



**THE GIRL FRIENDS FUND, INC.®**

*Celebrating Success*

**ANNUAL REPORT**



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**THANK**



**YOU!!!!**

**GOAL \$350,000**

**RAISED \$445K**

**INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE**

This year has been absolutely phenomenal, and we are grateful for this IMPACT:

- Raised the largest amount of money in the organization's history, during a 12 month period.
- Exceeded the year long 35th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign goal of \$350,000. by raising \$445,000.
- Generated four (4) new endowed scholarships.
- Awarded all 29 applicants four-year scholarships, for the first time in the organization's history.
- Acknowledged 16 Chapters of The Girl Friends,<sup>®</sup> Inc. whose membership had 100% participation in the Campaign.
- Hired Murad Auctions to manage luncheon registration and all of the auctions.
- Added a pre-luncheon Online Auction, coupled with the luncheon auction activities (Online Auction, Live Auction, Wine Pull, and Raise the Paddle) that increased the total auction proceeds from \$13,000. in 2024 to \$55,000. in 2025.

**THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THESE FIRSTS!**

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# 2025 President's Message



*Dear Girl Friends and Supporters,*

The past two years have truly been EPIC, thanks to the ongoing support and engagement of members of The Girl Friends,® Inc. and our community supporters. I am grateful to have had the privilege to lead this great organization, during this period in which our total assets exceeded \$1,000,000.

The Mission of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. is to provide scholarships and mentoring to high-achieving, disadvantaged students who face significant financial obstacles in their path towards a college education. With the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to ban affirmative action, in college admissions, a number of institutions ended race conscious scholarships. This, coupled with delays with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), for over a year, resulted in a decrease in applications of low-income students, those who would be considered for our scholarship awards. Recognizing these new impediments, members of The Girl Friends, ® Inc. remained determined to identify and nominate worthy students for scholarship consideration. The 2025 scholarship applicants were exceptional.

Our scholarships have far reaching impact. In some instances, they reduce stress of students having to work a part-time job, to pay for items such items as textbooks, supplies and transportation, to and from school. First generation college students often experience a sense of enormous pride upon receiving a scholarship, regardless of the amount. Many students lack the knowledge of how to even apply for scholarships. As the GFF Liaison for the Dallas Chapter, years ago, our applicant told me that she wanted to go to college, but did not know how to begin the process. It remains critically important that we serve as mentors for students who possess the scholarly aptitude, but lack the "know how" to navigate the system.

The \$29,700. **National Project Award**, that was received from The Girl Friends,® Inc. in 2024 made a huge difference in our funding, as that equates to roughly five (5) scholarships. Thank you, again, for supporting The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. and the hundreds of young women and men who have received our scholarship awards, since 1995. We must remain vigilant in *Bringing Dreams to Life* for these deserving students, many of whom represent tomorrow's leaders.

In commemoration of our milestone anniversary, we launched the **35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Campaign** during the 2024 Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon, with a one-year goal of \$350,000. Thanks to the generous support of our Major Donors, members and supporters the campaign total exceeded \$445,000.

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Here are some of the ways the Board and I made an impact, in 2025:

- Awarded four-year scholarships to all 29 applicants submitted by chapters of The Girl Friends,® Inc. This was the first time the board had approved all of the applications and was a result of the phenomenal response to the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Campaign.
- Raised the largest amount of money in the organization's history.
- Created four (4) new endowed scholarships. GF Jacqueline C. Hrabowski contributed an additional \$107,000 to the campaign, in addition to the \$30,000 previously donated, making her scholarship contributions total \$137,000. GF Gail Coles Johnson, GF Jacqueline Moore-Bowles and GF Robyn J. Sims each donated \$35,000. Each Girl Friend had an endowed scholarship created in her name.
- Influenced the participation of chapters to support The Campaign with donations from each of their members. 18 Chapters are now members of The 100% Club. They are: Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Charlotte, Columbia, Columbus, Fairfield County, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, New Jersey, Orlando, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Potomac, Seattle, and Washington.
- Hired Murad Auction House to run the auctions and increased auction revenue from \$11,447. in 2024 to \$55,000. In 2025.
  - Introduced an Online Auction experience.
  - The charisma and experience of Auctioneer Dan Newman resulted in the Live Auction and the Raise the Paddle activity surpassing the \$30,000. goal.
- Reviewed the investment accounts, regularly, to ensure appropriate asset allocations.
- Worked with the bookkeeper to ensure the books were closed, at the end of this administration.
- Facilitated preparation and timely filing of Form 990 and upload to the website.
- Facilitated the recertification of the trademark that was created under the administration of GF LaVerne N. Boyd.
- Hosted Giving Tuesday
- Attracted new Matching Gift donors.
- Had signature jewelry created for individuals contributing to The Campaign at the \$135,000., \$35,000., \$3,500. and \$1,000. - \$3,4999. levels.
- With Board approval, Board member GF Lynn Jollivette Johns created the GF Lynda Perry Carroll scholarship in memory of her Mother, a former President of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.
- Rewarded chapters with 100% member participation to The Campaign a commissioned hand blown vase.

We appreciate the leadership of the co-chairs of this year's Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon, GF Tamara Harris Johnson (Birmingham Chapter) and GF Nicole Parker (Nashville Chapter).

As is customary, the Boston tea pot charm was designed for Conclave 2025. Additionally, a lovely multifaceted bracelet was created that bears the GFF disc. The 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary brooch is still available.

**Thank you**, to our Girl Friends family and friends, for your continued thoughtfulness and amazing generosity. I extend heartfelt appreciation to members of the Board for their untiring contributions of time, talents, efforts and finances and for supporting me, the past two years. This, was indeed "The Best of Times" for The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.

With a grateful heart,

*Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall*

GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall  
Dallas Chapter – Charter Member

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## Extended History of

### *The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.*

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.

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).

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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.

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

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

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## *Past Presidents Emeriti*



**GF Konnetta P. Sparks (New York Chapter)** was president of The Girl Friends,<sup>®</sup> Inc. in 1989. She served as Interim president of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. <sup>®</sup> that same year, leading The Fund and collaborating closely with Legal Counsel during every stage of The Fund's creation. She is considered the "Mother" of The Fund.



**GF Helen Wright, Cleveland Chapter** (1992-1995), initiated a significant fundraiser of printing the GFF Bylaws in booklet form and selling to GF members. She provided start-up capital for the new Fund and initiated the purchase of the first Certificate of Deposit. She has annually insured the Anita Peek Gilger Trust's significant funding for our students. GF Helen was also national president of The Girl Friends, Inc.



**GF Phoebe A. Haddon, Philadelphia Chapter** (2005-2007) consulted with a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to identify financial data inadequacies of The Fund that had occurred from 1995 through 2002 and proposed a contract with the same CPA to correct those inadequacies and preserve The Fund's tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service.



**GF Carole T. Phillips, Brooklyn Chapter** (2007-2010), worked with the CPA retained by The Fund 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 required after the five-year advance ruling period. She created the Endowment Fund Certificates to recognize donations above the initial \$250.00 that all Girlfriends were asked to contribute.



**GF Andrea L. Johnson, California Chapter** (2012-2013), completed a comprehensive revision of the GFF 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.

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



**GF Cecelia B. Henderson, Buffalo Chapter** (2015-2017), had a limited-edition bracelet commissioned with an engraved with a symbol on one side and the logo "Bringing Dreams to Life," on the other side. The bracelets were marketed to Girlfriends as a fundraiser. She also started The Fund's Book Fair through partnership with Barnes and Noble. She also initiated personalizing the Esther C. Marioneaux Endowment Fund medallions with the name and Conclave date that the Girlfriend contributed.



**GF LaVerne Nichols Boyd, Cleveland Chapter** (2017-2019), successfully secured the trademarking of the GFF symbol and the logo Bringing Dreams to Life. GF LaVerne initiated the implementation of a Quick Books Financial Program which greatly enhanced the financial accountability of the Fund. She commissioned a commemorative sterling silver bracelet to memorialize the 2019 New York and future Conclaves. A Pioneer Campaign that was also originated under her administration, which concurrently with the historically successful 30th Anniversary of the Fund, celebrated for the first time, 48 Pioneer Girl Friends who initiated and formed the foundation for The Fund.



**GF Ann E. Walters-Pope, Miami Chapter** (2019-2021), was president when the Fund initially received the first approved contribution of The Girl Friends,® Inc.'s National Project award in 2020, strengthening scholarship opportunities. GF Ann initiated the Give Lively donation platform and spearheaded successful fundraising efforts, notably the Girl Friend-Giving Tuesday Campaign, which raised over \$16,000, despite the challenges of the COVID Pandemic; her administration culminated with the virtual Eunice Shreeves Luncheon –Pairings with a Purpose generating over \$45,000 and total fundraising efforts surpassing \$200,000.



**GF Marie Bush, Toledo Chapter** (2021-2023), adopted the theme of Girl Friends Funding the Future. During her administration, the first "in Person" Eunice Shreeves Scholarship was held after the COVID Pandemic. The Silent Auction was historic in raising \$10,500, thanks to donations and participation of chapters of The Girl Friends,® Inc. Financial accounts were consolidated and closed, and guidelines established to make the financial operations of The Fund more effective and efficient. This allowed GF Joyce Moorehead to donate \$50,000 to establish the Joyce A. Moorehead Endowed Scholarship



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## *Past National Presidents*

### In Memorium



GF Chrystine Shack assumed the presidency at the First Organizational Meeting of The Fund by election of the Board of Directors. She oversaw the approval of the Revised Bylaws, the approval of the first GFF fundraiser and the development and advancement of the framework for the Scholarship Program.



GF Mirian Shropshire was devoted to addressing and solving problems relating to Black culture and Black progress for children and adults. She worked tirelessly to successfully raise money for scholarships for the next generation of professionals and leaders. She was a proud 1971 Charter member of the Atlanta Chapter.



GF Esther Marioneaux created an Endowment Fund for The Fund, asking every Girlfiend to join by a contribution of \$250.00. This established an ongoing financial base for The Fund which later was invested for its the long-term benefit. She also established the "In Honor of" and "In Memory of" program by which Girlfriends could honor loved ones with their donation(s) to The Fund.



G.F. Lynda Carroll started the giving of medallions for contributions to the GFF Endowment Fund of \$ 250 or more. She oversaw the renaming of the Endowment Fund in honor of its creator, GF Esther C. Marioneaux, and started the practice of perpetual plaques inscribed with the names of Girlfriends giving \$250.00 or more to the Endowment. Most importantly, she prepared the very first Annual Report for The Fund, which is necessary for each and every corporation.



GF Elaine Effort launched the website of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. ® with a generous donation from the family of Cleveland Girlfriend Lillian H. Gregory and also legacy Girlfriends in the Cleveland, Potomac and California Chapters. The interactive website of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. ® allows potential scholars to apply online, encourages chapters to share special events and updates, and makes it easy and safe for Girlfriends, family members, friends, and business and community resources to support the Fund through online donations.

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## *Vice President's Report*

Greetings Girl Friends,

It has been my delight to serve as the Vice-President and Chapter Liaison on the Girl Friend Fund Board of Directors. The work that each of you have done has not gone unnoticed across this organization. The work that we do is a crucial role and much needed one as we continue to be dedicated to bringing dreams to life by providing scholarships and mentoring to African American students who face significant financial obstacles in their path toward a college education.

I continue to be inspired by the commitment and dedication demonstrated by my fellow directors under the leadership of President Rosalyn Thibodeaux Goodall. Each member brings a unique perspective, skill set, and passion to the table, creating a diverse and dynamic team that is truly driven by a shared vision of raising funds for scholarships for future generations.

Over the past year I have communicated with you via email, telephone calls and text regarding the request of making the 35th Anniversary fundraising goal a success. Thank you for answering the call and sharing with your chapter members. Our collective efforts have already yielded remarkable results. I look forward to our continued future work and making a meaningful difference in the lives of future scholars in the years to come.

