Pittsburgh Chapter

Richmond Chapter

Individual Members

Mona Baskin, Albany Chapter

Janice K Hall

Linda Harris, Greenville Chapter

Annette Johnson, Albany Chapter

Venita Owens, Dallas Chapter

Individual Members continued

Jacqueline Randolph, New Haven Chapter
In honor of GF Agnes Timpson, New Haven

Fawn Robinson, Pittsburgh Chapter

Lynne Williamson Rogers, Columbia Chapter,
In memory of BF James Rogers

Marzetta Sinkler, Roanoke Chapter,
In memory of BF William Sinkler

Paula Taylor, Trenton Chapter

Tamara Turnley Robinson, Atlanta Chapter

Barbara Lord Watkins, Dallas Chapter

Non-members

Pamela Gregory,
In Honor of GFF President Marie Latham Bush

Jason Turnley Robinson

Dr. Marvin Whitefield,
In Honor of GFF President Marie Latham Bush

Benevity Community Impact, William Bagby,
James Richardson

Blackbaud Giving Fund / Keybank Foundation

Carolyn Carter Named Scholarship

Jacqueline Randolph, New Haven

Carol Temple Phillips Named Scholarship

Carole Temple Phillips

GENERAL & NAMED DONATIONS

FRIEND LEVEL (\$25 - \$249)

Gwendolyn Johnson Named Scholarship

Cleveland Chapter

*In memory of BF William Cunningham,
husband of GF Patricia Turner Cunningham*

General Scholarship Fund Chapters

Atlanta Chapter

In memory of GF Mirian Chivers Shropshire

Houston Chapter

Roanoke Chapter

Individual Members

Jennifer Denise Alston, Roanoke Chapter

In honor of Jennifer Alston

Lori & Mark Arnecilla

In memory of Audraine Wilson

Mona Baskin, Buffalo

Maria Burch, Roanoke Chapter

Marie Latham Bush, Toledo Chapter

Leslie Douglas-Churchwell,
New Haven Chapter

Direxa Dearie, New York Chapter

In memory of Audraine Wilson

Honora Dearie, New York Chapter

In memory of Audraine Wilson

Mollie DeBerry, Roanoke Chapter

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. William DeBerry

Elaine Effort

Doris Ennis, Roanoke Chapter

In memory of Hugh Ennis Sr.

Individual Members continued

Doris Ennis, Roanoke Chapter

In memory of Hugh Ennis II

Aimee Fitzgerald, Toledo Chapter

Tanesha Francis, Brooklyn Chapter

Cynthia Gary, Dallas Chapter

Faye Gilchrist, Roanoke Chapter

In honor of BF Kenneth Haley

Faith Hairston, Toledo Chapter

Andrea Haley, Roanoke Chapter

In memory of Kenneth Haley

Thelma T. Haynesworth, Roanoke Chapter

In memory of Janice Burks

Patricia Henry, Roanoke Chapter

In honor of Shirley Powell (Emeritus)

Marguerite Jones, Las Vegas Chapter

Lisa King, Durham Chapter

Betty F. Kolb, Roanoke Chapter

In memory of GF Janice Burks

Carolyn Love, Philadelphia

Thelma Lovette, Pittsburgh Chapter

Carolyn Lowe, Philadelphia Chapter

Saron C. McEnheimer, Roanoke Chapter

In memory of Rebecca McEnheimer

Kimberlee Montgomery, Columbus Chapter

In memory of GF Kathy Espy

Susan Opotow, New York Chapter

In memory of Audraine Wilson

GENERAL & NAMED DONATIONS

FRIEND LEVEL continued (\$25 - \$249)

Individual Members continued

Carolyn Patterson, Roanoke Chapter
In memory of BF Vencil F. Patterson

Linda Mayo-Perez

Rhonda W. Poindexter, Roanoke Chapter

Joyce Ford Quick, Buffalo

Carolyn Shovely, Roanoke Chapter

Beth Sinkler, Roanoke Chapter
In memory of William "Bill" Sinkler

Barbara Lord Watkins, Dallas Chapter
In memory of GF Kathlynn Espy

Carolyn Carter Named Scholarship

Leslie Douglas-Churchwell (New Haven)

Carole Temple Phillips Named Scholarship

Carole Temple Phillips

Pioneers of The Fund Campaign

PARTNER LEVEL (\$500 and above)

Jacqueline Randolph, New Haven,
In honor of GF Agnes Timpson, New Haven

Joan Sessoms Ford, Dallas Chapter

MENTOR LEVEL (\$250 - \$499)

Annette Johnson, Albany Chapter

Lauren N. Ming

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

\$1000 +

Jacqueline Bontemps, Newport News Chapter
Eva Martin, Las Vegas Chapter

\$200 – \$499

Minneapolis/St. Paul Chapter
Albany Chapter
NHGF Foundation, Inc.
Cleveland Chapter

\$25 – \$199

Dallas Chapter
Venita Owens, Dallas Chapter
Sonya Goldsboro, Las Vegas Chapter
Marguerite Jones, Las Vegas Chapter



Committee Reports

SILENT AUCTION



The 2022 Silent Auction Scholarship Fundraising event culminated in April for the purpose of reporting for inclusion in the 2022 GFF Annual Report. However, monetary donations are welcome any time of the year going forward.

Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Girl Friends (GFs) were asked to make monetary donations as a chapter and/or as individual GFs. It is our pleasure to report that the total 2022 silent auction intake to date confirmed by the GFF Financial Secretary is \$4,425.48. The GFF Silent Auction Committee is so appreciative and grateful for the support of our GF, Inc. chapters and our GFF, Inc. individual members.

Because of the continuation of extenuating circumstances in 2022, a decision was made to conduct a 2022 Silent Auction monetary donation fundraising campaign. A letter of invitation to support the auction was created and disseminated to the Girl Friends Fund (GFF) members via the Chapter Presidents and Chapter Liaisons of the Girl Friends®, Inc. Again, the committee agreed that it would ask each chapter and individual GFs to make a monetary donation to the GFF Scholarship Fund in the name of the GFF 2022 Silent Auction Scholarship Fundraiser. Thus, the distribution of an invitational letter followed by monthly encouraging reminder letters were shared with our GFF, Inc. members. The committee is hopeful that by making this “ask,” the GFF Silent Auction would continue to remain relevant as a fundraising tool until we can return to our “face to face” gatherings augmented by exciting, fun, on-site silent auction tables full of unimaginable, desirable items for our GFs spirited bidding pleasure.

As of May 17, 2022, thank you e-cards had been sent to all donating GF chapters and donating individual GFs.

Girl Friendly Submitted,

Sonya Goldsboro

GF Sonya Goldsboro,
GFF 2021-2022 Silent Auction Committee Chair
Las Vegas Chapter

Silent Auction Committee Members

GF Jacqueline Bontemps
Newport News Chapter

GF Marcella Cox
Cleveland Chapter

GF Cecelia B. Henderson
Buffalo Chapter

INVESTMENT REPORT



The Girl Friends Fund (GFF)'s investments are managed by Ameriprise Financial Services Incorporated (AFSI) under the direction of William Babgy, the account manager since it was established in 2014. As voted upon in 2020, all scholarship funds contributed to the GFF would be held in this endowment account and will be called the Esther Marioneaux Endowment Fund. This account now affords the GFF the opportunity to fulfill its mission

of providing college scholarships to deserving youth.

In 2021, the Investment Committee recommended and the board approved that two full scholarships of \$6,000 each be awarded from this Ameriprise account. The Investment Committee will continue to monitor the performance of this account and determine annually the funds that will be applied to reoccurring scholarships.

During the past year, in collaboration with the Finance Committee, all banking and investment accounts were reviewed for their objectives and for their operational functions and management. It was recommended by the Treasurer and approved by the GFF Board of Directors that several operational accounts holding scholarship funds be combined. It was also approved by the GFF Board that short term investment options be researched and considered for the non-interest-bearing operational account holding restricted scholarship funds designated for recipients who have been granted full four-year scholarships of \$6,000 each. Based upon our goal of preserving the capital to be made available as needed during a four-year period, the Investment Committee met with Ameriprise to consider investment options. It was advised that we establish a separate managed account having a moderately conservative portfolio allocation.

This account, referred to as the GFF Restricted Scholarship Endowment Account, was established at year-end 2021 with a transfer from the operational account of \$140,000. Funds will be withdrawn annually to fulfill our commitment to current scholarship recipients.

INVESTMENT REPORT

Given the volatility of the markets in 2022, regrettably, the two GFF Ameriprise accounts decreased in value as reported by our account representative, William Bagby. The Investment Committee will continue to be vigilant in monitoring the performance in light of current conditions and make adjustments as needed.
Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Hrabowski

