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ANNUAL YEAR END REPORT

JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023

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BF THOMAS MOOREHEAD,
GFF PRESIDENT
MARIE LATHAM BUSH,
GF JOYCE A. MOOREHEAD



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



It has been my honor to serve as your president during these last two years. We have accomplished a lot. Not everything has been completed but giant steps have been made in making this organization transparent, effective and efficient. Our relationship with Girl Friends, Incorporated. is definitely stronger and more positive. We have grown together and developed friendships and respect for each other.

The past two years has passed quickly and though sometimes I thought it may never end. Then there were days when I wished I had more time. I have developed many new friendships and enhanced old ones. It has been hard work but great rewards. Many accomplishments were achieved despite a few disappointments. I may not have fulfilled all my goals but rest assured new goals and improvements were met. I leave the Girl Friends Fund with many happy memories and more improvements than not.

Girl Friends Fund is continuously seeking new ways to increase our coffers in order to award more and larger scholarships amounts. once again we asked members and friends to participate in Giving Tuesday November 29, 2022. We realized that the more funds we raise, the more funds we give. Thanks you to all that participated.

Our Corporate Development committee and individuals worked hard to reach our financial goal of raising \$150,000 for the 2023 program year. We not only reached but exceeded our goal.

Promedica Healthcare System continued our partnership this year that was cultivated last year. A summer internship program for college sophomores, juniors, and first semester seniors interested in Healthcare was developed and implemented this summer. Five positions were available and Girl Friends Fund was guaranteed one of the positions.

Our major fundraiser for the program year is the Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon. Great detail and much work is required to make this event a success. This was the first in person luncheon since 2019. GFF President and Eunice Shreeves Scholarship co chairs traveled to San Diego in early January to meet with the hotel event planner and GF National Vice president. This visit also provided an opportunity for us to attend the induction of new members to the California Chapter

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This was the first time all Girl Friends received an invitation to the Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Fundraiser Luncheon via mail chimp and chapter presidents. The luncheon was a great success with 250 tickets sold. The best Silent auction ever, San Diego charm and other jewelry were sold out. We had the pleasure of live entertainment provided by Johnny Britt. The Chapter Presidents and Liaison parade was lively and fun with an increase in presidents participation.

The class of 2023 scholars were introduced for the first time. Fifteen scholars received \$1,500 per year scholarships for four years and the San Diego Chapter awardee was present and introduced to the public. Testimonials from scholarship recipients validated the purpose of Girl Friends Fund in "Bringing Dreams to Life". GFF is so thankful to GF Joyce Moorehead for establishing The Joyce A. Moorehead Endowment Scholarship with her \$50,000 donation.

The Annual Board of Directors Dinner was held in San Diego. Present directors and committee chairmen attended as well as three former GFF presidents, GF Cecelia Henderson, GF LaVerne Boyd, and GF Ann Pope.

The Board of Directors is constantly reviewing and updating our documents to ensure we are following them and updating them to meet the goals and mission of our organization. Officers descriptions and courtesies policies were updated. The Policy and Procedure Manual was reviewed and updated for our investment fund to meet the changing needs of investing.

At our Annual Membership Meeting five directors were recognized for completing their term on the Girl Friends Fund Board of Directors. New Officers of the Board of Directors were elected in April by the Directors.

I am so thankful that I had the opportunity serve as the 15th President of the Girl Friends Fund Incorporated. As the "G**irl** Friends F**ueling** the F**uture** administration ends, I want to say thank you for your trust, encouragement, friendship and support.

Girl Friendly and Fondly,

Marie Latham Bush

Girl Friend Marie Latham Bush
Toledo Chapter

“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



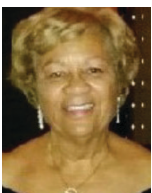
GF Helen Wright
Cleveland Chapter
1992 – 1995



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



Greetings Girl Friends,

I am humbled to have served as Vice-President of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. over the past two years. Serving in this capacity allowed me to learn more about the inner workings of the organization. GF Marie Latham Bush, asked me to Chair the Corporate Development Committee. The country's economy was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the committee explored ways to raise funds in support of scholarships. For marketing purposes, we created a brochure in which scholars commented on how receiving The Girl Friends Fund scholarships impacted their lives.

Despite the downward turn in the economy, we conducted Giving Tuesday Campaigns in 2021 and 2022 that netted nearly \$30,000.00. We were blessed to have received support from our Girl Friends and their networks. We continued to publicize our affiliation with AmazonSmile and encouraged The Girl Friends Family to sign up, so our organization could benefit from the many purchases, on Amazon. Although the Matching Gifts Program has been an available donation option, for years, it appeared to be a "best kept secret". Therefore, we made a concerted effort to familiarize our members with this giving option and encouraged them and their network to have their donations matched, where possible.

Members of the Corporate Development Committee were: GFs Jacqueline Bontemps, Marie Latham Bush, Ann Walters-Pope, Joyce Ford Quick, Jacqueline Randolph, Cecelia Henderson, Cheryl Smith, Lashell Vaughn, Tamara Turnley-Robinson, Tracey Allison, Lynnette Crenshaw and Boy Friend Frank Sims (our first male board member, who I nominated for board service). As Vice President, I endeavored to become more familiar with the overall operations of the organization in order to promote The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. in the community. I also attended meetings of the other GFF committees.

As President-elect of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc., I look forward to engaging more of our members to help us raise even more money so that we may continue Bringing Dreams to Life for many more deserving students. With the involvement of our Girl Friends family and networks, I know we can achieve more. Thank you and God bless.

With a grateful heart,

Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall

GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall
Dallas Chapter

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Dear Girl Friends,

As I near the end of my term as Board Secretary, I am filled with appreciation, honor, and respect for all that the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. does to support youth attaining higher education and changing their lives through the gift of scholarships. It has been gratifying being in the company of and working with such great and purposeful people who serve on the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. Board.

I am privileged to serve as Secretary of the Board for the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023. During this time, my responsibilities are recording the history of this organization by taking the minutes at the monthly meetings; scheduling and calling board meetings; and recording the attendance.

It has been a pleasure serving under the leadership of Board President GF Dr. Marie Latham Bush, Vice President Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall, in collaboration with GF Jacqueline Randolph, Assistant Secretary and all the officers, directors, and members of the Girl Friend Fund, Inc. Board. A special note of thanks to GF Tamara Turnley-Robinson, Treasurer, for her generosity and hospitality.

Thank you to all Girl Friends who voted for me and made this esteemed opportunity to serve possible. I wish all new and continuing officers and directors the utmost success.

Sincerely,

Emily Ann Monago

GF Emily Ann Monago, PhD, MPA
Toledo Chapter MAL

ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT



Dear Girl Friend Fund Members,

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Assistant Secretary for the last year under leadership of Girl Friend Fund President Marie Latham Bush. It has been my responsibility to assure that the close to 400 contributions (approximately 300 electronically, and the rest via US Mail) are each acknowledged.

It has been my honor to assist the Fund secretary, Girl Friend Emily Monago in her duties. 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 roll call at the start of meetings.

