



GIRLFRIENDS FOREVER



The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. Newsletter

Volume 1

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This is a very exciting time in the life of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc., and we owe it all to you, our generous Girl Friends, Boy Friends and Friends. Thanks to your ongoing support, we have reached a significant milestone, in the life of this organization: our assets exceed **\$1,000,000.!!!!**

Thank you!



Meet our Major Donors



GF Jacqueline Hrabowski
\$107,000. - Baltimore



GF Joyce Moorehead
\$50,000. - Potomac



GF Gail Coles Johnson
\$35,000. - Loudon County



GF Jacqueline Moore Bowles
\$35,000. - Milwaukee



BF Frank Sims
Honoring GF Robyn
\$35,000. - Atlanta



GF Gena Ashe
\$10,000. - Loudon County



35TH Anniversary Fundraising Campaign



The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. (The Fund) is committed to *Bringing Dreams to Life* for high achieving, disadvantaged scholars. In celebration of the organization's 35th Anniversary, a fundraising campaign was launched during the 2024 Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon in Baltimore. GF Jacqueline Hrabowski and GF Joyce Moorehead introduced the year long fundraiser. We are grateful to them for creating this new revenue stream, for the organization.

To get every member of The Girl Friends, Inc. to help us reach the \$350,000. goal, the entry level donation was set at \$35. Other donation levels are \$350., \$3,500., \$35,000. and \$135,000. To date, more than \$280,000. has been raised, which is 78% of the goal. We are in the home stretch, and ask each Girl Friend to help us reach the goal. This campaign will culminate at the 2025 luncheon in Boston. We asked The Girl Friends Fund Liaisons to assist us in recording member donations. The Member and Chapter Challenges will be determined by contributions to this campaign. Members contributing at \$3,500., \$35,000. & \$135,000. levels will receive a specially created brooch. Visit girlfriendsfund.org to donate and to view a copy of the brochure.

35TH ANNIVERSARY GIVING CIRCLES
During this one-year campaign, we encourage each member to join ONE of the CIRCLES below.

TARGET GOAL: \$350,000.00

GIVING LEVEL	AWARD TITLE
\$35	Each member gives \$35 & Each Chapter having 20% member participation receives The 35th Anniversary Circle of Honor Award
\$35	SENIOR ONE-TIME MEMBER DONORS WHOSE MEMBERSHIP RENEWS TO BECOME AN ANNUALY RENEWING MEMBER TO BECOME AN ANNUALY RENEWING MEMBER
\$350	20% ANNUAL GIVING AWARD
\$3,500	20% ANNUAL GIVING AWARD
\$35,000	PROGRESS AWARD ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF THE DONOR
\$135,000	PROGRESS AWARD ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF THE DONOR



35th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign

\$350,000





2025



The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.

Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon

Building a Lasting *Legacy* of Giving

& Bringing Dreams to Life



Tamara Harris Johnson
Chair
"Mother"



Erica Nicole Parker
Co-Chair
"Daughter"

Thursday, May 22, 2025 11:30 am

Hilton Boston Park Plaza
50 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

Featuring

- Culmination of the 35th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign
- Unveiling of the 2025 Scholarship Awardees
- Entertainment by The Four Strings Academy
- Exciting **NEW** - Live and In-Person Auctions
- Boston Tea Pot charm & new bracelet

Donation \$150

Advance Ticket Sales End on May 8, 2025

Purchase at <https://girlfriendsfund.org/luncheon/>



Public Event

Attire: Girl Friends Chic



Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon

We are pleased to announce that GF Tamara Harris Johnson (President, Birmingham Chapter) and her daughter, GF Erica Nicole Parker (Nashville Chapter) will serve as luncheon Chair and Co-Chair. This exciting event will take place at 11:30 am on Thursday, May 22nd, in the Georgian Ballroom of the Hilton Boston Park Plaza Hotel. The \$150. ticket includes meal options of herb roasted salmon, honey glazed chicken breast and cavatelli pasta (vegan, not gluten free). As is the practice, we invite all chapter Presidents and GFF Liaisons to process in. This year, we invite all Mother-Daughter, Aunt-Niece, Sister-Sister and other familial duos to participate in the lively parade. The 2025 scholars will be unveiled, along with the new Endowed Scholars. Entertainment will be provided by The Four Strings Academy. This is a Public Luncheon, so we hope that, in addition to our family of Girl Friends and Boy Friends, we will have representatives from Boston and the surrounding communities. Luncheon proceeds provide scholarships to high-achieving, disadvantaged students. Purchase your ticket today by visiting <https://girlfriendsfund.org/luncheon/>. You may also sign up as a luncheon Sponsor, there. We need volunteers, for the luncheon. Please email us at info@girlfriendsfund.org to sign up.