GF Jacqueline Hrabowski, Investment Committee, Chair
Baltimore Chapter

Investment Committee Members

BF Frank Sims
Atlanta Chapter

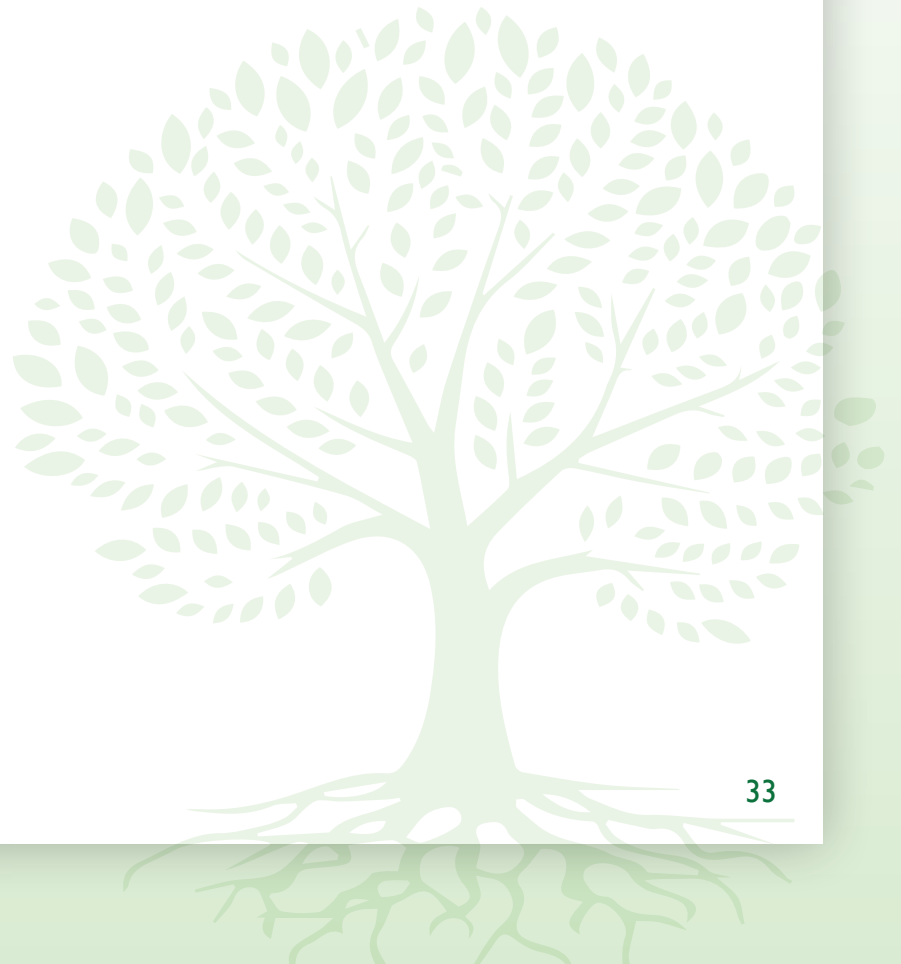
GF Lynette Crenshaw
Cleveland Chapter

GF Jacqueline Randolph
New Haven Chapter

GF Marie Latham Bush
Toledo Chapter

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INVESTMENT REPORT

Ameriprise Financial Advisor

June 30, 2022

Members of The Girl Friends Fund, Incorporated,

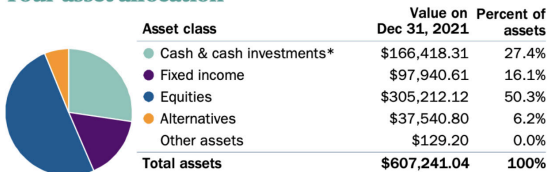
As the Financial Advisor to The Girl Friends Fund, Incorporated investment accounts managed by Ameriprise, I am pleased to provide an update on your account.

The Girl Friends Fund (GFF)'s Investments are professionally managed by Ameriprise Financial Services Incorporated (AFSI) historically in an Actively Diversified (AD) fund for Moderately Aggressive investors. The investment objective is to deliver risk-adjusted growth of capital to moderate aggressive investors. For the calendar year 2021, this Fund enjoyed a modest return of 6%. In mid-December of 2021, the GFF established another managed account called the GFF Restricted Scholarship Funds in the amount of \$140,000 with a conservative investment asset allocation.

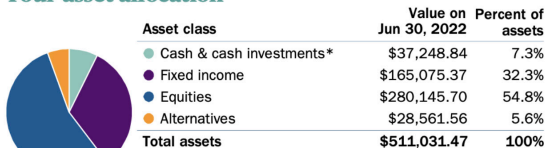
Challenged by the continuation of Covid concerns, inflations issues, Federal Reserve policy changes, and the Russian conflict, the June 30, 2022 performance returns were negative in both accounts. The GFF, Inc. account was down 18% and the GFF Restricted Scholarship Fund account reported a 9% decline. Combined balances ended the year at \$511,481.

Respectively Submitted,
William A Bagby, Financial Advisor; Associate Vice President
Ameriprise Financial, LLC

Your asset allocation

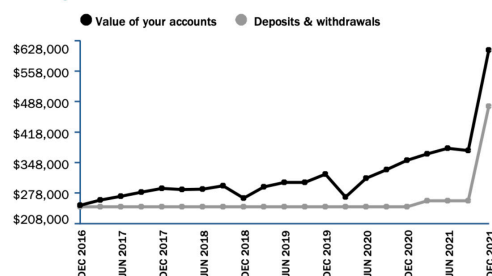


Your asset allocation



*Cash investments includes cash held inside pooled investments (e.g. mutual funds), as part of a manager's investment strategy, and is not directly accessible unless you sell some of that investment. For details visit ameriprise.com/allocation.