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

In Service & Girl Friendly Friendship

Jacqueline A. Randolph

GF Jacqueline A. Randolph
New Haven Chapter

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT



Dear Girl Friends Fund Board,

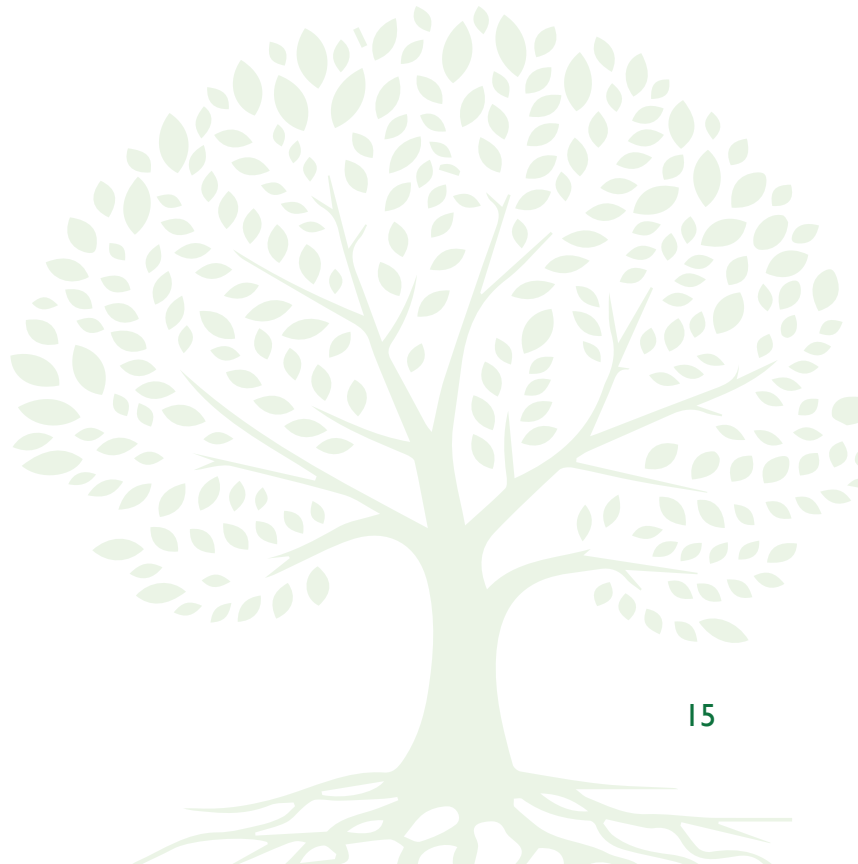
Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Parliamentarian of the Girl Friends Fund again this year. My responsibilities this past year have consisted of ensuring that the Girls Friend Fund abides by our Bylaws, reviewing our Bylaws from time to time on various matters, and updating our Policies and Procedures. Of note, the Policies and Procedures manual was updated to include duties of the Vice President and to provide guidance for 1) board expenditures related to expenses for the GFF President to attend and represent the GFF at the Girl Friends, Inc. Conclave and 2) expenditures for courtesies related to illness of a board member or death of a board member's family member.

As the Girl Friends Fund continues to support the academic endeavors of our young scholars. I am proud to serve as an officer of the Fund and am 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
California Chapter



TREASURER'S REPORT



Dear Girl Friends Fund Board and Girl Friends,

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

As the GFF Treasurer for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, I had the responsibility of maintaining the financial records of the GFF assets. As part of that responsibility, I ensured 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.

This year we had the opportunity to hire a bookkeeper to assist us with keeping our records updated in QuickBooks. This new position allowed us to prepare the required financial statements for the external audit. The following statements are the Profit and Loss statement, Balance Sheet, and Statement of cash flows.

It has been a privilege to serve on the GFF Board and to assist in "Bringing Dreams to Life" for our young scholars. I have always had a passion to help make a difference in the lives of our young African American youth and serving on the GFF Board gave me that opportunity. It's truly a rewarding experience to see the joy on the faces of our young students who received a scholarship to assist them in furthering their academic aspirations.

My work would not be complete without the assistance of our outstanding Financial Secretary, GF Tamara Turnley-Robinson. GF Tamara provided me with accurate and timely financial secretary reports to complete my job efficiently. It has been a true delight to work with GF Tamara as she is an amazing Girl Friend! I would also like to thank the GFF board and GF Marie for their support, guidance, and encouragement during my tenure. I was truly blessed to have made some beautiful life-long Girl Friends!

In Girl Friendly Service,

Lori Parker

GF Lori L. Parker
Dallas Chapter

THE GIRL FRIENDS FUND, INC

2022 – 2023 TREASURER’S ANNUAL REPORT

Accounts	Checking Operating	Restricted Scholarship	Bank of America	Ameriprise Investments
	#1897	#0458	Total	
Beginning Balance 07/01/2022	\$203,808.85	\$493.25	\$204,302.10	\$511,031.47

FISCAL YEAR 2022 – 2023 INCOME

Monthly Income			FY 2022 - 2023	FY 2022 - 2023
July	\$4,406.85	\$0.02	\$4,406.87	\$25,877.16
August	\$80.00	\$0.02	\$80.02	\$495.60
September	\$462.12	\$0.02	\$462.14	\$941.34
October	\$80.00	\$6,000.02	\$6,080.02	\$15,718.25
November	\$6,040.14	\$0.21	\$6,040.35	\$29,390.0
December	\$13,158.66	\$750.22	\$13,908.88	\$15,112.33
January	\$10,167.59	\$0.24	\$10,167.83	\$29,331.46
February	\$777.66	\$0.22	\$777.88	\$738.41
March	\$16,654.54	\$0.25	\$16,654.79	\$10,600.92
April	\$36,538.88	\$0.24	\$36,539.12	\$3,322.82
May	\$42,351.13	\$0.25	\$42,351.38	\$50,778.61
June	\$16,455.56	\$0.24	\$16,455.80	\$19,075.32
Total Income as of 6/30/2023	\$147,173.13	\$6,751.95	\$153,925.08	\$201,382.23

FISCAL YEAR EXPENSES 2022 – 2023

Monthly Expenses	Operating	Restricted	Total	Ameriprise
July	-\$906.86	\$-	\$-	\$-
August	\$ -	\$-	\$-	-\$17,393.20
September	-\$78,382.23	\$-	\$-	-\$37,696.64
October	-\$5,113.56	\$-	\$-	\$-
November	-\$1,621.85	\$-	\$-	\$-
December	-\$1,786.64	\$-	\$-	-\$30,141.50
January	-\$3,095.24	\$-	\$-	-\$15,751.97
February	-\$142.56	\$-	\$-	\$-
March	-\$1,831.51	\$-	\$-	\$-
April	-\$2,265.59	\$-	\$-	\$-
May	-\$23,786.53	\$-	\$-	-\$5,691.87
June	-\$3,418.27	\$-	\$-	\$-
Total Expenses as of 06/30/2022	-\$122,350.84	\$-	\$-	(\$106,675.18)

BOARD APPROVED TRANSFERS

	\$-	\$-	\$-	
November	-\$9,000.00			-\$9,000.00
Board Approved Transfers Total	-\$9,000.00		\$203,482.93	\$511,031.47

Bank Ending Balances 6/30/23	\$219,631.14	\$7,245.20	\$226,876.34	\$614,738.52
Total Net Assets Bank of America & Ameriprise				\$841,614.86

Respectfully Submitted, GF Lori L. Parker



My dear Girl Friends,

I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to serve as the Financial Secretary of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. Over the past four years, it has been a labor of love and indeed a joy to know the best of GFs working with three wonderful GFF Presidents, GF Lavern Nichols Boyd, GF Ann Walters Pope and GF Marie Latham Bush, two great GFF Treasurers, GF Beth Jones and GF Lori Parker and the entire

GFF board, who have all had the mission of The GFF in their hearts and the giving spirit of The Girl Friends, Inc.

As GFF Financial Secretary my duties included, on behalf of The GFF Inc., receipt of all monies from all sources and providing said monies for deposit to The Girl Friends Fund National Treasurer. This fiscal year, the objective was to provide GF Lori Parker, GFF National Treasurer, check deposit transmittals within 2 weeks of receipt. My duties also included providing a monthly recording of all donations received by check, online or direct deposit to the GFF board. The GFF Assistant Secretary, GF Jacqueline Randolph provided acknowledgement of donations for all donations received via check or direct deposit. All online donors receive immediate electronic acknowledgement of their donation.

Online donations currently amount to over 56% of our total donation total, a marked increase over the past four years. We project this trend to continue and are committed to ensuring the ease of use and efficiency of our online donation system.

For fiscal year 2022-2023, we received donations amounting to \$156,411.37. Donations were received from over 600 GFs and from all 48 chapters. We have also been blessed with corporate matching donations, several generous 'named scholarships' and an additional endowment. Many GFs also chose to honor with their donations, the memory of Past GFF Presidents who transitioned recently, GF Mirian Shropshire, GF Lynda Carroll and 27th National President GF LaVerne Dukes King. Thank you all so very much for your generous support of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. and the young scholars we continue to support as we 'Bring Dreams To Life'! It has been a pleasure to serve.