Girl Friendly,

*GF Lashell Vaughn*

GFF Vice President, Chapter Liaison Chair  
Memphis Chapter



## *Secretary's Report*

Dear Girl Friends,

As I conclude my two-year term as Secretary of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc., it has been my honor to support the effective operation and communication of the Board during the 2024–2025 fiscal year. I respectfully submit this final end-of-year report highlighting the responsibilities I fulfilled and the contributions I made during my tenure. They included:

- **Recorded and maintained meeting minutes** for all board meetings, ensuring an accurate and timely record of discussions, decisions, and actions. These minutes reflect critical board decisions, discussions, and organizational progress.
- **Maintained the board attendance roster** to track member participation and fulfill governance obligations.
- **Creation of the official Facebook account.** I collaborated with the President to develop and distribute timely social media content. This included the creation of event posts and updates, to keep stakeholders and the broader community informed and engaged.
- **Helped distributed= the organization's correspondence via newsletter,** providing board members with regular updates and key information about ongoing activities and accomplishments.
- **Notified board members of upcoming meetings and events,** ensuring clear and consistent communication across the board to promote engagement.

Maintaining accurate records helps The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. gain insight into the past and lays the groundwork for future growth. Additionally, I am in charge of maintaining the board's records and recording minutes at formal board meetings.

I worked to uphold the administrative integrity and communication standards of the Board. It has been a rewarding experience to contribute to the mission and success of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. And I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside such a dedicated team and look forward to a continued collaboration in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Smith  
Board Secretary

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## *Assistant Secretary's Report*

Dear Girl Friends Fund Members,

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Assistant Secretary for the past two years under the inspiring leadership of Girl Friend Fund President, Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall.

Congratulations on the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fund and the tremendous success of the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign, a fundraising initiative launched at the 2024 Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon in Baltimore, MD. With a goal of raising \$350, 000.00 over the year, and through the dedication of President Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall, the Board, and our generous donors, we surpassed expectations by raising over \$440, 000.00. This is a powerful testament to our shared commitment to **Building a Lasting Legacy of Giving & Bringing Dreams to Life.**

In addition, we have achieved record-setting outcomes from the Auction, Sponsored Collaborations, Special Projects, and other milestones. This has truly been an astounding and memorable year for the Fund.

In Service and Friendship, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Girl Friend Ann Pope, GF Adrienne Cooper, and GF Roslyn Goodall for their ongoing collaboration and support in acknowledging, thanking, and documenting contributions from our valued donors especially those made by check. Final financial reports are being prepared and will be included in the 2024 - 2025 Annual Report.

As we look ahead, I am reminded that the top of one leaderboard is the bottom of the next challenge. My eyes have witnessed 29 reasons for excellence, 29 scholarships that reflect the heart of our mission. Each one, a generous and lasting investment in higher education. As Aristotle said, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jacqueline Bontemps*

GF Jacqueline Bontemps, Assistance Secretary  
Newport News Chapter

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# *Financial Secretary's Report*



Greetings Girl Friends,

It has been a privilege for me to work with the Board of the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. and our President GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall this past year. My duties were to collect, record and maintain a record of all monies paid to the Fund. Each month a summary of these activities were reported to the Board and this report provides a summary of our activities by category for the year.

What a year (record setting) this has been!! With the culmination of our 35th anniversary campaign spearheaded by our President, we set records in several categories. Our total endowment for scholarships surpassed the \$1 mil mark for the first time ever. This fall we will grant scholarships to 29 outstanding students representing one of the largest classes in our 35 year history.

My sincere thanks to ALL of the Girl Friends for your outstanding support of our 35th Anniversary initiative, and special thanks to GF Tamara Turnley-Robinson (Atlanta Chapter) for assisting with the duties of Financial Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

*Frank L. Sims*

BF Frank L. Sims Financial Secretary  
(Atlanta Chapter Rep.)

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# Financial Receipts

	GIVELIVELY			DIRECT DEPOSIT		
	(ONLINE)	CHECKS	SQUARE	(AUCTION / MURAD*)	DIRECT DEPOSIT NAMED	TOTAL
GENERAL	\$ 33,351.38	\$ 1,921.00	\$ -			\$ 35,272.38
JEWELRY	\$ 8,014.26	\$ 3,578.00	\$ 9,928.35			\$ 21,518.61
GFF LUNCHEON	\$ 28,074.55	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 28,074.55
GIVING TUESDAY	\$ 5,344.53	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 5,344.53
35th ANNIVERSARY	\$ 44,516.30	\$ 27,668.56	\$ 35.00			\$ 72,219.86
SILENT AUCTION	\$ -	\$ 1,050.00	\$ -			\$ 1,050.00
GWEN JOHNSON	\$ -	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -			\$ 1,750.00
ESTHER MARIONEAUX	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -			\$ 1,405.00
AUCTION*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 55,564.00	\$ -	\$ 55,964.00
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 142,000.00	\$ 142,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 119,301.02</b>	<b>\$ 37,372.56</b>	<b>\$ 10,361.35</b>	<b>\$ 55,564.00</b>	<b>\$ 142,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 364,598.93</b>

TOTAL 35th CAMPAIGN add'l 2 endowed (GCJ & JMB) + General Gift **\$ 80,000.00** **\$ 444,598.93**

NOTES:			
*MURAD AUCTION REPORT (Not Revenue Online Auction & Raised Paddle & Wine Pull-Direct Deposit)	General Operating,	10,000.00 - GA 2024	
Auction Revenue	Ameriprise Account	35,000.00 GC-2024	
	Ameriprise Account	35,000.00 MB-2024	
38,014.00 Murad Not			
17,550.00 Murad Raised Paddle & Wine Pull	Ameriprise Account	107,000.00 GF Hrabowski-2025	
<b>55,564.00 Total</b>	Ameriprise Account	35,000.00 GF Robyn Symis-2025	



## *Treasurer's Report*



Dear Girl Friends Fund Board and Girl Friends,

It has been the deepest honor and most humbling privilege to serve as Treasurer of the Girl Friends Fund these past two years. To be entrusted with the sacred task of stewarding our finances, our gifts, our collective sacrifice, and our seeds of hope, has been nothing short of a calling. Though my time as an officer concludes, I remain wholly committed to the heart of our mission. I am only two years into the first of what I hope will be two, three-year terms on the board, and I will continue to pour my energy and spirit into “bringing dreams to life,” by raising scholarship funds for Black students pursuing their college dreams.

We are living in perilous times. The backlash against diversity, equity, and inclusion in education has revealed a cruel truth: Black excellence still must fight for its rightful place at the table. But thanks to every single one of you, we remain undeterred. We are a Fund born of sisterhood and service, and we understand the power of lifting as we climb. In an era marked by erasure, we double down on visibility. In a time of silencing, we amplify the voices of our youth.

Over the past two years, I have faithfully served not only as Treasurer, but also as Chair of the Finance Committee and a proud member of the Investment, Legal, and Scholarship Committees. In these roles, I have worked to ensure that every dollar entrusted to us was managed with the utmost fiscal responsibility, accountability, and integrity. We refined best practices in nonprofit finance, enhanced our internal controls, and prioritized transparency and trust, all in service to our mission. The dollars we raised were not just transactions; they were acts of resistance, defiance, and radical love for our future.

I must take a moment to offer boundless praise and gratitude to Girl Friend Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall, our extraordinary and outgoing President, who has led the Fund with grace, grit, and unmatched vision. Under her historic leadership, we celebrated the triumphant success of the 35th Anniversary Campaign. This is a testament to what happens when bold Black women lead, organize, and believe.

And now, with the utmost confidence, we welcome Girl Friend Adrienne Cooper as our incoming Treasurer for the 2025 biennium. I know she will be a superb steward of our mission; thoughtful, strategic, and passionate about our cause.

We press forward. We give, we build, and we bless because we know what is at stake. Each scholarship we award is a holy investment in the leaders, healers, and truth-tellers of tomorrow. Thank you for trusting me, and thank you for continuing this divine work.  
In faith, love, and justice,

Sincerely,

GF Michelle D. Bernard

Treasurer, Potomac Chapter

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# Treasurer's Report



Accounts	Checkline Operative	Restricted Scholarship	Bank of America Total	Ameriprise Investments
Beginning Balance 07/01/2024	\$320,408.99	\$7,248.14	\$327,657.13	\$712,795.03
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 INCOME AS OF APRIL 30, 2025</b>				
Monthly Income			July 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025	July 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025 (Deposits and/or Positive Change in Value)
July	7,723.44	0.25	\$7,723.69	\$262,920.13
August	1,325.20	0.25	\$1,325.45	\$18,360.68
September	86,165.15	0.25	\$86,165.40	\$13,458.80
October	\$9,841.42	0.24	\$9,841.66	\$108,421.17
November	\$6,855.97	0.25	\$6,856.22	\$31,495.92
December	\$13,328.82	0.25	\$13,329.07	\$32,880.30
January	\$55,632.95	0.25	\$55,633.20	21,931.77
February	\$10,381.94	0.22	\$10,382.16	\$37,690.32
March	\$18,441.79	0.25	\$18,442.04	\$2,476.29
April	\$32,579.73	0.24	\$32,579.97	\$64,137.54
<b>Total Income as of 4/30/2025</b>	<b>\$242,276.41</b>	<b>2.45</b>	<b>\$242,278.86</b>	<b>\$593,772.92</b>
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 EXPENSES AS OF APRIL 30, 2025</b>				
Monthly Expenses	Operative	Restricted	Total	Ameriprise (Negative Change in Value and/or Expense)
July	(\$247,310.07)	0	(\$5,401.46)	\$0.00
August	-4,650.09	0	(\$271.66)	\$0.00
September	(\$338.23)	0	(\$48,647.83)	(\$82,500.00)
October	-1,874.24	0	(\$29,053.04)	(\$19,964.79)
November	(\$999.24)	0	(\$7,424.65)	\$0.00
December	(\$1,745.82)	0	(\$1,745.82)	(\$59,015.11)
January	(\$6,669.21)	0	(\$108.31)	\$0.00
February	-35,334.58	0	(\$893.53)	\$0.00
March	(\$18,441.79)	0	(\$5,385.34)	(\$30,094.22)
April	(\$64,682.22)	0	(\$39,121.24)	(\$787.67)
<b>Total Expenses as of 4/30/2025</b>	<b>(\$382,045.51)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(\$138,052.88)</b>	<b>-192,361.79</b>
<b>BOARD APPROVED TRANSFERS</b>				
<b>Board Approved Transfers to GFF</b>				
Ameriprise Account Total	(\$311,837)	\$7,250	(\$319,087)	
<b>Bank Ending Balances April 30, 2025</b>				
	\$94,593.60	\$0.14	\$94,593.74	\$1,115,751.50
<b>Total Net Assets Bank of America &amp; Ameriprise as of April 30, 2025</b>	<b>\$1,210,345.24</b>			

Respectfully Submitted, CF Michelle D. Bernard, Potomac Chapter of the Girl Friends, Incorporated

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## *Assistant Treasurer's Report*



Dear Girl Friends Fund Board, Members and Supporters,

It is a true honor to serve as a newly elected member of the Girl Friends Fund, Inc.® (the Fund) Board of Directors for the 2024–2025 program year. Following my role as Chair of the 2023–2024 Nominating Committee for the Board, I was humbled to be nominated and elected to the Board on November 13, 2024, and subsequently elected as Assistant Treasurer on January 8, 2025.

Under the leadership of Fund President Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall and with the guidance of Treasurer Michelle D. Benard, I am proud to serve as a fiscal officer, entrusted with upholding the Fund's financial integrity. I take seriously my fiduciary responsibility to ensure that all financial records—including income and expenses—are maintained in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Over the past five months, my contributions have included electronically filing IRS Forms 1099 for the 2024 calendar year and preparing more than 70 donation letters for contributions received in 2024 and 2025. I continue to learn from the deep expertise and dedication of our fellow Board members, and I am inspired by their commitment to our mission.

Thank you for your unwavering support of the Girl Friends Fund, Inc.® Together, we surpassed our 35th Anniversary Giving Campaign goal of \$350,000, a milestone celebrated at the 2025 Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and makes a profound impact. Together, we are truly “Bringing Dreams to Life” by providing scholarships that empower African American students to pursue higher education and transform their futures.

With sincere gratitude,

Adrienne N. Cooper  
Assistant Treasurer  
The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.®  
Milwaukee Chapter

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## *Parliamentarian Report*



Dear Girl Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Parliamentarian of the Girl Friends Fund (GFF) again during this term. My responsibilities this past year have consisted of providing advice and council regarding our Bylaws and other parliamentary procedural questions from time to time and on various matters as requested by the GFF President and Officers, meeting with the Bylaws Committee to review certain of our Policies and Procedures and reviewing and considering proposed amendments to the GFF Bylaws.