Value of your investment accounts over time



This chart provides a five-year view of your account values. The black line shows the value of your accounts, while the gray line shows your net contributions (deposits less withdrawals).

C O R P O R A T E D E V E L O P M E N T



The Corporate Development Committee endeavored to create opportunities, by which members of The GirlFriends, Inc. and their family could help generate funds to support scholarships for deserving scholars. Here are some of the activities in which the committee was engaged:

- Drafted a donor solicitation letter to be sent to members of The GirlFriends, Inc., as well as other potential donors.
- Created a brochure, featuring current and past scholarship recipients, to let donors know how their money is being utilized.
- Began creating an online Matching Gifts Program so that Girl Friends, Boy Friends and others may maximize their donations to The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.
- Continued to promote the AmazonSmile Program

Respectfully submitted,

Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall

GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall, Chair
Dallas Chapter

Corporate Development Committee Members

GF Jacqueline Bontemps
Newport News Chapter

GF Joyce Ford Quick
Buffalo Chapter

GF Cheryl Smith
Orlando Chapter

GF Marie Latham Bush
Toledo Chapter

GF Jacqueline Randolph
New Haven Chapter

GF Lashell Vaughn
Memphis Chapter

GF Lynnette Crenshaw
Cleveland Chapter

GF Tamara Turnley-Robinson
Atlanta Chapter

GF Ann Walters-Pope
Miami Chapter

BF Frank Sims
Atlanta Chapter

EUNICE SHREEVES



The Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Fundraiser took place Thursday, May 5th virtually from 6 – 7:30pm Eastern Standard Time. The theme was “Sundresses, Sunsets, and Scholarships, Party with a Purpose!!” The event was filled with excitement from attendees. There were one hundred and forty (140) tickets sold and as well as several additional raffle tickets and charms. Guests had a chance to win twelve raffle items and the fund awarded fifteen scholarships this year.



The event opened with music from our DJ Bill Black and a warm welcome from event hostess GF Ericka Dunlap; GFF President, GF Marie Bush; and GF President, GF Margaret Gaines Clark. Two of our scholarship recipients gave testimonials about receiving the GFF scholarship and how beneficial it has been to them. Thirty-eight (38) chapters participated in the chapter president and liaison slideshow and there was a beautiful tribute to two of our GFs, the late GFs Kathy Espy and Mirian Shropshire. The party with a purpose continued with more dancing and the mixologist demonstrated mixing several different adult cocktails for our pleasure. Each attendee received a GFF logo margarita glass that was delivered to each of their homes. All Conclave attendees in Cancun received a GFF satin bag, a bookmark

detailing how to donate to the GFF, and a GFF logo sanitizer sleeve in their conference bags.

Thank you GFF President, GF Marie Bush, for allowing GF Alisha Gant and I to chair this event. It was a wonderful opportunity for the both of us and we enjoyed every minute of planning and executing the event. To the fundraiser event committee, words cannot express how appreciative we both are of each one of you. You each played a special part in making this event a success. We had technology hiccups, but they did not and will not stop a GFF party. As stated before, We just love the GFF and what it truly means, “Bringing Dreams to Life”. Thank you again and have a blessed and wonderful summer.

Girl Friendly,

Katrina Barry

GF Katrina Barry
Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Fundraiser
Co-Chair
Toledo Chapter

Alisha Gant

GF Alisha Gant
Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Fundraiser
Co-Chair
Toledo Chapter

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Fundraiser Committee Members

GF Marie Bush
Toledo Chapter

GF Tracey Allison
Miami Chapter

GF Jackie Bontemps
Newport News

GF Tiffany Britton
Miami Chapter

GF Sonya Goldsboro
Las Vegas Chapter

GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall
Dallas Chapter

Gf Faith Hairston
Toledo Chapter

GF Emily Monago
Toledo Chapter

GF Lori Parker
Dallas Chapter

GF Jacqueline Randolph
New Haven Chapter

GF Fawn T. Robinson
Pittsburgh Chapter

GF Tamara Turnley Robinson
Atlanta Chapter

GF Cheryl Smith
Orlando Chapter

GF Valerie Thompson
Toledo Chapter

INVITATION AND SOUVENIRS

EUNICE SHREEVES SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

SUNDRESSES SUNSETS AND Scholarships

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE!

Featuring a **Live DJ, Mixologist,**
and **Dancing** as we highlight
past **Scholarship Recipients**
and present the 2022
Scholarship Recipients

MAY 5, 2022
6:00 - 7:30 EST
TICKETS COST 100.00

Ticket cost includes 1 raffle ticket
and a special gift. This is a
public event. A portion of the
proceeds are tax deductible.