With Girl Friendly Appreciation,

Tamara Turnley Robinson

GF Tamara Turnley Robinson,
Atlanta Chapter

THE GIRLFRIENDS FUND, INC. REVENUE RECEIVED 2022 – 2023 FISCAL YEAR

REVENUE CATEGORY	REVENUE RECEIVED
GENERAL DONATIONS	42,750.99
ESTHER SHREEVES SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON	42,462.25
JACQUELINE HRABOWSKI SCHOLARSHIP	12,000.00
GFF SIGNATURE JEWELRY	11,589.96
GIVING TUESDAY / OTHER	11,152.51
ESTHER SHREEVES SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON SILENT AUCTION	10,965.00
ESTHER C. MARIGONEUX ENDOWMENT FUND	10,171.60
CAROLYN CARTER SCHOLARSHIP	6,455.93
PIONEERS OF THE FUND CAMPAIGN	3,285.68
GWENDOLYN JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP	1,500.00
TOTAL	152,283.92

GFF Financial Secretary Report 2022 - 2023 Revenue Received - Totals											
Month	GFF Signature Jewelry	Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon	General Donation Fund	Esther C. Marioneaux Endowment	Pioneer Campaign	Gwendolyn Johnson Scholarship	Carolyn Carter Scholarship	Eunice Shreeves Silent Auction	Jacqueline Hra	Other/ Giving	TOTALS
JUL	43.25		568.53		30.24						642.02
AUG			50.40		30.24						80.64
SEP	147.00		50.40		30.24						227.64
OCT			50.40		30.24				6,000.00	10,723.03	6,080.64
NOV			3,197.22		30.24					283.49	13,950.49
DEC	35.00		13,219.95	552.40	30.24					125.00	14,121.08
JAN			855.40		30.24						1,010.64
FEB		3,062.12	100.40	50.00	30.24						3,842.76
MAR	779.82	11,295.46	2,298.28	2,611.86	30.24			200.00			17,215.66
APR	1,123.11	13,445.50	5,221.51	3,563.28	530.24		6,200.00	500.00	3,000.00	20.99	33,605.23
MAY	9,221.18	12,159.17	9,732.96	3,394.06	1,203.04	1,500.00	255.93	10,055.00	3,000.00		50,521.34
JUN	240.00	2,500.00	6,755.54		1,280.24			210.00	12,000.00	11,152.51	152,283.92
TOTAL	11,589.96	42,462.25	42,700.99	10,171.60	3,285.68	1,500.00	6,455.93	10,965.00	12,000.00	11,152.51	152,283.92
CHECKS											
JUL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
AUG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
SEP	147.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	147.00
OCT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,000.00	—	6,000.00
NOV	—	—	1,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,000.00
DEC	—	—	6,525.00	250.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,775.00
JAN	—	—	805.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	805.00
FEB	—	—	650.00	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	700.00
MAR	—	375.00	1,300.00	1,400.00	—	—	—	200.00	—	—	3,275.00
APR	150.00	875.00	4,050.00	2,050.00	500.00	—	6,200.00	500.00	3,000.00	20.99	17,320.99
MAY	545.00	2,200.00	8,980.00	1,200.00	150.00	1,500.00	—	1,450.00	3,000.00	—	19,025.00
JUN	240.00	2,500.00	4,981.45	—	1,250.00	—	—	210.00	—	—	9,181.45
TOTAL	1,082.00	5,950.00	28,291.45	4,925.00	1,900.00	1,500.00	6,200.00	2,360.00	12,000.00	20.99	64,299.44
ONLINE TRANSACTIONS											
JUL	43.25	—	568.53	—	30.24	—	—	—	—	—	642.02
AUG	—	—	50.40	—	30.24	—	—	—	—	—	80.64
SEP	—	—	50.40	—	30.24	—	—	—	—	—	80.64
OCT	—	—	50.40	—	30.24	—	—	—	—	—	80.64
NOV	—	—	2,191.22	—	30.24	—	—	—	—	10,723.03	12,950.49
DEC	35.00	—	6,694.95	302.40	30.24	—	—	—	—	283.49	7,346.08
JAN	—	—	50.40	—	30.24	—	—	—	—	125.00	205.64
FEB	—	3,062.12	50.40	—	30.24	—	—	—	—	—	3,142.76
MAR	779.82	10,920.46	998.28	1,211.86	30.24	—	—	—	—	—	13,940.66
APR	973.71	12,570.50	1,171.51	1,538.28	30.24	—	—	—	—	—	16,284.24
MAY	7,946.18	9,959.17	252.96	2,194.06	1,053.04	—	255.93	8,605.00	—	—	30,266.34
JUN	—	—	1,774.09	—	30.24	—	—	—	—	—	1,804.33
TOTAL	9,111.96	36,512.25	13,909.54	5,246.60	1,385.68	—	255.93	8,605.00	—	11,131.52	86,824.48

INVESTMENT REPORT



During the past year, The Girl Friends Fund Investment Committee has continued to monitor and review the two endowment accounts held at Ameriprise Financial Services Incorporated (AFSI) under the direction of William Babgy, the account manager.

The Esther Marioneaux Endowment Fund, established in 2014, is comprised of all scholarship funds invested to preserve long-term capital to fulfill our primary mission of providing college scholarships to deserving youth. The investment objective of this account is to deliver risk-adjusted growth of capital in a moderately aggressive portfolio. The current balance in this account as of June 30, 2023, is \$424,165.15 and fees assessed during the past year were \$4,103.

Each year since 2021, the Investment Committee has recommended and the GFF Board has approved two full scholarships of \$6,000 each to be awarded from this Ameriprise account. The Investment Committee continues to monitor the performance of this account and determines annually the amounts that can be awarded for new scholarships while preserving the principle.

The second account at Ameriprise was established in 2021, the GFF Restricted Scholarship Fund. It includes scholarship funds that have already been designated and awarded to previously named scholarship recipients. The current balance in this account as of June 30, 2023, is \$140,090.51 and fees assessed were \$1,121. Based upon our goal of preserving capital to be awarded as needed during a four-year period, the investment allocations for this account are in a moderately conservative portfolio. The Investment Committee recently met Mr. Babgy, our Ameriprise account representative, to consider investment options and changes given market volatility during the past year. The Committee is currently reviewing even more conservative options, such as money market and investments in cash options to preserve capital. Each year, in September, the Scholarship Committee reports the number and amounts required for outstanding scholarships and the funds are withdrawn from this account and deposited to the GFF's operational account so that checks can be prepared for continuing scholarship recipients.

This year, we are very pleased to announce that GF Joyce Morehead and her husband, BF Thomas, Morehead have established a GFF Scholarship Endowment of \$50,000.00 in their names at Ameriprise to be awarded annually. We are deeply appreciative for their generosity and for their support of the GFF and our future scholars.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Hrabowski

GF Jacqueline Hrabowski, Chair

BF Frank Sims

GF Marie Latham Bush

GF Lynnette Crenshaw

GF Lori Parker

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GF Tamara Turnley

INVESTMENT REPORT

Dear Girl Friends,

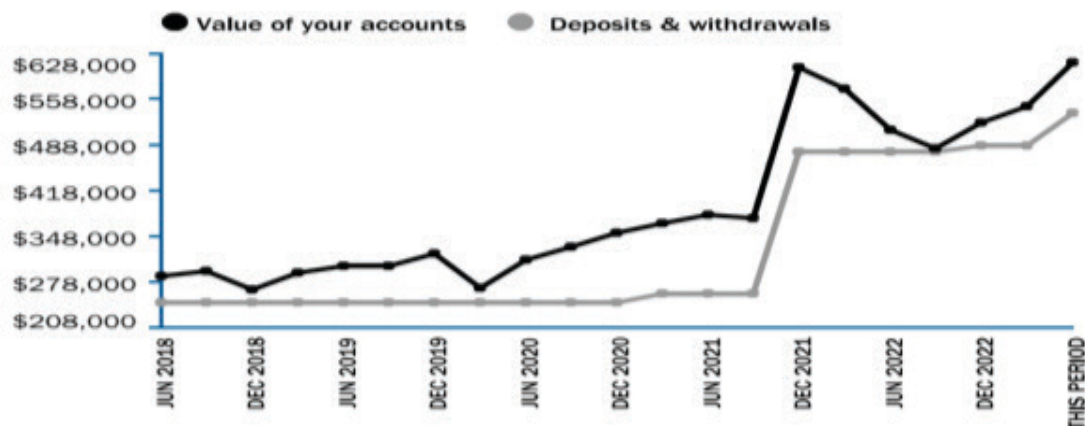
I am pleased to provide a summary of your investments held at Ameriprise Financial. The Girl Friends Fund Inc. (GFF) Investments are professionally managed by Ameriprise Financial Services, Incorporated (AFSI). The GFF general account is invested in an Actively Diversified Fund with a Moderately Aggressive asset allocation. The GFF Restricted Scholarship Fund is invested in a Conservative asset allocation.