During this term, two (2) proposed amendments to the GFF Bylaws were submitted: 1) The 1<sup>st</sup> proposal recommends amending the Bylaws to allow proxy votes under specified circumstances in order to make quorum and vote on proposed issue(s) when Special Meetings of the Directors are called, and 2) the 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal recommends updating the version of Robert's Rules of Order as referenced in the GFF Bylaws to the current official version of Robert's Rules of Order. The GFF Board of Directors affirmatively voted to present both proposed amendments for vote to the membership of the Girl Friends Fund.

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



# *Investment Committee Report*



Dear Girl Friends,

The Investment Committee of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. (The Fund) has the responsibility for the management and oversight of monies raised in pursuit of our primary mission of “providing college scholarships for deserving students”. Per our by laws, our objective is to deliver risk-adjusted returns in a moderately aggressive portfolio.

We reached a significant milestone this year. Total funds invested in our endowment accounts surpassed the \$1mm mark. Thanks to a rigorous 35th anniversary campaign, and the generous support of our member Chapters, we now have \$1,115,752 invested. This compares to \$712,795 at the end of our fiscal year 2024.

We continue to maintain our accounts with Ameriprise Financial (Bill Bagby). Each year we evaluate our asset allocations and options to determine if market volatility warrants changes. Over the last four years we have maintained a portfolio of moderately conservative investments and we will continue with that strategy. It has served us well.

Respectfully submitted,

*Frank L. Sims*

BF Frank L. Sims, Chair  
GF Michelle Bernard  
GF Jacqueline Bontemps  
GF Fawn Robinson



# Investment Report



June 30, 2025

Report of Investment Advisor

The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.

The Girl Friends Fund Inc. (GFF) Investments are professionally managed by Ameriprise Financial Services, Incorporated (AFSI) . The GFF accounts are invested in Actively Diversified Funds with Moderately Aggressive and Conservative asset allocations. The investment objective is to deliver income and capital growth.

The 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.

For the investment period ending April 30, 2025 GFF investments with Ameriprise Financial totaled \$1,115,752 in the accounts below:

Restricted Scholarship Fund	\$129,067
Girl Friends Fund Inc.	\$714,206
Joyce Morehead, Endowed Scholarship Fund	\$54,253
Jacquelyn C. Hrabowski, Endowed Scholarship Fund	\$108,373
Jacquelyn Moore Bowles. Endowed Scholarship Fund	\$38,313
Gail Coles Johnson, Endowed Scholarship Fund	\$37,881
Robyn J. Sims, Endowed Scholarship Fund	\$33,659
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,115,752</b>

The investment activities of the above funds are regularly reported by the Manager and monitored by the GFF Investment Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

*William A. Bagby*

William A. Bagby  
Associate Vice President  
Ameriprise Financial LLC

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## Your Ameriprise statement

for April 1, 2025 to April 30, 2025

PREPARED FOR GIRL FRIENDS FUND INC

William A Bagby

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## Your Ameriprise statement

for April 1, 2025 to April 30, 2025

PREPARED FOR GIRL FRIENDS FUND INC

### Value of your investment accounts

	This month	This year
Beginning value	\$1,050,856.29	\$1,018,852.13
Net deposits & withdrawals	\$62,250.00	\$97,250.00
Dividends, interest & income	\$1,857.54	\$7,902.92
Change in value	\$787.67	\$8,253.55
<b>Ending value</b>	<b>\$1,115,751.50</b>	<b>\$1,115,751.50</b>

### 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](http://ameriprise.com). Click the Portfolio tab to find your latest account value, activity and asset allocation.

Balancing multiple financial goals - from saving and budgeting to charitable giving - can be challenging. Visit [ameriprise.com/financial-goals-priorities/personal-finance](http://ameriprise.com/financial-goals-priorities/personal-finance) for strategies to help you stay on track.

## Your asset allocation



Asset class	Value on Apr 30, 2025	Percent of assets
● Cash & cash investments *	\$67,010.11	6.0%
● Fixed income	\$464,212.63	41.6%
● Equities	\$584,528.76	52.4%
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$1,115,751.50</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*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](http://ameriprise.com/allocation)

## Summary of your accounts

The first page, the Summary of your account pages and the Important Disclosures page constitute a Summary Statement provided by AEIS which includes both brokerage and managed accounts held by AEIS, and other assets held by various Ameriprise affiliated entities responsible for providing underlying account statements. Summary statements that include brokerage may include held away assets; refer to Brokerage Statement pages for details. Each product has detail pages in the statement provided by those entities pursuant to those regulations. Any information in the summary statement is provided for convenience purposes, including assets not held by AEIS or AFS. The underlying product pages are the official record of your account. See Important Disclosures page for responsibilities of each legal entity.

Should you choose to sell your entire portfolio or a holding in an account, the total amount received may not be the same as the ending value noted here due to sales or surrender charges, tax withholding, outstanding loans or other fees that may apply at the time of sale.

Page		Beginning value	Deposits	Withdrawals	Dividends, Interest & Income	Change in value	Ending value
<b>Trust &amp; business accounts</b>							
<b>GIRL FRIENDS FUND INC</b>							
3	ACTIVE DF CONS	\$37,797.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$117.51	-\$33.57	\$37,881.11
8	ACTIVE DF CONS	\$72,422.89	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$225.59	\$1,418.58	\$129,067.06
13	ACTIVE DF MOD AGG	\$706,486.88	\$7,250.00	\$0.00	\$850.66	-\$381.26	\$714,206.28
19	ACTIVE DF CONS	\$54,129.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$168.38	-\$44.99	\$54,252.76
24	ACTIVE DF CONS	\$38,228.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$118.87	-\$34.47	\$38,313.01
29	ACTIVE DF CONS	\$108,140.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$336.12	-\$104.27	\$108,372.56
34	ACTIVE DF MOD AGG	\$33,650.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.41	-\$32.35	\$33,658.72
<b>Total personal investment accounts</b>		<b>\$1,050,856.29</b>	<b>\$62,250.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,857.54</b>	<b>\$787.67</b>	<b>\$1,115,751.50</b>
<b>Total of all accounts</b>		<b>\$1,050,856.29</b>	<b>\$62,250.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,857.54</b>	<b>\$787.67</b>	<b>\$1,115,751.50</b>

## Ameriprise Active Portfolios (continued)

Account #: 0000 2688 1841 6 133

### Your holdings

Description				Ending value this period <sup>7</sup>	Ending value last period	Net change this period		Estimated Annual Income Yield	
<b>Cash and equivalents</b>									
Ameriprise Insured Money Market (AIMMA) <sup>2</sup>				\$620.92				\$0.93	0.15%
Ameriprise Bank FSB Minneapolis MN				\$620.92					
<b>Total Cash and equivalents <sup>7</sup></b>				<b>\$620.92</b>	<b>\$534.13</b>	<b>\$86.79</b>		<b>\$0.93</b>	
<b>Mutual funds</b>									
Description	Symbol/CUSIP	Quantity	Market price X	Ending value this period <sup>7</sup>	Ending value last period	Net change this period	Total cost basis <sup>1</sup>	Unrealized gain/loss	Annual Income Yield
MULTI MANAGER VALUE STRATEGIES INSTL CL	QDVK	190.098	\$15.20	\$2,281.48	\$2,206.30	\$75.18	\$2,423.89	-\$142.41	\$37.89 1.66%
MULTI MANAGER TOTAL RETURN BOND STRATEGIES INSTL CL	CTRX	3,175.780	\$8.66	\$27,502.25	\$28,147.49	-\$645.24	\$27,161.99	\$340.25	\$1,248.71 4.54%
MULTI MANAGER GROWTH STRATEGIES INSTL CL	QDVK	123.469	\$18.96	\$2,340.97	\$1,981.36	\$359.61	\$2,355.30	-\$14.34	\$0.77 0.03%
MULTI MANAGER INTL EQUITY STRATEGIES INSTL CL	CMEX	129.572	\$12.61	\$1,633.90	\$1,582.07	\$51.83	\$1,620.15	\$13.74	\$30.70 1.88%
LORD ABBETT BOND DEBTURE CL I	LBVX	272.871	\$6.97	\$1,901.91	\$1,910.83	-\$8.92	\$1,939.85	-\$37.95	\$119.24 6.27%
<b>Total Mutual funds</b>				<b>\$35,660.51</b>	<b>\$35,828.05</b>	<b>-\$167.54</b>	<b>\$35,501.18</b>	<b>\$159.29</b>	<b>\$1,437.31</b>
<b>ETFs and closed-end funds</b>									
INVESCO S&P 500 TOP 50 ETF	XIG	8,000	\$45.78	\$366.24	\$368.16	-\$1.92	\$360.24	\$6.00	\$2.89 0.79%
ISHARES CORE MSCI EMERGING MARKETS ETF	EMG	7,000	\$54.17	\$379.19	\$377.79	\$1.40	\$378.05	\$1.14	\$11.70 3.09%
VANGUARD EXTENDED MARKET ETF	VXF	5,000	\$170.85	\$854.25	\$689.04	\$165.21	\$934.07	-\$79.82	\$11.14 1.30%
<b>Total ETFs and closed-end funds</b>				<b>\$1,599.68</b>	<b>\$1,434.99</b>	<b>\$164.69</b>	<b>\$1,672.36</b>	<b>-\$72.68</b>	<b>\$25.73</b>
<b>Total account holdings</b>				<b>\$37,881.11</b>	<b>\$37,797.17</b>	<b>\$83.94</b>	<b>\$37,173.54</b>	<b>\$86.61</b>	<b>\$1,463.97</b>



# 35th Anniversary

## *Fundraising Campaign Report*

Launching the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Campaign on May 2, 2024 in Baltimore, MD



GF Jacqueline C. Hrabowski



GF Joyce A. Moorehead

**Campaign Goal vs Campaign Results**  
**Goal = \$350,000.      Results = \$445,000.**

Bravo to all members of The Girl Friends,<sup>®</sup> Inc., for helping us meet and exceed the \$350,000. goal. The Board of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. expresses sincere appreciation to GF Jacqueline C. Hrabowski and GF Joyce A. Moorehead for their leadership of the 35th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign. Their vision provided an opportunity for each member of The Girl Friends, Inc. to participate in the year-long initiative. 100% of the members of 18 chapters caught the vision and contributed to the campaign by donating \$35. or more. Many of them were first time donors to the organization, and we hope their support will continue. GF Jacqueline Hrabowski, GF Gail Coles Johnson, GF Jacqueline Moore-Bowles and GF Robyn J. Sims contributed at levels that created endowed scholarships. We are fortunate to have generated that level of support and pray that others will choose to endow scholarships, in years to come.

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# 35th Anniversary Fundraiser

Dear President Goodall and the Board of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.,

“What touches me most is the opportunity I’ve had to serve alongside such dedicated members of the Board in advancing the mission of The Girl Friends Fund.

I am sincerely inspired by your amazing leadership, GF Ros, of the 35th Anniversary Celebration. Working along with you and GF Joyce Morehead to Co-Chair the 35th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign was both a privilege and a joy. To know that our collective efforts resulted in record-breaking support (\$440,000) for our scholars fills me with gratitude and pride. The generosity and commitment of the Girl Friends Fund continue to inspire me, and I am humbled to have contributed in some small way to this milestone achievement.

I am especially proud of my Chapter (Baltimore) for its 100% participation in the 35th Fundraiser. I extend a special “thank you” to my Chapter’s GFF Liaisons (GF Anissa Brown Dennis & GF Yvette Mozie-Ross) for continuing our track record of nominating scholars (13) who have received a GFF scholarship. Thank you for allowing me the chance to help strengthen this legacy of impact and love.”

With heartfelt appreciation,  
GF Jackie



President Goodall,

Beyond the gifts, I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity to work together for the Fund. The work of the Fund is rewarding to so many young people and I am grateful for the spirit that characterized our time working together during the 35th Anniversary Celebration/Campaign. We achieved meaningful results by exceeding our numerical goal.