Purchase tickets at
girlfriendsfund.org/event

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SPECIAL PROJECTS



Dear Girl Friends,

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chair of the Girl Friends Fund Incorporated Special Projects Fundraising Committee these past six years. Every year the Fund has had Signature pieces of jewelry that has had overwhelming support from our membership, since its inception. The mission of the Fund is to provide financial assistance for college bound students who demonstrate financial need. With this support the GFF is able to continue "Bringing Dreams to Life" for our youth. All members of the Girl Friends, Inc. are members of the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. We are one team with one mission. We appreciate your continued support.



In 2019 a Sterling Silver Charm Bracelet with the NY Charm commemorated the New York Conclave. This committee hopes this tradition will continue with future hosting Conclave Chapters. This year a Sterling Silver Cancun Palm Tree Charm with a "2022" attachment has been added to commemorate the Loudoun County Conclave.

Jewelry is available for purchase through our website (under the jewelry tab) or at Conclave.

- Sterling Silver Charm Bracelet with a toggle clasp and a GFF Sterling Silver Charm
- Sterling Silver Liberty Bell Charm
- Sterling Silver Pendant with a 30 inch adjustable chain in commemoration of the GFF 30th Anniversary
- Sterling Silver Cancun Palm Tree Charm with a "2022" attachment

Girl Friendly,

Joyce Ford Quick

GF Joyce Ford Quick, Committee Chair
Buffalo Chapter

Cecelia Henderson

GF Cecelia Henderson, Committee Co-Chair
Buffalo Chapter

Special Projects Committee Members

GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall, Committee Member;
Chair The GFF Corporate Development Committee
Dallas Chapter

GF Tamara Turnley-Robinson, Committee Member
Atlanta Chapter

GF Cheryl Smith, Committee Member
Orlando Chapter

GF Marie Latham Bush, Committee Member, GFF President
Toledo Chapter

SPECIAL PROJECTS

JEWELRY AND PRODUCTS

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

*\$7.00 shipping and handling

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GIVE THE PERFECT GIFT OF A CUSTOMIZED GFF

WINE Bag

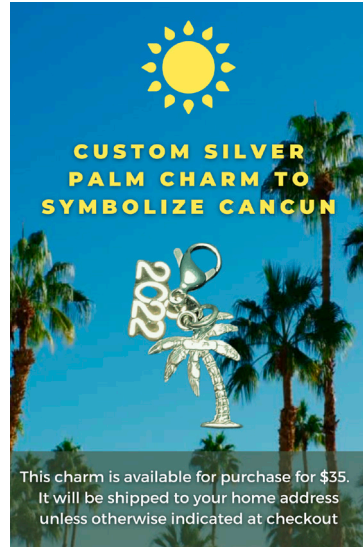


These elegant wine bottle bags make the perfect addition to a blind wine tasting party, wedding, engagement party, birthday, housewarming, or dinner party. These all-occasion gift bags with rope handles are not just for wine; use to hold spirit bottles, vases, etc. Each upscale wine bottle gift bag features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

PRICE: \$20/ea.

Shipping is an additional \$5 per order. Turnaround time is 2 weeks from payment receipt in addition to shipping time.

CUSTOM SILVER PALM CHARM TO SYMBOLIZE CANCUN



This charm is available for purchase for \$35. It will be shipped to your home address unless otherwise indicated at checkout

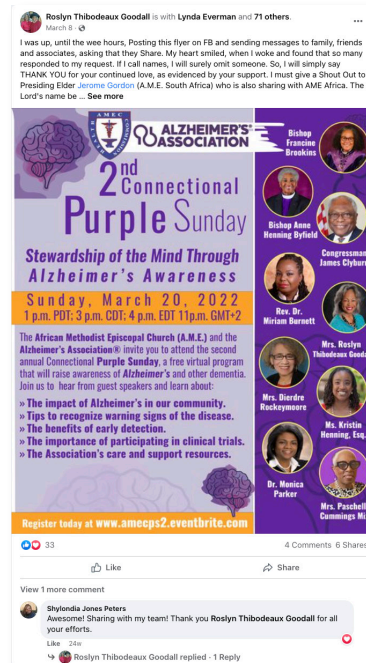
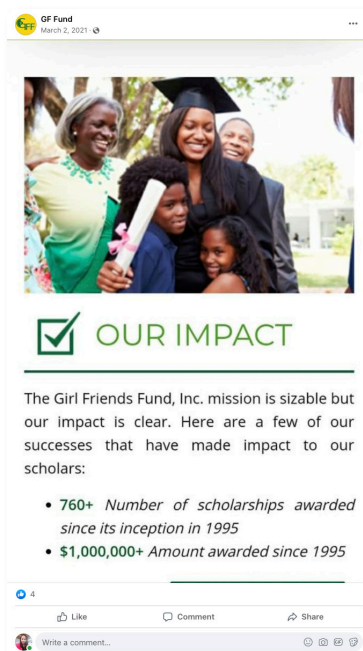
MEDIA



The social media committee of one was developed to better communicate and highlight the events of the Girl Friends Fund. Using such media networks as Twitter and Facebook, GFF offer a variety of means to keep Girl Friends updated. In keeping with the technological advances in communication it is easy for the Fund to notify in an instance social, fundraising, and Fund/Fun happenings to a boarder audience than more conventional ways. We encourage you to comment on these sites.