All GFF Fund accounts are invested in a fund of funds. The portfolios are actively advised by an unaffiliated portfolio consulting firm, Wilshire Associates, Incorporated (WAI). WAI advises AFSI on asset allocation and selects the fund managers. WAI is consultant to a number of large endowments, foundations, pension plans, and for and not for profit institutional investors. Despite the financial volatility associated with the challenges faced during the past fiscal year, the investment returns were positive as of June 30, 2023 for both the general Esther Marioneaux Endowment account (10.6%) and the Restricted Scholarship account (3.0%). The combined total return for these two accounts is 10.4%. Note that the total balance for June 2023 includes the recently added endowment account established by GF Joyce Morehead and husband, BF Thomas. Please see below the attached performance reports for June 2022 compared to June 2023.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Girl Friends Fund financial leadership team and I appreciate your trust in allowing us to help you achieve your mission.

Respectfully submitted,
William A. Bagby, Associate Vice President
Ameriprise Financial LLC

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).



Get all the details online at ameriprise.com. Click the Portfolio tab to find your latest account value, activity and asset allocation.

INVESTMENT REPORT

Your Ameriprise statement

for June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022

PREPARED FOR GIRL FRIENDS FUND INC

Value of your investment accounts

	This month	This year
Beginning value	\$541,588.52	\$607,241.04
Net deposits & withdrawals	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dividends, interest & income	\$6,340.22	\$8,095.27
Change in value	-\$36,897.27	-\$104,304.84
Ending value	\$511,031.47	\$511,031.47

Your asset allocation



Asset class	Value on Jun 30, 2022	Percent of assets
Cash & cash investments*	\$37,248.84	7.3%
Fixed income	\$165,075.37	32.3%
Equities	\$280,145.70	54.8%
Alternatives	\$28,561.56	5.6%
Total assets	\$511,031.47	100%

*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.

Your Ameriprise statement

for June 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023

PREPARED FOR GIRL FRIENDS FUND INC

Value of your investment accounts

	This month	This year
Beginning value	\$595,663.20	\$522,334.82
Net deposits & withdrawals	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
Dividends, interest & income	\$2,570.19	\$6,717.34
Change in value	\$16,505.13	\$35,686.36
Ending value	\$614,738.52	\$614,738.52

Your asset allocation



Asset class	Value on Jun 30, 2023	Percent of assets
Cash & cash investments*	\$39,251.08	6.4%
Fixed income	\$240,865.13	39.2%
Equities	\$334,622.31	54.4%
Total assets	\$614,738.52	100%

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SCHOLARSHIP REPORT



Dear Girl Friends Fund Board and Girl Friends:

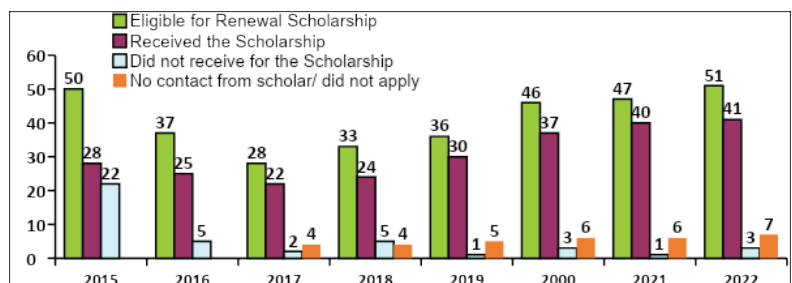
Girl Friends Fund Scholarship Committee was pleased to provide opportunities for Girlfriends across the country to support student success through the Girl Friend Fund, Inc. The Scholarship Committee was tasked to organize and execute the 2022 - 2023 Scholarship Cycle and Scholars Renewal Process. The 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).

2022 Scholars Renewal Process

Each year, the Scholarship Committee reaches out to our scholars during the months of May - August 2022 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.

- 51 Past scholars were eligible to reapply for the scholarship with 44 scholars reapplied for the scholarship.
- 41 scholars met the renewal requirements and received the annual scholarship which included six (6) \$1,000 scholarships.
- The scholarship checks were distributed in September 2022 along with the 15 new 2022 Scholarships.

For the 2023 renewal scholarship cycle, the Scholars will be emailed in May 2023 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 between June 1st – July 31st. Scholarship checks will be distributed in September 2023.



2023 New Scholars Cycle

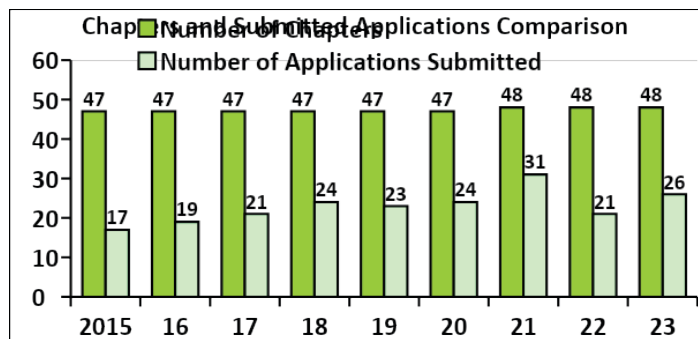
For the 2023 Scholarship Cycle, Chapter Presidents and Chapter Liaisons received the Scholarship Application through email in October 2022. The committee conducted a training session on January 29, 2023 with 10 Girlfriends attending the session. With the March 1st deadline, the Scholarship Committee received 26 applications which was an increase of 5 applications from last year.

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 26 chapters submitted a Scholarship Application for the 2023 Scholarship Cycle:

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|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Albany | 8. Detroit | | |
| 2. Baltimore | 9. Fairfield County | 15. New Jersey | 21. Roanoke |
| 3. Boston | 10. Las Vegas | 16. Norfolk | 22. San Diego |
| 4. Buffalo | 11. Louisville | 17. Orlando | 23. Seattle |
| 5. California | 12. Miami | 18. Philadelphia | 24. St. Louis |
| 6. Cleveland | 13. Minneapolis/St. Paul | 19. Pittsburgh | 25. Toledo |
| 7. Columbia | 14. New Haven | 20. Potomac | 26. Trenton |



Thank you to the 17 Scholarship Reviewers from nine Girl Friend chapters for reading, reviewing, and rating each application.

- Birmingham Chapter – GFs Camelia Holmes, Ashley Ransburg-Scott, Vanessa Falls
- Chicago Chapter – GF Scyla Murray
- Cincinnati Chapter – GFs Heather Cox, Regina Daily, Debra Merchant, Alva Crawford
- Durham Chapter – GFs Michelle Rouse, Joelle McApine Duren
- Golden State Chapter – GFs Holly Cousins, Valerie Lewis
- Memphis Chapter – GF Denise Mustiful Martin
- Milwaukee Chapter – GFs Dana Clark, Daphne Little
- New Orleans Chapter - GF Nikki Epps-Baham
- Richmond Chapter – GF Darnetta Daire

The scores from each reviewer were tailed and combined together. A final list of the scores was submitted to The Fund Board for review and the 2023 Scholars will be announced at the Conclave.