GF Ericka Dunlap

Our own GF Ericka Dunlap (Orlando Chapter) will serve as emcee. You might remember GF Ericka as Miss America, 2004. She has joined us, in the past and we look forward to the grace and energy she will bring to this year's luncheon.

Online Auction

This year, an online auction is being added so that more of our Girl Friends and their family and friends may join us in raising scholarship funds. GF Kimberly Bell (Seattle Chapter) is Chairing that effort. We are looking for donations of high-end items to include in the catalog. So, please let her know, if you have a vacation spot, automobile use, jewelry, art, etc. that you would like to donate. The online auction will take place May 1 – 7. Be sure to visit girlfriendsfund.org for instructions on how to participate. So far, GFs Mildred Carrethers, Nina Jennings, Ida Hooks and Kimberly Bell have donated wonderful vacation stays and GF Cheryl Smith has donated two Gucci handbags. You may email GF Kimberly at annakemp3@gmail.com to make your donations.



Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon



There will also be the traditional **Silent Auction**, and we look forward to showcasing those fabulous donations from the chapters and members. GF Leslie Douglas-Churchwell (New Haven) and GF Sonya Goldsboro (Las Vegas) are Chair and Co-Chair of that event. We will send your Chapter's GFF Liaison instructions on where to ship your items. Meanwhile, we need lots of volunteers to help us manage this new auction process. Please contact GF Leslie at (lesliechurchwell@mac.com) to volunteer. You will need to attend online training.

New, this year, will be a Live Auction and Raise the Paddle. All auctions will be managed by Murad Auctions. To participate in the in-person auction activities, you will need to register.

Instructions will be emailed to those attending the luncheon. **Dan Newman**, "Straight Outta Alaska", will join us as the Auctioneer. We are hopeful that these new auction experiences will bring in even more funds to support our scholars.

Scholarships

The Mission of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. is to raise funds to support scholarships for high achieving, disadvantaged students. The 2024-25 Girl Friends Fund Scholarship cycle has ended. We are delighted at the number of applications that were received and cannot wait to announce the 2025 awardees. Thanks to generous donors to the 35th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign, four (4) new Endowed Scholarships will be awarded.

The GFF Jewelry

The sterling silver 2025 Conclave charm is a Boston Tea Pot. We also have a fabulous new bracelet, in shades of green with the GFF disc. The quantity is very limited, so order yours, today at <https://girlfriendsfund.org/gffboutique/>

The 35th anniversary brooch/pendant is a limited edition collectible, created by internationally known jeweler, Dorian Webb. There is also a limited inventory of the sterling silver charm bracelet and the Baltimore crab and San Diego sand dollar charms. Order today, while supplies last. <https://girlfriendsfund.org/gffboutique/>



Business Relationship + Dorian Webb

We continue to enjoy a wonderful business relationship with jewelry designer, **Dorian Webb**. In her ongoing support of the mission of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc., she graciously agreed to donate 20% of all purchases (during the month of April) to our organization, when members use the code **GFFAPRIL** in the **Note** section upon check out. Please go to dorianwebb.com to see her exquisite line of jewelry.

Other Ways to Support Our Scholarships



Matching Gifts

Match your donation and INCREASE your impact! To capitalize on the funds that are raised through corporate matching gifts programs, we ask that you help us by determining whether your company will match your gift to The Fund Please visit the Human Resources Department to obtain details.

Corporate Connection

We endeavor to increase our corporate partnerships and ask that our Girl Friends and Boy Friends help us make those connections. If you make decisions about corporate contributions, please email us at info@girlfriendsfund.org with your name, position, corporation and phone number. If you are not in that position, kindly forward information on the person we should contact.



ON THE HORIZON - Legacy Giving

Making a provision in your estate plan that benefits The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. and leaves a lasting personal legacy of support for our scholars is one of the easiest ways to support the effort. We can work with you, your family, and your advisors to help you create a plan that meets both your financial and charitable goals. Please contact us at info@girlfriendsfund.org if you are interested in learning more.





Bringing Dreams to Life...®

Jewelry Event

CELEBRATING THE 2025 CONCLAVE

& Introducing THE BOSTON TEAPOT

Available for Pre-Sale



\$45



Maryland Crab Charm
\$35



San Diego Sand Dollar
Charm \$35



GFF 35th Pin/Pendant
\$200



Sterling Silver Bracelet
\$110

JUST IN



The Fabulous
Multi-facet Bracelet \$40

ORDER NOW

<https://girlfriendsfund.org/gffboutique/>

** \$7 Shipping & Handling per Item

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