Girl Friends Fund hopes you will continue to use our website girlfriendfund.org for donations, purchases and general information pertaining to the Fund.

GF Tiffany Britton, Chair
Houston Chapter





Additional Reports and Information

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Annual Meeting of the Membership Minutes

June 14, 2022

8:30pm - 10:00pm EST via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 8:40pm by Board President GF Marie Latham Bush. Board Secretary GF Emily Monago was asked to call the roll.

Officers Present: GF Marie Latham Bush (President), GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall (Vice President), GF Emily Monago (Secretary), GF Jacqueline Randolph (Assistant Secretary), GF Tamara Turnley-Robinson (Financial Secretary), GF Lori Parker (Treasurer), and GF Tracey Allison (Parliamentarian)

Board Members Present: GF Lynnette Crenshaw, GF Margaret Gaines Clark (by means of office), GF Cecilia Henderson, GF Jacqueline Hrabrowski, GF Annette Johnson, GF Fawn Robinson, BF Frank Sims, GF Lashell Vaughn

Directors Absent: GF Jacqueline Bontemps, GF Faith Hairston, and GF Cheryl Smith

Committee Chairs Present: GF Katrina Barry, GF Joyce Ford Quick, GF Sonya Goldsboro, GF Jacqueline Hrabrowski, GF Fawn Robinson, and GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall

Chapters Represented: Albany, Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Charlotte, Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Las Vegas, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, New Haven, Orlando, Pittsburgh, and Toledo

The minutes were read from 2021 GFF Annual Meeting of the Membership. BF Frank Sims (Board Member) moved that the minutes be accepted as read with the necessary corrections. GF Jacqueline Randolph (Assistant Secretary) seconded.

Board President, GF Marie Latham Bush greeted the attendees and congratulated and welcomed our newly elected GF President GF Courtney Moore from the California Chapter. She thanked all the GFF Board Members, Committee Chairs, and GFs for their support and work during the first year of her presidency of the GFF Board. At the May 12 – 15, 2022

Conclave in Cancun, President GF Latham Bush gave a report to the delegates, executive officers, and members at the first plenary. The report she gave emphasized that all Girl Friends are members of GFF and made a call for their expertise in fundraising and highlighted that the more money raised the more scholarships we can give to support students' education. GF Danielle Brown, co-chairman of the Conclave reached out to offer her expertise in helping GFF raise corporate funds for scholarships. GF Brown has an excellent track record raising corporate funds for Jack and Jill of America, Inc. and Links, Inc. Several other GFs also offered to help raise funds for GFF. The GFF will receive money for the national project in 2024. In summary President GF Latham Bush stated that the **Goals for GFF in 2022-2023 are to:**

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1. Raise awareness of GFF with emphasis on all GFs become involve in some capacity to support GFF;
2. Increase corporate funding support;
3. Improve finances by working closely with a financial advisor;
4. increase 80% renewal rate for scholars and providing new guidelines to support renewal;
5. Increase awareness and giving of matching funds for scholarships;
6. Add 15 new scholars or more valued at minimum \$90K in awards;
7. Continue updates to the GFF website to increase traffic for the GFF store and other GFF information; and
8. Continue to make the GFF better.

In conclusion, President Latham Bush extended her gratitude to all.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary Updates: GF Lori Parker (Treasurer) noted that her responsibility included keeping meticulous records for GFF. As part of this she had a significant role to play in facilitating the consolidation of GFF accounts from five to three accounts and opening a new Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. account. GF Tamara Turnley Robinson (Financial Secretary) reported that through meticulous record keeping of GFF financial transactions, all scholarship balances were reviewed in the amount of \$121,069.85 with an ending Restricted Scholarship Fund balance of \$493.23. The ending balance in the GFF Operating Account is \$158,769.67. Reports will be filed for audit.

As recommended by GFF President GF Marie Latham Bush, please review reports of the Officers and Committee Chairs in the 2022 Annual Report.