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:

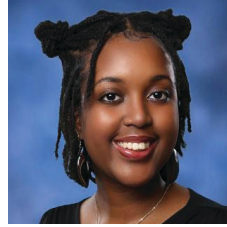
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Pittsburgh Chapter

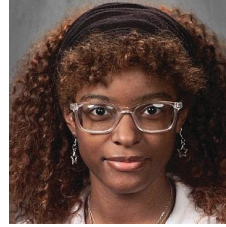
2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Lyla Sneed
Wesleyan University
Neuroscience
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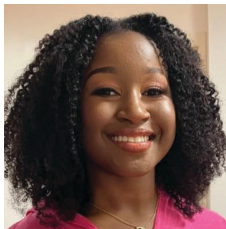
Olga Ineza
Mercy College
Business Administration
& International Business
Buffalo Chapter



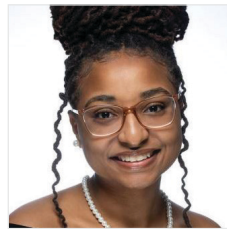
JaNya Hawthorne
Spelman College
Biology - Pre-Veterinary
Medicine
Cleveland Chapter



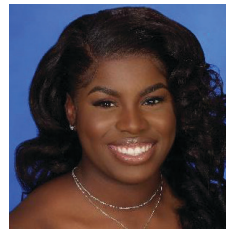
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Courtney Wright
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Ann Arbor
Chemical Engineer
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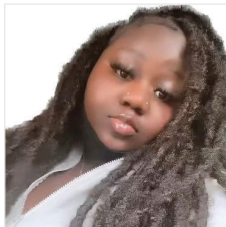
D'Nasia Jones
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Secondary Education-
English
Louisville Chapter



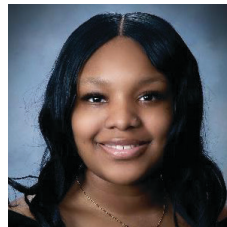
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Government &
Educational Studies
Miami Chapter



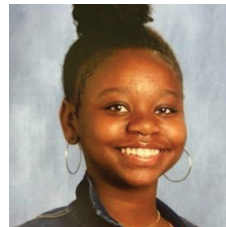
Na'Taliyah Edison
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Biology - Pre-Med
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Chapter



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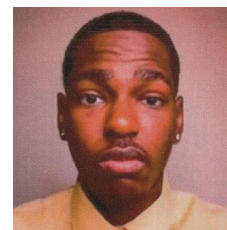
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Roanoke Chapter



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Leslie Taylor-Stovall

In honor of Phyllis Taylor

In memory of Cynthia Taylor-Wade

Verletta White

In memory of Bernice Johnson

Carol Wimbush

In memory of McArthur Wimbish

Trenton Chapter

Simone Anderson

Cheryl Bryant

Dianne Clark

Faye Coleman

Delene Copeland

Dorothy Harper

Carmen Jones

Fabienne Francois

Yvette Kenner

Carol Sills

Judith Simkins

CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS

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

Catherine Starghill

Lisa Skeete Tatum

Paula Taylor

Susan Van Buren

Adrina Walker

Yvette Williams

Priscilla Wyn

Non-members

Comfort Brownell

Jordan Bush

In honor of GFF President Marie Latham Bush

Berneen Dunson

Kwanna King

Chante Mitchell

In honor of GFF President Marie Latham Bush

Emma P Moore

Camila Okpodu

Virginia Ricketts

Chantay Walker

Wilhelmina Young Revocable Trust

PIONEERS OF THE FUND CAMPAIGN

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

Lynn Jollivette Johns, Potomac Chapter

In memory of GF Lynda Perry Carroll

New Orleans Chapter, Past GFF National President

PARTNER LEVEL (\$500 - \$999)

Joan Sessoms Ford, Dallas Chapter

MENTOR LEVEL (\$250 - \$499)

Annette Johnson, Albany Chapter

Tamara Turnley Robinson, Atlanta Chapter

In memory of GF Lynda Carroll

FRIEND LEVEL (\$150 - \$249)

Emma Paulett Moore, New Haven Chapter

EUNICE SHREEVES SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

2023 Luncheon Sponsors

GF Jacqueline Moore Bowles, Milwaukee Chapter - \$4,500

Alzheimer's Association - \$3,000

Renasant Bank - \$2,500

GF Erika Salter, Dallas Chapter - \$1,500

GF Lynette Crenshaw, Cleveland Chapter - \$1,500

GF Sharon Jones Wallace, Orlando Chapter - \$1,200

(Musician sponsor)

2023 Luncheon Donors

Baylor Scott White Health System - \$500

Baptist Town Community Development / Milwaukee Tool Greenwood Scholarship Fund - \$500

2023 Silent Auction Monetary Donations

Memphis Chapter - \$750

Toledo Chapter - \$750

Albany Chapter - \$250

Buffalo Chapter - \$250

Minneapolis / St. Paul Chapter - \$250

Las Vegas Chapter - \$200

Houston Chapter - \$200

ESTHER MARIGONEUX ENDOWMENT FUND ~ 2022 - 2023

Chapters \$500 - \$999

Norfolk Chapter

Roanoke Chapter

Individuals \$500 - \$999

Eva Martin, Las Vegas Chapter

Chapters \$300 - \$499

Boston Chapter

Milwaukee Chapter

Newport News Chapter

Pittsburgh Chapter*

St. Louis Chapter

Individuals \$300 - \$499

Veronica Spencer Austin*, Dallas Chapter

Marnese Elder*, Dallas Chapter

Lori Parker*, Dallas Chapter

Andrea Woods*, Las Vegas Chapter

Memphis Chapter

Rosetta Jo Beckford

Debra S. Carter*

Carol Johnson Dean*

Sharon Devine Harris*

CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS

Memphis Chapter (continued)

Ella Horton*

Denise Mustiful Martin*

Ann-Marie Motley*

Kim Post*

Ann Marie Watkins Wallace*

Pittsburgh Chapter

Connie Thornhill Bettis*

Kim Armstrong Davis*

Stephanie Durrett*

Elizabeth Hughes*

Terry McCants Lewis*

Regina Wilson*

St. Louis Chapter

Lauren Ming

Linda Wilson

Washington DC Chapter

Robin Belle Harrison

In memory of GF Alma Marshall Jennings & GF Joan Jennings Belle Ricks & GF Patricia Jennings Higgins (Albany Chapter)

Individuals \$50 - \$299

Deborah Marioneaux Allen, Charlotte Chapter
In honor of GF Natasha Witherspoon, Charlotte Chapter, National Secretary

Deborah Marioneaux Allen, Charlotte Chapter;
In memory of Lynda Carroll, Past GFF National President

Deborah Marioneaux Allen, Charlotte Chapter
In memory of GF Esther C. Marioneaux, Charlotte Chapter, Past President, The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.

Mary Childs, Fairfield County Chapter

Alva Jean Crawford, Cincinnati Chapter

Joyce Ford Quick, Buffalo Chapter

**2022-2023 Esther Marioneaux Medal Recipients
(first time \$300 donation)*

SILENT AUCTION



The 2023 Silent Auction held during the Girl Friends Fund Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon, “Scholarships for Shining Stars” was reminiscent of bygone days, with individual Girl Friends and 27 Chapters of The Girl Friends, Inc. donating gifts that took our breath away. It was apparent that Chapters took time in selecting items they felt would have luncheon guests returning, time and time again, to watch their bids. Some never left the area. The buzz, in the room, was somewhat cathartic, having yearned for the time when bidding would be able to be in-person at the luncheon.

We are thrilled to report that, because of the generosity of our donors and the beneficence of our Girl Friends and guests, the Silent Auction netted \$10,500.00*, the highest amount thus far. This amount will support one full scholarship and more than half of another.

Thank you, for your continued support of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. A special thank you to all the Girl Friends who volunteered their time to help make the silent auction successful. We hope to receive support from all 48 Chapters for the Silent Auction during the Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon in Baltimore, Maryland in 2024.

Gratefully yours,

Sonya Goldsboro

GF Sonya Goldsboro, Chairman
GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall, Co chairman
GF Emily Monago, Co chairman
GF Jacqueline Bontemps
GF Cecelia Henderson
GF Marie Latham Bush

EUNICE SHREEVES SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER



The Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon, "Scholarships for Shining Stars," was held May the 25th in Sunny San Diego, California. Two hundred and fifty-tickets were sold to support present and future scholarship recipients.