By extension I express my gratitude to the incredible members of my chapter whose support made all the difference. I am especially thankful for those in leadership positions from my chapter as their wisdom and guidance propelled me and our chapter to set an example of giving for all chapters. I am honored to be a part of such a dynamic chapter.

With sincere appreciation,  
GF Joyce Moorehead





*100% Club*



**Chapter**

**President**

**GFF Liaison**

Atlanta  
 Baltimore  
 Buffalo  
 Charlotte  
 Columbia  
 Columbus  
 Fairfield County  
 Memphis  
 Miami  
 Milwaukee  
 New Jersey  
 Orlando  
 Philadelphia  
 Pittsburgh  
 Potomac  
 Seattle

GF Debra Rugon  
 GF Maritha Gay  
 GF Yvonne Minor-Regan  
 GF Veronica Dawkins  
 GF Kimberly Greene  
 GF Leslyn Wheeless  
 GF Sharon McAdoo  
 GF Cynthia Bryant Welch  
 GF Juliet King  
 GF Terry Gardner Smith  
 GF Yolanda Chestnut  
 GF Kim Turner  
 GF Desiree Wang  
 GF Elizabeth Hughes  
 GF Lynne J. Johns  
 GF Linda Gillis

GF Kristi Budd  
 GF Anissa Dennis  
 GF Brenda Chavers  
 GF Patrice Thompson  
 GF Jada Quinn  
 GF Brenda Toler  
 GF Lynne Bannister  
 GF Lashell Vaughn  
 GF Cheryl Tyson  
 GF Jackie Herd-Barber  
 GF Krysten Hayes  
 GF Kathy Tinsley  
 GF Stacey Middleton  
 GF Regina Wilson  
 GF Michelle Bernard  
 GF Judith Hightower



## *Scholarship Committee*



Dear Girl Friends,

The 2024/25 academic year was comprised of 39 – Returning Scholars and 16 New Scholars totaling 55 Scholars.

Their totals by graduating class are as follows:

- Class of 2021-2025 / 13 scholars - Seniors
- Class of 2022-2026 / 12 scholars - Juniors
- Class of 2023-2027 / 14 scholars - Sophomores
- Class of 2024-2028 / 16 scholars – Freshmen

At the annual conclave in May, we wrapped up our 35 Anniversary Giving Campaign for the Girl Friends Fund. This successful campaign enabled us to offer 4-year scholarships to each candidate who applied resulting in 29 candidates from Girl Friends Chapters across the country. These new scholars will be in the class of 2025-2029! .

As we prepare for the 2025/2026 academic year, we are excited to present each qualifying scholar, potentially 71 students, with a \$1500 scholarship to assist with their school expenses.

Heartfelt gratitude to the leadership team that organized this campaign, and to those who donated. Thank you all for helping to “bring dreams to life!”

Submitted by:

*Faith Hairston*

The Scholarship Committee  
Faith Hairston, Chair  
Michelle Bernard  
Fawn Robinson  
Tamar Turnley-Robinson

Patrice McClellan, Co-chair  
Lynn Johns  
Nedra Starling



# *Endowed Scholarships*



**GF JACQUELINE HRABOWSKI**

Baltimore Chapter

\$137,000 Donor

**GF GAIL COLES JOHNSON**

Loudon County Chapter

\$35,000 Donor



**GF JACQUELINE MOORE BOWLES**

Milwaukee Chapter

\$35,000 Donor

**GF ROBYN J. SIMS**

Atlanta Chapter

\$35,000 Donor



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# ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



2025  
Jacqueline Hrabowski  
Endowed Scholarship  
Recipient

Oluwatabiloba Olaore  
Amherst College  
Pre Law  
Pittsburgh Chapter

2025  
Jacqueline Moore  
Bowles  
Endowed  
Scholarship Recipient

Josephine Epps  
Howard University  
Business Administration  
Potomac Chapter



2025  
Gail Coles-Johnson  
Endowed Scholarship  
Recipient

Noah Temple  
University of Pennsylvania  
International Business  
St Louis Chapter

2025  
Robyn J. Sims  
Endowed Scholarship  
Recipient

Fredlove Deshommes  
Clark Atlanta University  
Political Science  
New York Chapter

# Bringing Dreams to Life



Jace Privot  
Florida A & M University  
Business  
*Albany Chapter*



Skye Hammond  
Howard University  
Nursing  
*Baltimore Chapter*



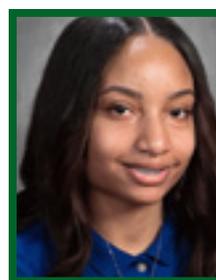
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Berkeley College of Music  
Music Therapy  
*Boston Chapter*



Kerry-Ann Lewis  
University of Albany  
Business Law  
*Buffalo Chapter*



Laila Kersh  
University of Illinois Urbana  
Computational Neuroscience  
*Chicago Chapter*



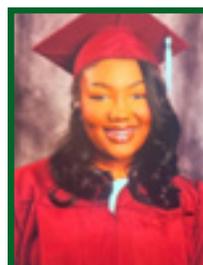
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University of Nevada-Las Vegas  
Environmental & Planetary  
Sciences  
*Cincinnati Chapter*



Oriyanna Bryant  
The Ohio State University  
Computer Science Engineering  
*Cleveland Chapter*



Jordan Benjamin  
Duke University  
Political Science  
*Columbia Chapter*



Aurielle Williams  
Michigan State University  
Medicine  
*Detroit Chapter*



Layla Roberts  
University of Maryland-  
College Park  
Mechanical Engineering  
*Fairfield County Chapter*



Noah Session  
University of Nevada-Las Vegas  
Film  
*Las Vegas Chapter*



Kyla Sisson  
University of Louisville  
Biology  
*Louisville Chapter*

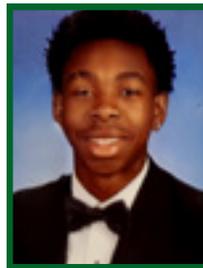


Mekhi Blakemore  
Tuskegee University  
Veterinary Science  
*Memphis Chapter*



# Bringing Dreams to Life

# GRADS



Kendall Crapp  
Florida A & M University  
Computer Engineering

*Miami Chapter*



Stardajah Cooper  
Howard University  
Architecture

*Milwaukee Chapter*



McKennah Anderson  
Boston College  
International Studies

*Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter*



Suritta Williams  
Brown University  
Pre-Med

*New Haven Chapter*



Amir Rosendary  
Temple University  
Architecture & Urban Studies

*New Jersey Chapter*



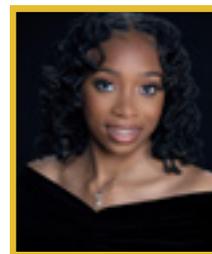
McKennah Anderson  
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*Norfolk Chapter*



Christian Conner  
Florida State University  
Neuroscience Engineering

*Orlando Chapter*



Taniya Alexander  
Johnson C. Smith University  
Bio-Chemistry

*Philadelphia Chapter*



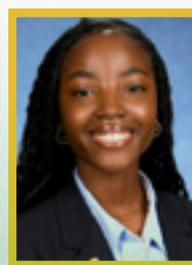
Johnnie Welborne III  
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Leilani Sallier  
Dillard University  
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*Seattle Chapter*



Imanga Lufungulo  
The Ohio State University  
Computer Science

*Toledo Chapter*



Shaleah Navarro  
Howard University  
Biology

*Trenton Chapter*



## *Our Dollars at Work*

### **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY OUR SCHOLARS**

Alabama A&M University  
Baylor University  
Boston College  
Brown University  
California Polytechnic State University,  
San Luis, Obispo  
College of William and Mary  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
DePaul University  
Fisk University  
Harvard University  
Howard University  
John Carroll University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kent State University  
Mercy University  
Montclair State University  
North Carolina A&T State University  
North Carolina Central University  
Penn State University  
San Diego State University  
Scripps College  
South Carolina State University  
Spelman College  
Stanford University  
Temple University  
Tuskegee University  
University of Florida  
University of Louisville  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rochester  
University of South Carolina - Columbia  
University of Southern California  
University of Toledo  
University of Virginia  
University of Wisconsin Madison  
Vassar College  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Washington and Lee University  
Wesleyan University  
Yale University

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# Scholarships of Distinction



## GF Carolyn M. Carter

The GF Carolyn M. Carter Memorial Scholarship was established in 2013 to support the undergraduate education of scholarly, high school graduates, particularly those with an interest in STEM. The \$1,500 award is renewable annually for up to four years. The award is also available to college juniors and/or seniors, in which case, \$3,000 may be awarded specifically to support their application to medical school. When awarded to juniors, it is renewable for one year. The scholarship was established by her daughter, GF Cindy Carter Cole.



## Anita Peek Gilger, MD Trust

A 1941 graduate of The Johns Hopkins College of Medicine, Dr. Gilger, a Florida native, was a philanthropist and lover of the arts. She understood the challenges faced by low income students and ensured that they were among her beneficiaries. She named her friend, GF Helen Keith Wright (Cleveland), as one of her Trustees. Her Trust has been a significant donor to the GFF. In 2008, the Board of Directors established a scholarship in her name.



## GF Juanita P. Humphrey

The GF Juanita P. Humphrey Scholarship was established in 2008 as the result of a donation from her estate. This was the largest one-time donation received by the GFF. GF Juanita was a Life Member of the New Jersey Chapter of The Girl Friends®, Inc. She was a selfless mentor to many who benefitted significantly from the many talents she acquired in the span of 96 years. This award is presented to a student who has outstanding accomplishments and involvement in academic achievement.



## GF Lynda P. Carroll

Established in 2025 by her daughter, GF Lynn Jollivette Johns, the GF Lynda P. Carroll Memorial Scholarship honors the legacy of Lynda P. Carroll, Ed.D by supporting students who are pursuing degrees in education or who demonstrate a strong commitment to a future career in the field through meaningful activities and services that reflect a dedication to education—such as tutoring, mentoring, classroom volunteering, participation in education-focused clubs or organizations, or advocacy for equitable learning opportunities. The scholarship provides an annual award of \$1,500.00, renewable for up to four years, and is administered in accordance with the criteria set forth by The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.



## GF Gwendolyn G. Johnson

The GF Gwendolyn G. Johnson Scholarship was established in 2013 by immediate Past President of The GFF, GF Andrea L. Johnson, in honor of her mother. The one-time \$1,000 award is granted to a high school graduate who has been accepted to a four-year institution and meets the additional criteria consistent with the GFF General Scholarship.



## GF Carole Temple Phillips

The GF Carole Temple Phillips Scholarship was established by the Board of Directors in 2010 as a onetime \$1,000 award to commemorate the legacy of GF Carole's stalwart commitment to The Fund as its Leader. As a demonstration of her ongoing commitment to The Fund and its mission, in 2014 GF Carole converted this to a recurring scholarship.



## Pioneers of The Fund

The Pioneers of the Fund Scholarship was established by the GFF Board of Directors in April 2018 to be an enduring Scholarship of Distinction in honor of the 48 Pioneer members, initiating and supporting the Fund. The scholarships were initially awarded to students in 2019, meeting criteria consistent with GFF General Scholarship Awards.



## GF Jacqueline C. Hrabowski

GF Jacqueline Hrabowski of the Baltimore Chapter is a philanthropist and advocate of mentoring young women interested especially in careers in public service and education. She established a named scholarship in 2019 to support two students at \$1,500 each annually for 4 years beginning in 2020. In addition, The Jacqueline Hrabowski Charitable Trust will contribute \$30,000 to support two students per year (\$3,000/yr.) for a 10-year period beginning in 2021.



# *Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon Committee*



Tamara Harris Johnson  
Chair  
"Mother"  
(Birmingham Chapter)



Erica Nicole Parker  
Co-Chair  
"Daughter"  
(Nashville Chapter)

Dear Girl Friends,

It has been my pleasure serving as Co-Chair of the Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Fundraiser along with my daughter GF Erica Nicole Parker, Nashville Chapter, and the outstanding Committee Members. Kudos to GF Fund President Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall who chose to highlight our Circle of Girl Friend Mother/Daughter connections.

Having served as a former member of the Girl Friend Fund Board of Directors, I have witnessed first-hand the Fund's philanthropic impact on our students and even our members who suffered the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Now, more than ever, we must continue our financial support to assist the educational efforts of our children who are facing new and daunting economic challenges in furthering their educational goals.