Board of Director Elections There were no Officers or Directors elected or re-elected. Per the bylaws

GF Marie Latham Bush whose term is completed June 30, 2022 is allowed an additional year to complete her term of office. "Directors who are elected to an Office of the Corporation with a minimum of one (1) year remaining on their respective Board terms shall be allowed to extend such terms with the Corporation to complete the term of office to which they were elected. (Article IV. Board of Directors, Section 2. Number and Tenure a). Jackie Hrabowski who is eligible for re-election for second term "will be automatically eligible for re-election to a three-year term" if she choses. (Section 2-Number and Tenure b)

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Committee Reports (Please review the reports in the 2022 Annual Report):

Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Fundraiser: GF Katrina Barry (Chair) thanked her Co-chair GF Alicia Gant and all committee members. GF Barry reported that the virtual event took place May 5, 2022 6 – 7:30Ppm EST. The theme was, “Sundresses, Sunsets, and Scholarships: Party with a Purpose!!” There were 140 tickets sold, 38 GF Chapters participated in the chapter president and liaison slideshow. There was a beautiful tribute to the late GFs Kathy Espy and Mirian Shropshire. Two scholarship recipients gave testimonials on how beneficial the scholarships are to them. The 2022 class of Scholars were announced. The event ended with a mixologist and signature cocktail and dancing to a music from a DJ.

Corporate Development: GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall (Chair) recognized GF Ann Waters Pope and all on this committee and extended her gratitude. A mission success was the scholarship brochure and the solicitation letter. The solicitation letter highlights that more than 800 scholarships valued at more than \$1 million has been awarded. Plans are in the works to engage corporate donors with making donations before they finalize their budgets with this in mind, 100 solicitation letters will be mailed to potential new and current corporate donors. Matching corporate gifts is being developed on the GFF website. AmazonSmile is a way to donate to GFF and all GFs are encouraged to make a donation through this opportunity.

Investments Committee: GF Jacqueline Hrabrowski, (Chair) expressed her gratitude to all committee members. They established a spending policy for the Esther Marioneaux Fund. The investment committee had recommended a consolidation of GFF accounts. The accounts were consolidated into two Ameriprise Financial Services, Incorporated under the guidance of a financial manager who has worked with the account since 2014. The accounts are the Esther Marioneaux Endowment Fund (conservative investments) and GFF Restricted Scholarship Account (moderate investments) with the latter established with a transfer from the GFF operating account for \$140,000. These were established at year-end 2021. Combined balances for the two accounts at the end of year was \$511,481. Major donors: GF Eva Martine and GF Jacqueline Bontemps in addition to other GFs who made large donations were recognized.

Scholarships: GF Fawn Robinson (Chair) provided snapshot of the annual report by highlighting scholarships that were awarded in May with recipients receiving their checks in September. Forty-seven scholarships were renewed. Fifteen new scholarships were awarded. There will be an estimated \$94,000.00 in checks going out in 2022. There were 21 applications received and 16 reviewers. GF Robinson thanked all seven committee members and all 16 application reviewers.

Silent Auction: GF Sonya Goldsboro (Chair) recognized the committee members and thanked them. Appreciations and gratitude extended to all the GF, Inc. chapters and individuation GFs who supported their efforts, including individual and Chapter e-cards were sent to everyone who made a donation as of May 17, 2022. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Girl Friends were asked to make monetary donations as a chapter and/or as individual GFs. Confirmed by the GFF Financial Secretary \$4,425.48 was raised.

Fundraising Special Projects: GF Joyce Ford Quick (Chair) thanked her Co-chair GF Cecilia Henderson. GF Ford Quick reported that 61 Palm Charms, 8 Bracelets, 3 GF Pendants, and 12 Liberty Bells were sold. There are 10 GF Margarita Glasses remaining that are for sale. Work will be conducted during the summer to sell the remaining items remaining in inventory.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:20pm

Respectfully Submitted by

GF Emily Monago, Board Secretary

And

GF Jacqueline Randolph, Assistant Board Secretary

Next meeting May, 2023 in San Diego, CA

IN MEMORIAM



Mrs. Kathy Lynn Duffy Espy, who we fondly referred to as Kathy transitioned from life on January 13th of this year. She was an active member of the board of the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. for several years and was instrumental in raising funds to support scholarships for deserving African American scholars.

Mrs. Espy could always be counted on to assist, when called upon to do so, and often volunteered her services to make sure goals were met and activities completed. She was a member of the Columbus Chapter, and faithfully served her Chapter with genuine devotion for 48 years. Throughout her years of chapter membership, she served in almost every elected office from President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Chatterbox Editor, Chair of the Anniversary celebration and on all standing committees. She represented her Columbus Chapter as a Girl Friend Fund Liaison, making sure that their members were knowledgeable of and engaged in activities of The Fund.

Mrs. Kathy Espy was especially proud that all four of her daughters became members of The Girl Friends, Inc. In addition to her daughters and their families, she is survived by her husband of 54 years, Mr. Ben Espy.



Dr. Mirian Chivers Shropshire transitioned from this life on September 30, 2021 at the age of 96. Dr. Shropshire was a proud 1971 charter member of the Atlanta Chapter of The Girl Friends, Inc. She was known and respected in her hometown of Atlanta and on a national level as a result of her service to humankind, as a friend and as a professional in the medical field. She faithfully served her Atlanta Girl Friends chapter for over 50 years, serving in various leadership positions, including chapter president.