Thank you to all the Girlfriends who supported this endeavor by purchasing tickets, sponsorships, and placing bids at our fabulous auction. A big thank you to Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Committee, our beloved Toledo Chapter GFs, Scholarship recipients' testimonials, beautiful GF Presidents and GFF Liaison parade participants, Entertainer Johnny Britt, and Mistress of Ceremony Ericka Dunlap.



It has been our pleasure for GF Alisha Gant and I to serve as your 2023 co-chairs for this event. It's an honor to continue the motto of, "Bringing Dreams to Life".

Girl Friendly,

Katrina Barry
GF Katrina Barry
Toledo Chapter

Alisha Gant
GF Alisha Gant
Toledo Chapter



SPECIAL PROJECTS



Dear Girl Friends Fund Board and Girl Friends,

The Fund provides annual financial awards for up to four academic years to qualified high school seniors who have been accepted to a four year institution. The Fund is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Our goal is "Bringing Dreams to Life One Scholarship at a Time".

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We had a banner year with our specialized GFF jewelry sale this year. Again thank you Girl Friends for making this fundraiser a success, while "Bringing Dreams to Life" for our many scholarship recipients. We appreciate your continued support of our mission.

Girl Friendly,

Joyce Ford Quick

Joyce Ford Quick, Committee Chair

Cecelia B. Henderson, Committee Co-Chair

Buffalo Chapter

Buffalo Chapter

Special Projects Committee Members

GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall

GF Tamara Turnley-Robinson, Committee

GF Cheryl Smith

GF Marie Latham Bush, GFF President

Dallas Chapter

Atlanta Chapter

Orlando Chapter

Toledo Chapter



NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OFFICERS



The Officer Nominating Committee made a call for nominations for Girl Friends Fund Board Officers. The newly elected Girl Friends would begin serving in the various officer roles beginning on July 1, 2023.

The Girl Friends Fund Board election took place on April 11, 2023. There were six officer positions on the ballot and four Girl Friends nominated to fill four of the six available officer positions.

The listed Girl Friends were nominated as follows:

- GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall: Board President
- GF Lashell Vaughn: Board Vice President
- GF Cheryl Smith: Board Secretary
- GF Jacqueline Bontemps: Assistant Board Secretary

The officer positions of Board Treasurer and Board Financial Secretary had no nominations. The nominated Girl Friends ran unopposed. Therefore, it was moved by GF Monago to make a unanimous vote for the full slate of nominations fill the Girl Friends Fund Officer positions from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025. All were in favor of a unanimous vote for the slate of officers.

A call was made from the floor for the current Girl Friends Fund Board Treasurer and Board Financial Secretary to switch roles in order to fill the two vacant officer positions on the evening of elections. Both Board Officers declined.

Moving forward, the slate of officers voted in will proceed with the current elected officers. The vacant Board Treasurer and Board Financial Treasurer officer positions are going to be filled during the new administration.

At the conclusion of elections, GF Thibodeaux Goodall, GFF Board President-Elect, thanked everyone for their vote of confidence and shared her appreciation and extended a special thankyou to GFF Board President GF Dr. Marie Latham Bush.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Co-Chairs of the Board of Directors,

Dr. Emily Monago

GF Dr. Emily Monago, Chairman

GF Jacqueline Randolph

GF Jacqueline Bontemps

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR DIRECTORS



The Girl Friends Fund Board of Directors election was held at the San Diego Conclave, May 25, 2023 for the 5 vacancies that were available. The term begins July 1, 2023 and continues through June 30, 2026.

The following individuals were nominated for the Director's position for the GFF:

Re-Elected 2nd Term

BF Frank Sims	Atlanta
GF Fawn Robinson	Pittsburgh

Newly Elected

GF Dr. Patrice McClellan	Toledo
GF Lesley Douglas-Churchwell	New Haven
GF Michelle Bernard	Potomac
GF Veronica Spencer	Austin
GF Beth Jones	Atlanta

A vote was put on the floor and all candidates received unanimous votes to serve.

Special thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee,
GF Kim Campbell, GFF Nomination Chair - Columbus Chapter
GF Dana Sadiq - Columbus Chapter
GF Ann Marie Wallace - Memphis Chapter
GF Adrienne Cooper - Minneapolis Chapter.

Sincerely,

Kim Campbell

GF Kim Campbell
Columbus Chapter



Additional Reports

Annual Meeting of the Membership Minutes May 25, 2023 Manchester Hyatt Hotel - San Diego, CA

The meeting was called to order by President GF Marie Latham Bush at 2:38PM

Chapter Roll Call by GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall:

Chapters Present: Albany, Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Charlotte, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Durham, Las Vegas, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis/St. Paul, New Haven, New Jersey, New York, Newport News, Pittsburgh, Potomac, San Diego, Seattle, St. Louis and Toledo

Quorum established with 27 chapters present

Minutes from the May 2022 Annual meeting (via zoom) were read by GF Lynnette Crenshaw. It was properly moved by GF Jacquelyn Randolph (New Haven) and seconded by GF Deanna Ford Horton (Potomac) to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed unanimously

OFFICERS REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report was given by GF Tamara Turnely Robinson

Good afternoon Girl Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your GFF Financial Secretary. It has truly been a joy to know the best of GFs working with three wonderful GFF presidents, GF LaVern Nichols Boyd, GF Ann Walters Pope and GF Marie Latham Bush and a hardworking GFF board who all have the mission of the GFF in their hearts and the giving spirit of The Girl Friends Inc. in everything we do.

I'd like to briefly acknowledge 2 Past GFF Presidents that I was blessed to know, who transitioned last year & this year - GF Mirian Shropshire and GF Lynda Jolivet Carroll, and GF Lavern Dukes, Girl Friend Inc. President – we continue to honor their memory.

As GFF Financial Secretary, my duties are to receive all monies directly from all sources on behalf of the Girl Friends Fund, and to provide said monies for deposit to the Girl Friends Fund National Treasurer. This fiscal year, the objective was to provide GF Lori Parker, National Treasurer, deposit transmittals within 2 weeks of receipt. My duties also include providing a recording of all donations received by check to The Girl Friends Fund Assistant Secretary in order to ensure appropriate donor acknowledgements.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

This fiscal year, GF Jacqueline Randolph was appointed to provide donation acknowledgements....

Electronic/online donations have become an important stream of revenue for GFF, my duties are to log all donations received via all online sources. All online donors should receive a letter generated by the online donor software system, Givelively.

In addition to receipt of funds, my duties include providing the GFF Board of Directors and the Girl Friends, Inc. body an accounting of all monies collected by the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. For check donations, we are developing a new Streamlined Donor Donation Form. I have seen online donations exceed check donations and expect that trend to continue. As such, we are working to ensure the ease of use and efficiency of our online donation systems.

Our GFF fiscal year ends June 30th. The GFF annual donation report listing all donations will be available online and distributed to chapters in July 2023. This report will reflect ALL donations secured July 1, 2022 thru June 30th 2023. There are I think 41 days to go – so if you haven't donated and would like be a part of helping support deserving young scholars, please consider an online donation ... and I would also be happy to receive your check at conclave.

As of May 20th, we have received donations amounting to \$114,604.10. These donations have come from over 600 GFs, and from all 48 GF chapters. We have also been blessed with corporate matching donations, several generous 'named scholarships', and an additional endowment. Again, the full report will be available at the conclusion of our fiscal year in July. Thank you GFs so much for your generous support of The Girl Friends Fund and the young scholars that we support as we continue to Bring Dreams To Life!

It has been a pleasure to serve.