Thank you to the Chapters who identify and recommend deserving scholarship recipients. Our continued investment in the educational goals of our young people will reap remarkable benefits to our families, communities and nation.

Girlfriendly,

*Tamara Harris Johnson*  
GF Tamara Harris Johnson  
Birmingham Chapter

*Erica Nicole Parker*  
GF Erica Nicole Parker  
Nashville Chapter

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The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.

Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon

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Our own GF Ericka Dunlap (Orlando Chapter) served as emcee.



Dan Newman, "Straight Outta Alaska", was the Auctioneer.



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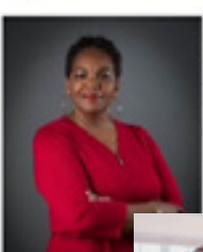



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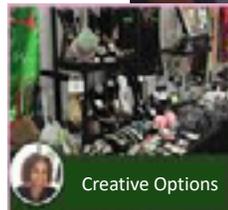
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# Online Auction Report



Dear Girl Friends,

The Girl Friend's fund launched its inaugural Online Auction May 1, 2025. The Online Auction will take place May 1-7<sup>th</sup> to allow Non-Conclave Attendees to participate in our fundraising efforts.

Scholarship Luncheon Committee Members: GF Roz Goodall, GF Leslie Churchwell, GF Cheryl Smith. We selected Murad Auctions as the vendor as they will also assist with the Live and Silent Auction during the Eunice Shreeves luncheon.

We obtained five donated items from Girl Friends to include the following:

- Panama Experience-Starting Bid \$2,000-donated by GF Ida Hooks & BF Lynn Hooks
- Playa del Carmen Condo-Starting Bid \$2,500 (with Google corporate matching of \$ 2,500) donated by GF Nina Jennings and BF Barry Jennings
- Nueva Vallarta Condo-Starting Bid \$1500 donated by GF Kimberly Bell
- Las Vegas Experience-Starting Bid \$450, donated by GF Mildred Caruthers
- Wine Experience-Value \$150-donated by Seattle Chapter

All proceeds from the donations above will benefit The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.

In addition, we were able to select an interesting array of consignment items from Murad auctions to include the following:

- |                                      |                                   |  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| • Farmhouse Luxury in Napa Vineyards | • Beautiful Barbados              | • US Open Tennis Championships             |
| • Sizzling Santa Fe                  | • Churchill Downs VIP             | • Napa Valley Rail                         |
| • New Orleans Jazz and Wine          | • Broadway Exclusive              | • La Costa Golf Escape                     |
| • Dominican Delight                  | • La Jolla Spa Resort             | • Kennedy Space Center Astronaut Adventure |
| • Soothing St. Maarten               | • Tuscany Culinary Escape         | • Kentucky Bourbon Blends                  |
| • Costa Rican Getaway                | • Ultimate Pro Sports Fun Getaway | • Reds of France                           |
| • Under the Tuscan Sun               | • Jackson Hole Horizons           | • Vibrant Mexico City                      |
| • Sonoma Golf and Gourmet            | • Texas Wine Country              | • Tennessee Whiskey Adventure              |
|                                      | • NCAA Final Four Finale          |  |

We are so excited for this adventure and are very hopeful on raising significant funds during this event.

The final tally of sold items during the Online Auction is as follows:

1. Playa Del Carmen México-\$2,590.75 (with Google Match for \$2,500)
2. Dominican Delight-\$3264.35
3. Experience Mexico-\$1554.45
4. Panama-\$2,072.60
5. Wine-\$259.08
6. Wine-\$259.08
7. Wine-\$233.17
8. Wine and Luggage-\$854.95
9. Luggage-\$414.52
10. \$1500 cash donation from UBS (given on the GFF site)

Respectfully submitted,

*Kimberly Bell*  
GF Kimberly Bell, Chair  
Seattle Chapter



# *Silent Auction Report*



Dear Girl Friends:

Thank you for the honor to serve as the Silent Auction Chair for the 35th Anniversary of the Girl Friend Fund Silent Auction at the 90th Girl Friend Convention in Boston. It was apparent that several Girl Friend Chapters selected awe inspiring auction items appealing to varied interests and styles including art. We graciously accepted donations from two national women’s boutiques and three jewelers. Numerous individual Girl Friends graciously donated amazing vacation packages for fantastic getaways to Panama, Mexico City, Playa Del Carmen and Fort Lauderdale.

This year the Girl Friend Fund Silent Auction forged a new direction partnering with Murad Auctions, which expanded the Girl Friends Fund auction items with a Live Auction under the direction of a captivating auctioneer, Dan Newman. The Live Auction included fabulous vacation packages to Antigua and La Jolla Spa Retreat Another exciting auction item was a Broadway Exclusive trip to a show including dinner with a cast member and backstage passes to meet the cast. The GFF received a priceless trip to Fort Lauderdale including a yacht trip and private chef graciously donated by a generous Girl Friend. A St. John purse with a \$1000 gift card was auctioned with several ladies seriously bidding multiple times to be the victor. The Live Auction ended with a raise the paddle for monetary donation to GFF. Thank you to all the Girl Friends, Boy Friends and guests who were an integral part of supporting our studious scholars.

We are thrilled to report that because of the generosity of our donors and the beneficence of our Girl Friends and guests, the Girl Friend Fund Silent Auction raised a total of \$54,535, pre auction expenses, the highest amount thus far, \$3,095 from the Silent Auction, \$33,100 from the Live Auction, \$17,450 from the Raise the Paddle and \$890 miscellaneous. We are pleased to disclose that 16 chapters donated to the GFF Silent Auction, 10 individual Girl Friends donated to the Silent Auction and 6 corporate donations. The Girl Friend Fund has awarded over 950+ scholarships over the years. This year we are funding over 70 scholars including awarding 29 new scholarships in 2025.

Thank you for your continued support of the Girl Friends Fund, Inc. A special thanks to all the Girl Friend and Boy Friends who graciously volunteered their time and expertise to this GFF fundraising activity. Many thanks to the Girl Friend Chapters and individual Girl Friends for supporting our scholarship endeavor. We hope to receive support from all 49 chapters for the Silent Auction during the Eunice Shreeves Scholarship Luncheon in Scottsdale, Arizona in 2026.

Gratefully yours,

GF Leslie Douglas-Churchwell Co-Chairperson, New Haven, Chapter

GF Kimberly Bell, Co-Chairperson, Seattle Chapter

GF Martha Bedford, Dallas Chapter

GF Jacqueline Bontemps, Newport News Chapter

GF Marnese Elder, Dallas Chapter

GF Sonya Goldsboro, Las Vegas Chapter

GF Lynn Jollivette Johns, Potomac, Chapter

GF Tamara Turnley Robinson, Atlanta Chapter

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GF Joyce Ford Quick  
Chair



GF Cecelia B. Henderson  
Co-Chair

## *Special Projects Jewelry*



Dear Girl Friends Fund Board and Girl Friends,

We are excited to announce our newest Sterling Silver Charm, the Boston Teapot with "Boston GFF 2025" on the reverse side. 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 have added the Boston Teapot Charm to commemorate the 2025 Boston 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 501c3 nonprofit organization. Our goal is "Bringing Dreams to Life One Scholarship at a Time".

Girl Friends, please help us sell our Sterling Silver Jewelry at this Conclave. We have available a Sterling Silver Charm Bracelet with a GFF Charm for \$110.00. The Sterling Silver Boston Teapot with "Boston GFF 2025" on the reverse side for \$45.00. A multifaceted beaded bracelet for \$40.00. The Sterling Silver Baltimore "Blue Crab" Charm for \$35.00, and finally the Sterling Silver 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin & Pendant for \$200.00. This limited-edition commemorative piece of jewelry by award winning jeweler Dorian Webb is the perfect gift to give yourself, or your closet Girl Friends. The aforementioned prices are for pickup at the Conclave. There will be an additional charge for shipping and handling, depending on the piece of jewelry and current prices.

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.

Girl Friendly,

*Joyce Ford Quick*  
GF Joyce Ford Quick, Chair  
Buffalo Chapter

*Cecelia B. Henderson*  
GF Cecelia B. Henderson, Co-Chair  
Buffalo Chapter

GF Cheryl Smith – Orlando Chapter  
GF Fawn Robinson – Pittsburgh Chapter

GF Stacy Middleton – Philadelphia Chapter  
GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall – Dallas Chapter

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# 35th Anniversary Awards



Greetings Girl Friends and Boy Friends,

It has been an exciting year celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Girl Friends Fund, and more overreaching and surpassing our goal was unmatched! The leadership of our President, GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall has been extraordinary in guiding us, not only to reach our goal, but to exceed it!

My responsibility, per Madam President's direction, consisted of the following:

To design, with the jeweler, a special GFF pin as a thank you to those members who contributed at levels of \$1,000.00 - \$135,000.00. Contributions were received by May 1, 2025.

- Gold Pin with diamonds for levels of \$135,000.00
- Gold Pin with emeralds for levels of \$10,000.00 - \$35,000.00
- Gold Pin with citrine for levels of \$1,000.00 - \$3,500.00.

## 19 Recipients

1- GF received the GFF Diamond Pin  
GF Jacqueline Hrabowski

5- GFs received the GFF Emerald Pin

- GF Jacqueline Moore Bowles
- GF Gail Coles Johnson
- GF Robyn Sims
- GF Jacqueline Bontemps
- GF Gena Ashe

13- GFs received the GFF Citrine Pin

- GF Leslie Douglas-Churchwell
- GF Lynnette Crenshaw
- GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall
- GF Joyce Moorehead
- GF Kimberly Bell
- GF Antoinette Bond



- GF Lonneen Brown
- GF Sherri Thompson Dickerson
- GF Lashell Vaughn
- GF Amelia Harris
- GF Debra Hunter Johnson
- GF Joan Sessoms Ford

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# 35th Anniversary Awards



2. To design a medallion for GFs who contributed \$350.00 to the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

90 GFs received medallions. The design on the front included the GFF Logo, current President's theme, and on the back each GFs name or the chapter name.

The Special Gold Pins were presented at the GFF Luncheon, and the medallions were distributed prior to the Luncheon.

3. To purchase Gifts for first time retiring Board members. A beautiful, Sculptured Statue was purchased engraved with the name, years of service, from The Girl Friends Fund, Incorporated- Board of Directors. These gifts were mailed to the respective homes.

Our thanks and appreciation to retiring Board members:

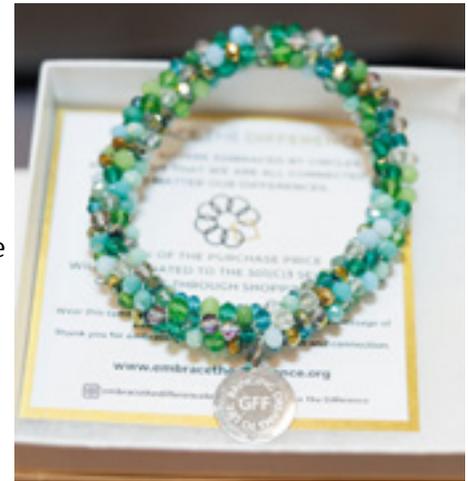
GF Lynnette Crenshaw

BF Frank Sims

GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall, President

An engraved clock was sent to GF Jacqueline Bontemps who is retiring from the Board for the second time.

4. To secure a bracelet for purchase online and at the Boston Conclave. A beautiful Multifaceted Stone Bracelet was selected which SOLD OUT!



It was also my privilege to serve as Co-Chair of Special Jewelry Projects with Chair GF Joyce Ford Quick distributing and selling charms and charm bracelets.

Thank you Madam President for the opportunity to serve and work with an outstanding GFF Board of Directors. It was my pleasure!

Sincerely,

*Cecelia B. Henderson*

GF Cecelia B. Henderson

Past President of the GFF Board

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# *Nominating Committee*



Dear Girl Friends,

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Directors Nominating Committee Chair. The Board of Directors is the fuel that powers this wonderful machine we call the Girl Friends Fund, enabling us to continue Bringing Dreams to Life.