Dr. Shropshire had a great passion for youth and was proud to serve as President of the board of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. from 1995 – 2000, working tirelessly to raise money for scholarships. She was especially proud to share membership in The Girl Friends with her daughter, Ms. Pat Shropshire of the Nashville chapter. Dr. Mirian Chivers Shropshire brought light into all our lives with her love, faithfulness, friendship, wisdom, kindness and unselfishness.

The poet, Kahlil Gibran said "In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things, does the heart find its morning and is refreshed." Our lives were made richer because of our friendships with these Girl Friends. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

2021-2022

Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Fundraiser



GF Katrina Barry
Toledo Chapter



GF Alisha Gant
Toledo Chapter

Special Jewelry Fundraiser



GF Joyce Ford Quick
Buffalo Chapter



GF Cecilia Henderson
Buffalo Chapter

Silent Auction



GF Sonya Goldsboro
Las Vegas Chapter

Investment



GF Jacqueline Hrabowski
Baltimore Chapter

Corporate Development



GF Roslyn
Thibideaux Goodall
Dallas Chapter

Media



GF Tiffany Britton
Houston Chapter

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

2021-2022



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President
Toledo Chapter



GF Roslyn
Thibodeaux Goodall
Vice-President
Dallas Chapter



GF Emily A. Monago
Secretary
Toledo Chapter



GF Jacqueline Randolph
Assistant Secretary
New Haven Chapter



GF Lori Parker
Treasurer
Dallas Chapter



GF Tamara Turnley
Robinson
Financial Secretary
Atlanta Chapter



GF Tracey Allison
Parliamentarian
California Chapter

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

2021-2022



GF Jackie Bontemps
Newport News Chapter



GF Lynnette Crenshaw
Cleveland Chapter



GF Faith A. Hairston
Toledo Chapter



GF Jacqueline C.
Hrabowski
Baltimore Chapter



GF Annette Johnson
Albany Chapter



GF Fawn T. Robinson
Pittsburgh Chapter



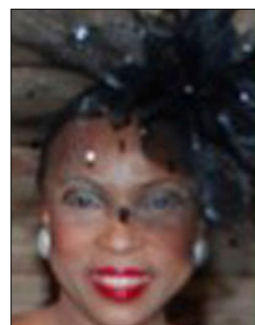
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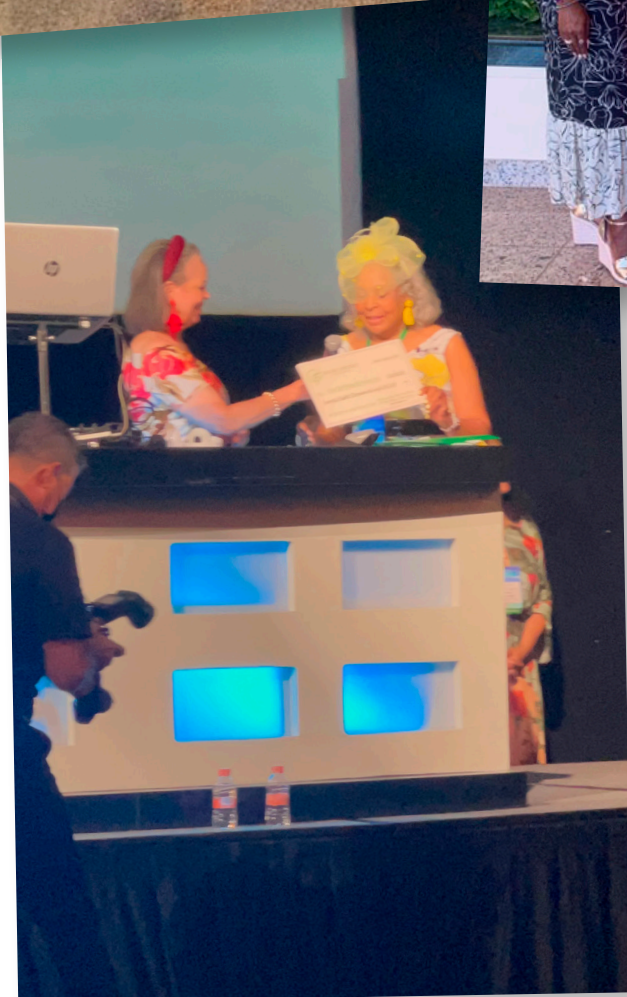
GF Cheryl Smith
Orlando Chapter



GF Lashell M. Vaughn
Memphis Chapter



GF Margaret Gaines Clark
EX-OFFICIO President
of The GirlFriends, Inc.
Trenton Chapter



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87th National Conclave
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