With Girl Friendly Appreciation,

Tamara Turnley Robinson

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Treasurer's Report was given by GF Lori Parker

OPERATING ACCOUNT

MAY 2023		
5/1/2023	BEGINNING BALANCE	188,029.25
	Deposits - Donations	42351.13
	Withdrawal - Oriental Trading - Supplies	(60.32)
	Withdrawal - MailChimp	(85.12)
	Withdrawal - Return Check	(100.00)
	Withdrawal - Return Jewelry	(110.00)
	Withdrawal - Danisha Brown - Cake Pops	(503.55)
	Withdrawal - Programs/Invitations	(590.00)
	Withdrawal - FedEx	(104.84)
	Withdrawal - Web Master	(200.00)
	Withdrawal - Etsy.com - Programs	(592.52)
	Withdrawal - Go Daddy - Website repair	(149.99)
	Withdrawal - Check #2061 - Medallions	(150.00)
	Withdrawal - Entertainment	(1,500.00)
	Withdrawal - Awards - Outgoing Board Gifts	(1,389.50)
	Withdrawal - Board Members Dinner	(1,954.57)
	Withdrawal - Manchester Hyatt - Luncheon	(16,296.12)
5/31/2023	\$147,173.13	206,593.85

RESTRICTED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

MAY 2023	Operating	Restricted
5/1/2023	Beginning Balance	\$7,244.71
	Interest Earned	0.25
5/31/2023	Ending Balance	\$7,244.96

Respectfully submitted by GF Lori Parker 06-10-2023

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Vice President's Report was given by GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall

Greetings GFs, I am humbled to have served as Vice-President of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. over the past two years. Serving in this capacity allowed me to learn more about the inner workings of the organization.

GF Marie Latham Bush, asked me to Chair the Corporate Development Committee. The country's economy was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the committee explored ways to raise funds in support of scholarships. For marketing purposes, we created a brochure in which scholars commented on how receiving The Girl Friends Fund scholarships impacted their lives.

Despite the downward turn in the economy, we conducted **Giving Tuesday** Campaigns in 2021 and 2022 that netted nearly \$30,000.00. We were blessed to have received support from our Girl Friends and their networks. We continued to publicize our affiliation with **AmazonSmile** and encouraged The Girl Friends Family to sign up, so our organization could benefit from the many purchases, on Amazon. Although the **Matching Gifts Program** has been an available donation option, for years, it appeared to be a "best kept secret". Therefore, we made a concerted effort to familiarize our members with this giving option and encouraged them and their network to have their donations matched, where possible.

Members of the Corporate Development Committee were: GFs Jacqueline Bontemps, Marie Latham Bush, Ann Walters-Pope, Joyce Ford Quick, Jacqueline Randolph, Cecelia Henderson,, Cheryl Smith, Lashell Vaughn, Tamara Turnley-Robinson, Tracey Allison, Lynnette Crenshaw and Boy Friend Frank Sims (our first male board member, who I nominated for board service).

As Vice President, I endeavored to become more familiar with the overall operations of the organization in order to promote The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. in the community. I also attended meetings of the other GFF committees.

As President-elect of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc., I look forward to engaging more of our members to help us raise even more money so that we may continue **Bringing Dreams to Life** for many more deserving students. With the involvement of our Girl Friends family and networks, I know we can achieve more. Thank you and God bless.

Warm regards, Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

President's Report was given by GF Marie Latham Bush

Hello GFs,

The Fund had been asked on several occasions by different chapters and Girl Friends if it could be used as a "Pass thru" for funds for conclaves since GFF has non profit IRS designation. We researched and investigated and the GFF cannot be a pass thru for the GF Inc.

Giving Tuesday was a success, we updated our website and continue to sell GFF jewelry.

GFF has Consolidated our bank accounts to make them more effective and efficient. We made sure we received the best interest rates possible on our accounts. Consolidating accounts was made to simplify our finances.

Investment Committee has been monitoring our assets with Ameriprise Financial and working closely with our financial advisor to generate the best outcome. Regular meeting to review accounts are held.

Silent Auction was a huge success. Auction items provided by chapters and individuals were top quality.

Scholarships were awarded to 15 students for \$1500 per year for four consecutive years. 21 Applications from chapters were submitted. Readers of applications cannot belong to a chapter that submits an application. The first introduction of scholarship winners was the the luncheon.

Various ways to give to the GFF include the Chapter and Member challenge. First time givers (\$300) receive the Esther Marioneaux medallion. Matching funds with your corporation is another way of giving as well as corporate and individual donations. Anyone may contribute to GFF. Donations are tax deductible.

\$25,000 is the minimum amount to establish an endowed named scholarship. The minimum for a scholarship in honor or in memory of is \$6000 which covers a 4 year scholarship for one student.

IRS form 990 has been filed with the auditors, a correction has been made and will be available on the website for members to view.

This was the first year Mail Chimp was used to send Eunice Shreeves Luncheon invitations to the GF membership.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Secretary's Report read by GF Lynnette Crenshaw on behalf of GF Emily Monago

Dear Girl Friends,

As I near the end of my term as Board Secretary, I am filled with appreciation, honor, and respect for all that the Girl Friends Fund, Inc does to support youth attaining higher education and changing their lives through the gift of scholarships. It has been gratifying being in the company of and working with such great and purposeful people who serve on the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. Board.

I am privileged to serve as Secretary of the Board for the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023. During this time, my responsibilities are recording the history of this organization by taking the minutes at the monthly meetings; scheduling and calling board meetings; and recording attendance.

It has been a pleasure serving under the leadership of Board President GF Dr. Marie Latham Bush, Vice President Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall, in collaboration with GF Jacqueline Randolph, Assistant Secretary and all of the officers, directors, and members of the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. Board.

Thank you to all Girl Friends who voted for me and made this esteemed opportunity to serve possible. I wish all new and continuing officers and directors the utmost success.

Sincerely, Emily A. Monago

Eunice Shreeves Luncheon Report was given by GF Katrina Berry/GF Alisha Gant

The Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon, "Scholarships for Shining Stars", was held May the 25th in Sunny San Diego, California. Two hundred and fifty-tickets were sold to support present and future scholarship recipients. Thank you to all the Girlfriends who supported this endeavor by purchasing tickets, sponsorships, and placing bids at our fabulous auction. A big thank you to Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Committee, our beloved Toledo Chapter GFs, Scholarship recipients' testimonials, beautiful GF Presidents and GFF Liaison parade participants, Entertainer Johnny Britt, and Mistress of Ceremony Ericka Dunlap. It has been our pleasure for GF Alisha Gant and I to serve as your 2023 co-chairs for this event. It's an honor to continue the motto of, "Bringing Dreams to Life".

Girl Friendly,

GF Katrina Barry and GF Alisha Gant

2023 Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Fundraiser Co-Chairs

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Silent Auction Report was given by GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall

26 of 48 chapters donated to the silent auction, others chapters sent checks and we are grateful for the participation. Approximately, \$5,000 has been raised today.

Jewelry/Charms Report was given by GF Joyce Ford Quick and GF Cecelia B. Henderson

Dear Girl Friends Fund Board and Girl Friends,

We are excited to announce our newest Sterling Silver Sand Dollar Charm with “2023” and San Diego on the front. We are grateful for your continued support of “The Fund”. All members of The Girl Friends, Inc. are members of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. We are one team with one mission. We appreciate you. This year we added the Sand Dollar Charm to commemorate the San Diego Conclave,

The Fund provides annual financial awards for up to four academic years to qualified high school seniors who have been accepted to a four-year institution. The Fund is a 501 c 3 non-profit organization. Our goal is “Bringing Dreams to Life One Scholarship at a Time”.

Girl Friends helped us sell our Sterling Silver Jewelry at this Conclave. We had available: Philadelphia Liberty Bell Charms for \$35.00. Cancun Palm Tree Charms with “2022” attached for \$35.00. Charm Bracelets with a GFF charm are \$110.00. GFF Pendant with GFF and “Bringing Dreams to Life” engraved on the front and 30th Anniversary 2019 engraved on the rear; with a 30-inch Sterling Silver adjustable chain for \$120.00.

Be a part of the “Sisterhood of the Fund” and purchase yours today! Again thank you Girl Friends for making this fundraiser a success, while “Brining Dreams to Life” for our many scholarship recipients. We appreciate your continued support. Jewelry is available for purchase via our website (under the Jewelry tab).

Girl Friendly,

Joyce Ford Quick and GF Cecelia B. Henderson

Everything has been sold at Conclave, there is no jewelry left to sell. Thank you GFs. There was a question posed about being able to order more Sand Dollar charms at a later date.