Board Directors play a vital role in philanthropy—ensuring financial stability, cultivating a culture of giving, and actively supporting fundraising efforts. They are entrusted with overseeing the Fund’s financial health, guiding strategic direction, and ensuring that all philanthropic efforts align with our mission.

With this in mind, the Committee got to work. We were informed that three (3) seats on the Board would be open and that we needed candidates with experience in finance, website/IT, marketing, and communications. A Nomination Profile Form was created, and a Call for Nominations was sent to all Girl Friends.

We received two (2) nominations—both for outstanding Girl Friends. After vetting and confirming their eligibility, each nominee was contacted and enthusiastically accepted the nomination. At the Conclave in Boston prior to our annual meeting, we identified an additional nominee that was vetted and also accepted their nomination enthusiastically.

The following slate was presented, and each candidate received a favorable vote.

- GF Nina Jennings – Atlanta Chapter
- GF Montresa McMillan – Durham Chapter
- GF Lauren Fitzgerald Copeland N’Namdi – Miami Chapter

Our committee’s goal was to identify qualified Girl Friends and Boy Friends to serve on the GFF Board of Directors, all in support of our philanthropic mission.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I wish the Girl Friends Fund continued success in the coming year.

In Friendship,

GF Ann E. Walters-Pope

Members of the Committee:

- GF Nikki Flemming
- GF Malaika Horne
- GF Jada Quinn
- GF Jacqueline Randolph

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# Newly Elected Board Members 2025 - 2028



GF Nina Jennings  
Atlanta Chapter



GF Montresa McMillan  
Durham Chapter



GF Lauren N'Namdi  
Miami Chapter

# New Board Officers 2025 - 2027



President  
GF Cheryl Smith  
Orlando Chapter



Vice-President:  
GF Lynn Johns  
Potomac Chapter



Treasurer  
GF Adrienne Cooper  
Milwaukee Chapter



Secretary  
GF Kimberly Bell  
Seattle Chapter



Financial Secretary  
GF Leslie Douglas-Churchwell  
New Haven Chapter

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# *Esther C. Marioneaux* **Endowment Fund**



Girl Friend Esther C. Marioneaux was a visionary who stood at the helm of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. (The Fund) as its President from 2000 to 2002. She had the foresight to establish an endowment fund, in 2002, with hopes that it would come to provide a constant revenue stream for scholarships of The Fund. GF Esther asked each Girl Friend to make a one-time donation of \$250.

Past President Emeritus, GF Lynda P. Carroll, followed in GF Esther's footsteps with lofty ideas of her own. Under her significant leadership, this endowment fund was named in honor of GF Esther and a medallion was designed for presentation to each Girl Friend who made the requisite contribution. These individuals became "members" of the GF Esther C. Marioneaux Endowment Fund (ECMF) and their names were inscribed on plaques displayed at the Annual Meeting of the Membership of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.

In response to her desire to honor donations to the ECMF, beyond that initially requested, GF Carol Temple Phillips, Past President Emeritus, established the ECMF Certificate. Since 2002, membership in the ECMF has grown to more than 450 individuals and 30 chapters of The Fund. In 2016, Past President Emeritus, GF Cecelia B. Henderson, presented first-time members medallions engraved with their name, date and The Fund's logo. In 2018, under the administration of Past President Emeritus, GF LaVerne N. Boyd, the donation level was raised to \$300. per member. GF Esther passed away on March 19, 2019, in Huntersville, North Carolina. However, her legacy continues with the presentation of the GF Esther C. Marioneaux Endowment Fund awards, during the Annual Meeting of the Membership of The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.

**Esther C. Marioneaux  
Endowment Fund Medallion**



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# *Annual Meeting*

May 22, 2025 • 3:00 p.m.  
Hilton Boston Park Plaza



## Agenda

Call to Order  
Roll Call & Minutes

GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall, President  
GF Cheryl Smith, Secretary

### Officer Reports

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Financial Secretary  
Treasurer  
Assistant Treasurer

GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall  
GF Lashell Vaughn  
GF Cheryl Smith  
BF Frank Sims  
GF Adrienne Cooper for GF Michelle Bernard  
GF Adrienne Cooper

### Committee Reports

Nominating Committee – BOD  
Bylaws Committee  
Investment  
Scholarship  
Luncheon  
Special Projects Jewelry  
35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jewelry  
Auctions  
Announcement of 2025 – 2027 Officers

GF Ann Walters-Pope  
GF Lynn Johns for GF Tracey Allison  
BF Frank Sims  
GF Tamara Turnley-Robinson  
GF Tamara Harris Johnson  
GF Joyce Ford Quick & GF CeCe Henderson  
GF Cecelia Henderson  
GF Kimberly Bell & Leslie Douglas- Churchwell  
GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall

### Announcements

### Adjournment

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 22, 2025

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President GF Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall at 3:14pm EST.

**ROLL CALL:**

- Chapter Roll was completed by Secretary, GF Cheryl Smith.
- Chapters Present:

Atlanta	Baltimore	Birmingham	Brooklyn	Buffalo	California
Charlotte	Chicago	Cleveland	Columbia	Columbus	Dallas
Fairfield Co.	Greenville	Memphis	Miami	Minn./St. Paul	Nashville
New Haven	New Jersey	Newport News	Orlando	Pittsburg	Potomac
Roanoke	Seattle	Springfield	Trenton	Washington	

- Absent Chapters:

Albany	Boston	Cincinnati	Detroit	Durham	Golden State
Houston	Las Vegas	Loudoun Co.	Louisville	New Orleans	New York
Norfolk	Philadelphia	Richmond	San Diego	St. Louis	Toledo

Minutes from the May 2024 Annual meeting were distributed via email. There were no changes. And the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Officers' Reports**

**PRESIDENT**

GF Roslyn T. Goodall read a synopsis of her annual report. This club year, she remained focused on the GFF mission—to provide meaningful scholarship support to talented students with financial need. She thanked the members for their generosity and dedication because that enabled the GFF to continue making a difference in the lives of our scholars, helping them pursue their academic dreams.

Key accomplishments this year included:

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- Awarding scholarships to 29 NEW deserving students (the highest number given to the incoming class of scholars).
- Increasing the number of donors
- Strengthening relationships with chapters and supporters.
- Enhancing our operational efficiency and board engagement.

She thanked every donor for their contributions over past year. And gave special recognition to GF Joyce Moorehead, GF Jackie Hrabowski, GF Jackie Bowles, GF Gena Ashe, GF Gail Coles Johnson & GF Robin Sims for their donations in the creation of their named endowments.

During the meeting, she reported that the Unofficial fundraising total was \$442,745. The preliminary numbers are as follows:

- Online Auction - \$12,600
- Live Auction - \$33,100
- Total Auction - \$54,353

She announced that jewelry sales have been successful. And Dorian Webb is offering a 20% discount on sales during the conclave.

The GFF trademark was recertified. And will need to be renewed in 2028.

As of May 1, campaign donors were given a stunning piece of commissioned jewelry set with diamonds valued at \$135,000, emeralds at \$35,000, and citrines at \$1,000 to \$3,500. \$350 donors were given a beautiful medallion. A commissioned green or yellow hand-blown vase that can be used during chapter ceremonies was given to each representative, and 18 chapters claimed 100% support from their members.

She hosted ZOOM meetings with Chapter Presidents to discuss ways their chapters and individuals can support The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. This year, more members donated through their employer's Matching Gifts Program.

GF Roslyn thanked the luncheon sponsors:

- Ameriprise - \$1,500
- Baylor, Scott & White - \$500
- Ms. Lori Orta, CPA - \$500
- McConnell Jones - \$500
- Mrs. Antoinette Bond - \$500
- Ms. Charlotte Henderson - \$500
- Ms. Kay Royster - \$500
- Mrs. LaVerne Nichols Boyd - \$500

She thanked everyone for their support during her tenure as President. And was very grateful for the part that everyone played in the success of the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary campaign.



## VICE PRESIDENT

GF Lashell Vaughn read her annual report and shared a brief overview of the accomplishments and progress during the past year.

She remained committed to our mission of empowering students through education. GF Lashell had the privilege of working closely with the President, Board of Directors, and committee chairs to support operations, strategic initiatives, and member engagement.

Key achievements this year included:

- Served as chair of the Girl Friend Funds Chapter Liaison.
- Strengthened partnerships with chapters and donors to enhance scholarship support.
- Supported the planning and execution of virtual and in-person events to maintain engagement.
- Assisted in reviewing and refining internal processes to support long-term sustainability.

## SECRETARY

GF Cheryl Smith read a brief synopsis of her annual report. As the Secretary, she remained committed to maintaining accurate records, supporting effective communication within the organization, and preserving the integrity of our processes.

Over the past year, there were 9 board meetings and 2 special call meetings, all of which met quorum and were documented accordingly. Minutes from each meeting were recorded and distributed in a timely manner, ensuring transparency and continuity in our operations.

Key highlights of the year include:

- Sent reminder notices on report due dates to ensure that monthly reports were sent in a timely manner.
- Recorded and distributed the board meeting minutes that highlighted actions and decisions.
- Maintained the board membership list.
- Gathered and distributed other necessary background materials or resources prior to board meetings.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

BF Frank Sims presented the report. He acknowledged that GF Tamara Turnley Robinson for her help in creating the Financial report. There were technical difficulties in presenting the report. And the numbers will be provided at a later date. And will appear in the Annual report.

## MINUTES



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### TREASURER

GF Adrienne Cooper presented the annual Treasurer's report in the absence of GF Michelle Bernard. She reviewed the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025.

#### April 30, 2025 (Bank of America Account)

Beginning Balance (7/1/24)	\$320,408.99
Beginning Balance (BOA Restrictive Acct)	\$7,248.14
Total Deposits	\$234,458.46
Total Withdrawals	\$115,868.99
Ending Balance (4/30/25)	\$94,593.60

#### April 30, 2025 (Ameriprise Account)

Beginning Balance	\$712,795.03
Withdrawal	\$7,250.34
Ending Balance	\$1,115,751.50

Total Net Assets (BOA & Ameriprise) as of April 30, 2025 = \$1,210,345.24

### ASSISTANT TREASURER

GF Adrienne Cooper provided a brief summary of our financial stewardship and support activities during this club year. And in the interests of time, report will be provided in the annual report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### NOMINATING BOARD COMMITTEE

GF Ann Walters Pope presented the Board Nominating Committee Report. The committee's goal was to identify qualified Girl Friends and Boy Friends to serve on the GFF Board. The committee members were:

- GF Nikki Flemming
- GF Malaika Horne
- GF Jada Quinn
- GF Jacqueline Randolph

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## NOMINATING BOARD COMMITTEE (Continued)



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The following slate was presented, and each candidate received a favorable vote.

- GF Nina Jennings – Atlanta Chapter
- GF Montresa McMillan – Durham Chapter
- GF Lauren Fitzgerald Copeland N’Namdi - Miami Chapter

Nominations were closed. All Candidates were accepted unanimously.

## INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. William Bagby, a longtime advisor to The Girl Friends Fund, Inc at Ameriprise Financial Services, summarized the investment strategy over the past year. The objective is to deliver risk-adjusted returns in a moderately aggressive portfolio. With the success of our fundraising efforts over the past year, we have seven (7) separate accounts that represent our total investment package that is valued at over \$1.1 million.

Mr. Bagby also announced that he will retire at the end of 2025. And he introduced his replacement, Mr. James Richardson. Questions were raised from the floor. And GF Lynn Bannister recommended that we take at reducing the number of scholarships awarded annually, to increase the amount given to Scholars each year.

## BYLAWS COMMITTEE

GF Lynn Johns presented the proposal Bylaw Amendments in the absence of GF Tracey Allison. The proposed amendment needed to be adopted by the members. There were 2 proposed amendments.

### ➤ Article IV. Section 7 Manner of Acting

- **Current Amendment** - The act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present will be the act of the Board of directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law, or these bylaws.
- **Proposed Amendment** - *The proposed amendment is to add a subsection A. When the reason for a special meeting is known, proxy votes will be allowed to create a quorum and to vote on the issues if received by the Board, President or secretary prior to the meeting being called to order.*

## BYLAWS COMMITTEE (Continued)

### ➤ Article XIV. Other Matters

- **Current Amendment - Other matters.** Roberts. Rules of Order. Revised Edition shall be used by the corporation to resolve all questions not otherwise resolved by these bylaws.
- **Proposed Amendment - To make it.** Robert Roberts. Rules of Order. Newly revised edition shall be used by the corporation to resolve all questions not otherwise resolved by these bylaws.
- **The Bylaws Committee is recommending that we accept this proposal, with perhaps a friendly amendment to say newly revised edition, or any subsequent current editions.**
- There were additional questions and discussion as to why the bylaw was being proposed. And what the “guidance” was for the proposed change. GF Lashelle questioned the intent and requested the specificity of Robert’s Rules of Order, newly revised, but not the specific edition that we’re operating under.

Ballots were passed out. And GF Victoria Vaughn was chosen as a Teller

Motion was approved.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

GF Tamara Turnley Robinson presented the report in the absence of GF Faith Hairston..

### ○ New Scholars 2025-2029/ 29

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|---|--|
| ○ Oluwatabiloba Olaore - Amherst College        | ○ Layla Roberts - University of Maryland- College Park |
| ○ Noah Temple - University of Pennsylvania      | ○ Noah Session - University of Nevada- Las Vegas       |
| ○ Josephine Epps - Howard University            | ○ Kyla Sisson - University of Louisville               |
| ○ Fredlove Deshommes - Clark Atlanta University | ○ Mekhi Blakemore - Tuskegee University                |
| ○ Jace Privot - Florida A & M University        | ○ Kendall Crapp - Florida A & M University             |
| ○ Skye Hammond - Howard University              | ○ Stardajah Cooper - Howard University                 |
| ○ Laila Hood - Berkeley College of Music        | ○ McKennah Anderson - Boston College                   |
| ○ Kerry- Ann Lewis - University of Albany       | ○ Suritta Williams - Brown University                  |
| ○ Laila Kersh - University of Illinois Urbana   | ○ Amir Rosendary – Temple University                   |
| ○ Erin Jackson - University of Nevada-Las Vegas | ○ Aniyah Vaughan - Virginian Weslyn                    |
| ○ Oriyanna Bryan - The Ohio State University    | ○ Christian Conner - Florida State University          |
| ○ Jordan Benjamin - Duke University             | ○ Taniya Alexander - Johnson C. Smith University       |
| ○ Aurielle Williams – Michigan State University | ○ Johnnie Welborne III - Prairie View A & M University |
|   | ○ Leilani Sallier – Dillard University                 |
|   | ○ Imanga Lufungulo - The Ohio State University         |
|   | ○ Shaleah Navarro - Howard University                  |

## SPECIAL PROJECTS - JEWELRY

GF Joyce Ford Quick & GF Cecilia Henderson gave the report. They announced that the jewelry sales were quite brisk during the conclave. And the following charms are sold out - Baltimore Crab & San Diego Sand Dollar. There are a small number of Boston Teapot charms left along with a small number of Charm Bracelets. There are still quite a few 35% Anniversary Pin/Pendants left for \$200.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

GF Rosalyn presented the Committee Report in the absence of GF Veronica Spencer Austin. The new 2025-2026 Board Officers will be:

- GF Cheryl Smith (Orlando Chapter), President
- GF Lynn Johns (Potomac Chapter), Vice President
- GF Kimberly Bell (Seattle), Secretary
- GF Patricia Shropshire (Nashville), Assistant Secretary
- GF Adrienne Cooper (Milwaukee), Treasurer

## SPECIAL PROJECTS – CAMPAIGN AWARDS

GF Cecelia Henderson reported that a special brooch was commissioned for members who donated at the \$135,000., \$35,000., \$1,000. to \$3,500. levels. Members contributing \$350 by May 1, received a special medallion.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,



GF Cheryl Smith, Secretary  
GFF Board of Directors



# Officers & Directors



President

2024-2025



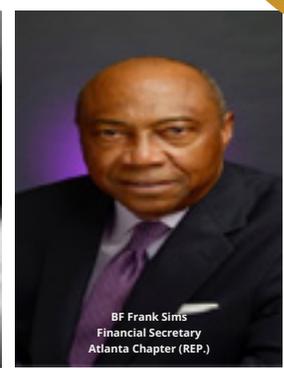
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Vice-President



GF Cheryl Smith  
Orlando Chapter  
Secretary



GF Jacqueline Bontemps  
Newport News Chapter  
Assistant Secretary



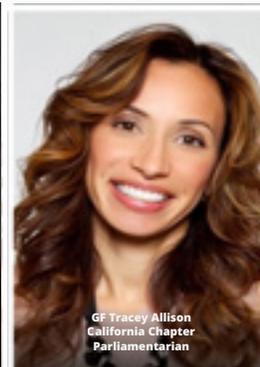
BF Frank Sims  
Financial Secretary  
Atlanta Chapter (REP.)



GF Michelle Bernard  
Potomac Chapter  
Treasurer



GF Adrienne Cooper  
Assistant Treasurer  
Milwaukee Chapter



GF Tracey Allison  
California Chapter  
Parliamentarian



GF Kimberly Bell  
Seattle Chapter



GF Leslie Douglas-Churchwell  
New Haven Chapter



GF Lynn Jollivette Johns  
Potomac Chapter



GF Patrice A. McClellan, Ed.D.  
Toledo Chapter



GF Fawn T. Robinson, Ph.D.  
Pittsburgh Chapter



GF Dari Ruff  
Washington Chapter



GF Patricia Shropshire  
Nashville Chapter



GF Veronica Spencer-Austin  
Dallas Chapter



GF Elizabeth Espy- President  
The Girl Friends, Inc.  
Atlanta Chapter

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# 2024-2025 *Committee Chairs*



GF Jacqueline Hrabowski  
35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Fundraising Campaign



GF Joyce Moorehead  
35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Fundraising Campaign



GF Michelle Bernard  
Budget & Finance.



GF Tracey Allison  
Bylaws



GF Cheryl Smith  
Communications



GF Tamara Harris Johnson  
Eunice Shreeves Scholarship  
Luncheon



GF Nicole Parker  
Eunice Shreeves Scholarship  
Luncheon



GF Lynn Johns  
ESSL – Decorations



GF Jacqueline Bontemps  
ESSL – Entertainment  
Co-Chair Nominating



GF Dari Ruff  
ESSL- Logistics



BF Frank Sims  
Investment



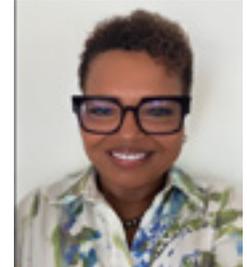
GF Lashell Vaughn  
GFF Liaison &  
Chapter Relations



GF Veronica Spencer-Austin  
Co-Chair, Nominating  
Board Officers



GF Ann Walters-Pope  
Nominating  
Board Members



GF Kimberly Bell  
Online Auction



GF Faith Hairston  
Chair, Scholarship



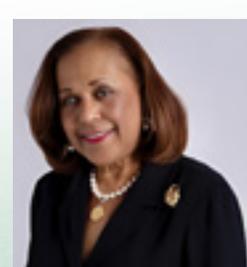
GF Patrice McClellan,  
Co-Chair, Scholarship



GF Leslie Douglas-Churchwell  
Silent & Live Auctions



GF Joyce Ford Quick  
Special Projects – Jewelry



GF Cecelia Henderson  
Special Projects  
35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jewelry

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# 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 100% member participation receives the 35th Anniversary Circle of Friends Award
	\$35	—————	<b>G.E.M.s-Give Every Month</b> (INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WHO GIVES \$35 MONTHLY for 10 months). Completion of this pledge entitles member to become an Anniversary Ambassador.
	\$350	—————	35th Anniversary AMBASSADOR
	\$3,500	—————	35th Anniversary BENEFACTOR
	\$35,000	—————	ENDOWMENT AWARD ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF THE DONOR
	\$135,000	—————	PHILANTHROPIST AWARD ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF THE DONOR



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## 35th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign Giving Levels

*Philanthropist Award*  
**\$137,000**

Jacqueline C. Hrabowski  
(Baltimore Chapter)

*Endowment Award*  
**\$35,000**

Gail Coles Johnson (Loudoun County Chapter)  
Jacqueline Moore Bowles (Milwaukee Chapter)  
Robyn J. Sims (Atlanta Chapter)

*Benefactor Award*  
**\$3,500**

Leslie Douglas-Churchwell (New Haven Chapter)  
Lynnette Crenshaw (Cleveland Chapter)  
Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall (Dallas Chapter)  
*In honor of BF Albert Goodall & Mother, Mrs. Melanie J. Thibodeaux*

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## 35th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign Giving Levels

### *Ambassador Award*

**\$350**

Deborah Marioneaux Allen – Charlotte Chapter

Tracey Allison – California Chapter

Kim Berkeley Clark – Pittsburgh Chapter  
*In Memory of GF Elaine Effort*

Michelle D. Bernard – Potomac Chapter  
*In Memory of Dr. Milton D. Bernard, DDS*

Sherri Blount – Potomac Chapter

Antoinette Bond – Miami Chapter

Kobi Brinson – Charlotte Chapter

Lonneen Brown – Orlando Chapter

Susan E. Buford – St. Louis Chapter

Caryn Cabaniss – Potomac Chapter

Jeanette Conrad-Ellis – Washington Chapter

Robyn Crittenden – Atlanta Chapter

Stacee Crittenden – Potomac Chapter

Erica Daniels – Potomac Chapter

Suzette Dave – Columbus Chapter

Nneka Davis – Potomac Chapter  
*David McAlpin Fund*

Lisa M. Stenson Desamours – Brooklyn Chapter  
*In Memory of GF Cecile Springer*

Sharon Devine-Harris – Memphis Chapter

Estrelita Dixon Powell – Cincinnati Chapter

Hope D'Oyley-Gay – Philadelphia Chapter

Stephanie Durrett – Pittsburgh Chapter  
*In Memory of GF Elaine Effort*

Elaine Effort – Pittsburgh Chapter  
*In Memoriam – GF Elaine Effort*

Tauana Ferguson-McDonald – Columbus Chapter

Nikki Fleming – Charlotte Chapter

Hillarie Flood – Potomac Chapter

Deanna Ford Horton Ed.D. – Potomac Chapter

Tanisha Francis – New York Chapter

Khali Gallman – Columbia Chapter

Jodi Gallman – Columbia Chapter

Kimberly Greene – Columbia Chapter

Yolande Hackney-Wright – Potomac Chapter

Faith A. Hairston – Toledo Chapter

Cecelia B. Henderson – Buffalo Chapter

Jessica L. Hicks – Columbus Chapter

Angela S. Isom – Memphis Chapter  
*In Honor of the Memphis Chapter*

Olivia B. Johnson – Columbus Chapter

Lillian Jones – Columbia Chapter

Charisse R. Lillie – Philadelphia Chapter

Thelma Lovette-Morris – Pittsburgh Chapter

Jonis Martin – Springfield Chapter

Rhoda McKinney Jones – Philadelphia Chapter

Maria Murphy – Potomac Chapter

Tracey Nash-Huntley – Dallas Chapter

Eleanor Quash – Potomac Chapter

Joyce Ford Quick – Buffalo Chapter

Jacqueline Randolph – New Haven Chapter

Dana Reed – New York Chapter

Janet B. Reid – Cincinnati Chapter  
*In Memory of GF Lillian R. Butler*

Fawn Robinson – Pittsburgh Chapter

Lynne W. Rogers – Columbia Chapter  
*In Memory of BF James P. Rogers*

Erika Salter – Dallas Chapter

Anne Simmons – New York Chapter

Leslie Simmons – Potomac Chapter

Veronica Spencer-Austin – Dallas Chapter

Jana Taylor-Jennings – Potomac Chapter

Sherri Thompson-Dickerson – Potomac Chapter  
*In Honor of the Potomac Chapter*

Lashell Vaughn – Memphis Chapter

*In Honor of the Memphis Chapter*

Lydia Waters Thomas – Potomac Chapter

Leslyn Wheelless – Columbus Chapter

Karen Patricia Williams – Columbus Chapter



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## 35th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign Giving Levels