Scholarship Report given by GF Fawn Robinson & GF Faith Hairston

We awarded 15 scholarships to the following deserving students:

2023 Scholars SLIDE PRESENTATION

2022 Scholars Renewal Process (May 2022- September 2022)

- 51 Past scholars were eligible to reapply for the scholarship with 44 scholars reapplied for the scholarship.
- 41 scholars met the renewal requirements and received the annual scholarship which included six (6) \$1,000 scholarships.
- 3 did not meet the renewal criteria
- 7 no contact/ did not apply
- The scholarship checks were distributed in September 2022 along with the 15 new 2022 Scholarships.

2023 Renewal Process has already begun. Communication has gone out to the current Scholars. July 31st is the deadline for submitting their renewal form, transcripts, and fall schedules. If we are not able to get in contact with the scholar, we will reach out to the chapters.

2023 Scholarship Cycle (September 2022-September 2023)

The committee conducted a training session on January 29, 2023 with 10 Girlfriends attending the session. With the March 1st deadline, the Scholarship Committee received 26 applications which was an increase of 5 applications from last year. 26 chapters submitted a scholarship application for the 2023 Scholarship Cycle and there were 17 Scholarship Reviewers from nine Girlfriend chapters. The 2023 GFF Scholars were announced at the GFF Luncheon. Chapters are encouraged to reach out to their scholars as the official notification from the Board will be sent mid-June. The chapter representative will be cc'd on the notification to the scholar.

After eight years, I am stepping down as Scholarship Chair and GF Faith Hairston from Toledo will be the chair starting July 1st. Thank you for the support over the years.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Investment Report read by GF Lori Parker on behalf of GF Jacqueline Hrabowski

During the past year, The Girl Friends Fund Investment Committee has continued to monitor and review the two endowment accounts held at Ameriprise Financial Services Incorporated (AFSI) under the direction of William Babgy, the account manager.

The Esther Marioneaux Endowment Fund, established in 2014, is comprised of all scholarship funds invested to preserve long-term capital to fulfill our primary mission of providing college scholarships to deserving youth. The investment objective of this account is to deliver risk-adjusted growth of capital in a moderately aggressive portfolio. The current balance in this account as of April 30, 2023, is \$410,723.55.

Each year since 2021, the Investment Committee has recommended and the GFF Board has approved two full scholarships of \$6,000 each to be awarded from this Ameriprise account. The Investment Committee continues to monitor the performance of this account and determines annually the amounts that can be awarded for new scholarships while preserving the principle.

The second account at Ameriprise was established in 2021, the GFF Restricted Scholarship Fund. It includes scholarship funds that have already been designated and awarded to previously named scholarship recipients. The current balance in this account as of April 30, 2023, is \$139,852.91. Based upon our goal of preserving capital to be awarded as needed during a four-year period, the investment allocations for this account are in a moderately conservative portfolio. The Investment Committee recently met Mr. Babgy, our Ameriprise account representative, to consider investment options and changes given market volatility during the past year. The Committee is currently reviewing even more conservative options, such as money market and investments in cash options to preserve capital. Each year, in September, the Scholarship Committee reports the number and amounts required for outstanding scholarships and the funds are withdrawn from this account and deposited to the GFF's operational account so that checks can be prepared for continuing scholarship recipients.

This year, we are very pleased to announce that GF Joyce Moorehead and her husband, BF have established an GFF Endowment of \$50,000.00 in their names at Ameriprise to be awarded to two scholars annually. We are deeply appreciative for their generosity and for their support of the GFF and our future scholars.

Respectfully Submitted,

GF Jacqueline Hrabowski, Chair

Nominations (voting) Report - GF Kim Campbell (Columbus)

We have five retiring board members- GF Emily Monago, GF Jacqueline Hrabowski, GF Jacqueline Randolph, GF Marie Latham Bush and GF Annette Johnson

We have two Board members who are eligible for a second three-year (2023-26) term- BF Frank Sims and GF Fawn Robinson. There was a motion from GF Denise Martin (Memphis) to renew the two board members terms. It was seconded by GF Deanna Ford Horton (Potomac). Motion passed unanimously

The New officers of the 2023-25 term are President- GF Rosalyn Thibodeaux Goodall, Vice President- GF Lashell Vaughn, Secretary- Cheryl Smith, Asst Secretary- GF Jacqueline Bontemps

The candidates for the GFF Board are as follows:

GF Leslie Douglass Churchwell (New Haven)

GF Patrice McClellan (Toledo)

GF Richelle Bernard (Potomac)

GF Veronica Spencer- Austin (Dallas)

GF Beth Jones (Atlanta) was nominated from the floor by GF Cheryl Smith and seconded by GF Jacqueline Bontemps.

There was motion to close nominations by GF Denise Martin (Memphis) and seconded by GF Rochelle Rollins (Toledo)

GF Lynnette Crenshaw moved that we accept the slate as presented. The motion was seconded by GF Richelle Rawlins. The slate of new candidate passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Audit Report – No Report

New Business

GF President Marie Latham Bush congratulated the new board members, thanked everyone, and she acknowledged the past presidents and board members of the GFF Board.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

2022 - 2023



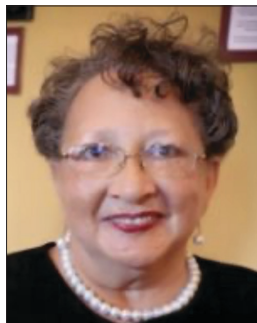
GF Marie Latham Bush
President
Toledo Chapter



GF Roslyn
Thibodeaux Goodall
Vice-President
Dallas Chapter



GF Emily A. Monago
Secretary
Toledo Chapter MAL



GF Jacqueline Randolph
Assistant Secretary
New Haven Chapter



GF Lori Parker
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GF Tamara Turnley
Robinson
Financial Secretary
Atlanta Chapter



GF Tracey Allison
Parliamentarian
California Chapter

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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



BF Frank Sims
Atlanta Chapter



GF Cheryl Smith
Orlando Chapter



GF Lashell M. Vaughn
Memphis Chapter



GF Courtney Moore
President
of The Girl Friends®, Inc.
California Chapter

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

2022 - 2023

Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Fundraiser



GF Katrina Barry
Toledo Chapter



GF Alisha Gant
Toledo Chapter

Special Projects



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

ByLaws/ Policy and Procedures



Tracey Allison
California Chapter

Nominating for Officers



GF Emily A. Monago
Toledo Chapter MAL

Nominating for Directors



Kim Campbell
Columbus Chapter



(L to R)

Future GFF President - GF Roslyn Goodall

Current GFF President - GF Marie Bush

Past GFF President - GF Ann Pope



*Eunice Shreeves
Scholarship Fundraiser
Luncheon*



ProMedica Summer Internship Program

Collaboration with The Girl Friends Fund Incorporated

ProMedica's culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion will transform our workplace and health care experience, position us for strategic growth and enable us to create solutions for the most pressing challenges we face in health care and our communities. By 2025, ProMedica will be a national leader in DEI, becoming the most inclusive and equitable healthcare company in America.

The ProMedica Summer Internship Program is one way that we are focused on developing early career talent across the communities we serve.

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION	The summer internship program will support the DEI's strategy by creating a pipeline to increase levels of diversity and representation across the organization by providing exposure and professional experience to college students who have an interest in careers in healthcare and potentially a future career with ProMedica.	
SPONSORS	Greg Braylock, Melinda Goetz	
LOCATION	Within a ProMedica facility or Corporate Office (Ohio and Michigan footprint) Note: Housing/lodging is not provided	
DURATION	9 weeks, 40 hours per week	
CANDIDATE DEVELOPMENT	Paid internship (\$15/hour) Interns are undergraduate college students, with 1 to 4 semesters remaining before graduation. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Healthcare track – student interested in clinical or another patient-facing role; or,2. Business field – interest in working within healthcare (ex. Finance, Accounting, HR, Hospital Administration)	
ANTICIPATED PROGRAM SCHEDULE	April – May 2023	Application/Interview and selection period
	April 26, 2023	Deadline to submit resume (via email to faithhair@aol.com)
	June 5, 2023	Summer Internship Program begins
	August 4, 2023	2023 Summer Internship Program concludes

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