### *Circle of Friends Award*

**\$35**

JoAnn Adams – St. Louis Chapter  
April Adams-Johnson – New Haven Chapter  
Gwendolyn Adolph – New York Chapter  
Sarah Akinfosile – San Diego Chapter  
Elsie Allen – Atlanta Chapter  
Joyce Allen – San Diego Chapter  
Rae Allen – New York Chapter  
Deborah Marioneaux Allen – Charlotte Chapter  
Lavida Allen – Philadelphia Chapter  
Jennifer D. Alston – Roanoke Chapter  
*In Honor of the Roanoke Chapter*  
Lativia Alston – Atlanta Chapter  
Tami Amos – Roanoke Chapter  
*In Honor of the Roanoke Chapter*  
Carla Andrews – Potomac Chapter  
*In Memory of GF Margot Pinkett Dyson*  
Tracy Appiah – Columbus Chapter  
Bert Asbury – Philadelphia Chapter  
Jennifer Ashley – Baltimore Chapter  
Felita Daniels Ashley - Milwaukee Chapter  
Kimberlyn Atherton-Jenkins – Atlanta Chapter  
Leslie Athill – San Diego Chapter  
Tracy Austin – Milwaukee Chapter  
Brigitte Bailey – Atlanta Chapter  
Darla K. Ball – Columbus Chapter  
Pamela Banks – Potomac Chapter  
Twana Banks-Smith – Columbus Chapter  
Lynne Bannister – Fairfield County Chapter  
Chelsey Barbee – Columbia Chapter

Dolores Barclay – New York Chapter  
Mona Baskin – Buffalo Chapter  
Richelle Baylor – Milwaukee Chapter  
Anesia Beadle – Milwaukee Chapter  
Claudette Beamon – New Haven Chapter  
Valencia Bean – Atlanta Chapter  
Martha Perine Beard – Memphis Chapter  
Barbara Bellinger – Fairfield County Chapter  
Michelle Denise Bernard – Potomac Chapter  
Nesta Bernard – Potomac Chapter  
Nicole Bernard – Potomac Chapter  
Joyce Hamilton Berry- Potomac Chapter  
Connie Bettis – Pittsburgh Chapter  
Carolyn Blake – Miami Chapter  
Tanika Blanc – Buffalo Chapter  
Brittany Blount – Philadelphia Chapter  
Kelly Booker – Potomac Chapter  
Tamara Brown Boone – Columbia Chapter  
Gina Boone – Fairfield County Chapter  
Chrystie Boucre-Price – New York Chapter  
Karen Bond – Baltimore Chapter  
Gene'a Boykin – Columbia Chapter  
Linda Braxton – Philadelphia Chapter  
Barbara Brown Brewington – Potomac Chapter  
Shonda L. Brock – Buffalo Chapter  
LaShana M. Broussard-Morris – Durham Chapter  
Deborah Brown – Orlando Chapter  
Barbara Brown-Brewington – Potomac Chapter



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### *Circle of Friends Award*

**\$35**

Florence Brown – Miami Chapter  
 Shirley Brown-Tucker – Milwaukee Chapter  
 Leonor Buchanan – St. Louis Chapter  
 Kristi Budd – Atlanta Chapter  
 Gay Bullock – New York Chapter  
 Jalila Jefferson Bullock – Pittsburgh Chapter  
 Denise Bunkley – Dallas Chapter  
 Marla Burch – Roanoke Chapter  
*In Honor of the Roanoke Chapter*  
 Diane Byas – Buffalo Chapter  
 Diane Cadle – Buffalo Chapter  
 Sandra Calhoun – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Anika Calloway – Atlanta Chapter  
 Mary Calloway – Roanoke Chapter  
*In Honor of the Roanoke Chapter*  
 Lisa Cambridge-Mitchell – New York Chapter  
 Sheila Drummond Camm – Baltimore Chapter  
 Maria L. Campbell – Milwaukee Chapter  
 Kim M. Campbell – Columbus Chapter  
 Kirsten Campbell – Scottsdale Chapter  
 Kim Campos – Miami Chapter  
 Nicole Cannon – Milwaukee Chapter  
 Belinda Carberry – New Haven Chapter  
 Janet Richards Carson – San Diego Chapter  
 Debra Carter-Balfour – Memphis Chapter  
 Ingrid Chapman – San Diego Chapter  
 Blaire Chapman – San Diego Chapter  
 Brenda Chavers – Buffalo Chapter  
 DeAnna E. Cheek – Columbia Chapter

Geraldine Cheek – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Mary Childs – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Tamyra Childs – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Theo Chilsholm – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Dana Clark – Milwaukee Chapter  
 Alexis Clark – New York Chapter  
 Yolanda L. Clemons – Durham Chapter  
 Shaina Clifford – Buffalo Chapter  
 Nadine Clifford – Buffalo Chapter  
 Donna Collins – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Patricia Collins – San Diego Chapter  
 Jocelyn Cooley – New York Chapter  
 Kim Cordwell – Fairfield County  
 Beverly Crawford- Miami Chapter  
 Rhonda Crowder – Philadelphia Chapter  
 Deborah Cuffey-Jackson – New York Chapter  
 Darla Culmer – Miami Chapter  
 Tonya Cureton Curry – Atlanta Chapter  
 Kimberlyn Daniel – Atlanta Chapter  
 Kathie Davidson – New York Chapter  
 Kim Armstrong Davis – Pittsburgh Chapter  
 Caroline DeLoatch – Columbia Chapter  
 Julia James Demetrius – Atlanta Chapter  
 Anissa Brown Dennis – Baltimore Chapter  
 Deborah Dyett Desir MD – New Haven Chapter  
 Gisel Dexter – Chicago Chapter  
 Angela Dickerson – Roanoke Chapter  
*In Honor of the Roanoke Chapter*  
 Brooke Dishmon – Memphis Chapter

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### *Circle of Friends Award*

**\$35**

Melanye White Dixon – Columbus Chapter  
 Candace Dodson-Reed – Baltimore Chapter  
 Gail Dotson -Miami Chapter  
 Dara Douglas – New York Chapter  
 Asari Duke – Philadelphia Chapter  
 Stacey M. Duke-Middleton – New Haven Chapter  
 Cherie Enge – San Diego Chapter  
 Doris Ennis – Roanoke Chapter  
*In Honor of the Roanoke Chapter*  
 Elizabeth Espy – Atlanta Chapter  
 Laura Espy-Bell – Columbus Chapter  
 Amy Espy-Smith – Potomac Chapter  
*In Memory of GF Kathy Duffy Espy*  
 Lynne Espy-Williams – Potomac Chapter  
*In Memory of GF Kathy Duffy Espy*  
 Gloria Evans – Miami Chapter  
 Traci Evans – Dallas Chapter  
 Lynette Fahie – Miami Chapter  
 Erika Faust – New York Chapter  
 Makda Fessahaye – Milwaukee Chapter  
 Crystal Files – Columbus Chapter  
 Schinika Ann Fitch – Milwaukee Chapter  
 Nikki Fleming – Charlotte Chapter  
 Margot Flood – Potomac Chapter  
 Hillarie Flood – Potomac Chapter  
 Ingrid D. Ford – Dallas Chapter  
 Marilyn Ford – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Tabitha Fortt – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Samara Foxx – Potomac Chapter

Arlene Denise Gaines- Columbia Chapter  
 Tiffany Gardner – New York Chapter  
 Kimberly Garrett – Miami Chapter  
 Alicea Gay – Baltimore Chapter  
 Maritha Gay – Baltimore Chapter  
 Karen M. Gibbs  
 Belle Gibbs-Hillman – Columbus Chapter  
 Faye T. Gilchrist – Roanoke Chapter  
 Lisa Gillespie – San Diego Chapter  
 Agnes Godwin-Hall – Cincinnati Chapter  
 Jessica A. Golson – Philadelphia Chapter  
 Cheri F. Goodman – Columbia Chapter  
 Elizabeth Goodman – San Diego Chapter  
 Leisha Gordon – Buffalo Chapter  
 Monique N. Graham – Milwaukee Chapter  
 Patsy Graham – Miami Chapter  
 Melissa Graman – Cleveland Chapter  
 Charlotte Grant – Philadelphia Chapter  
 Carole Johnson Green – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Annette M. Grier – Baltimore Chapter  
 Dawn Beatrice Griffin – Atlanta Chapter  
 Phoebe Haddon – Philadelphia Chapter  
 Yolande Hackney-Wright – Potomac Chapter  
 Andrea Haley – Roanoke Chapter  
*In Honor of the Roanoke Chapter*  
 Carole Hall – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Eve M. Hall – Milwaukee Chapter  
 Alexandria Halloway – Miami Chapter  
 Elsie Hamler – Miami Chapter

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### *Circle of Friends Award*

**\$35**

Vivian Hambrick-Ryan – San Diego Chapter  
 Joyce Hamilton Berry – Potomac Chapter  
 Natalie Harlan – Milwaukee Chapter  
 Morgan Thomas Harried – Baltimore Chapter  
 Laura Harris – Buffalo Chapter  
 Karen Harris-Beauchamp – Scottsdale Chapter  
 Anita Harris Hawk – Atlanta Chapter  
 Deloris Hayes – Columbia Chapter  
 Thelma Haynesworth – Roanoke Chapter  
*In Honor of the Roanoke Chapter*  
 Carolyn Hazelton – Miami Chapter  
 Thandie Hazelton – Atlanta Chapter  
 Cecelia B. Henderson – Buffalo Chapter  
 Elaine Henley – New Haven Chapter  
 Ericka Newsome Hill – Atlanta Chapter  
 Leana Hill – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Joanne Christopher Hines – Miami Chapter  
 Harriet D. Hobson – Philadelphia Chapter  
 Tricia Hoffer – Atlanta Chapter  
 Malaika Horne-Wells – St. Louis Chapter  
 Barbara Noble Howard – Scottsdale Chapter  
 Elizabeth L. Hughes – Pittsburgh Chapter  
 Cindy Hunt – Scottsdale Chapter  
 Charlotte Hunter-Grant – Philadelphia Chapter  
 Denise Jackson – San Diego Chapter  
 Melanie Jackson – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Melanie D. Jackson – Atlanta Chapter  
 Nicolle Jackson – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Vanna Jackson – Atlanta Chapter

Marva Owens James – Atlanta Chapter  
 Paula James-Nailor – New York Chapter  
 Cheryl McCord Jamison – Atlanta Chapter  
 Angela Jeffries – Baltimore Chapter  
 Darlene Jeffries – Pittsburgh Chapter  
 LuWanda Jenkins – Baltimore Chapter  
 Mary Jennings – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Mycki Jennings – New Haven Chapter  
*In Memory of GF Cassandra Smith Rush*  
 Pam Jennings – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Gwendolyn Johnson – Cleveland Chapter  
 Michele Johnson – Atlanta Chapter  
 Raye Johnson – Philadelphia Chapter  
 Dianne Joiner – San Diego Chapter  
 Beth Jones – Atlanta Chapter  
 Carla Jones – Miami Chapter  
 Inez A. Jones – Buffalo Chapter  
 Marcia Kallon – Fairfield County Chapter  
 Adrienne W. Kestur – St. Louis Chapter  
 Audra Kimpson – Columbia Chapter  
 Juliet King – Miami Chapter  
 Deanne King – Atlanta Chapter  
 Roselyn Kirkland – St. Louis Chapter  
 Shenia Kirkland – Atlanta Chapter  
 Betty Kolb – Roanoke Chapter  
*In Honor of the Roanoke Chapter*  
 Loren Kron – Potomac Chapter  
 Lisa Larkin – San Diego Chapter  
 Doreece Lattimer – Columbus Chapter

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### *Circle of Friends Award*

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Brenda Lauderback – Dallas Chapter  
Doretha Lea – Potomac Chapter  
Ayana Ledford – Pittsburgh Chapter  
Tracey McCants Lewis – Pittsburgh Chapter  
*In Memory of GF Elaine Effort*  
Karen R. Long – Houston Chapter  
Sheila Long – Miami Chapter  
Alicia Love – Milwaukee Chapter  
Vanessa M. Lowe – Atlanta Chapter  
Irma Lowman – Columbia Chapter  
Jothany Machazire – Pittsburgh Chapter  
Karen Machen – Orlando Chapter  
Andrea Mahone – Pittsburgh Chapter  
Cheryl Malone – Dallas Chapter  
Julie Manley – Baltimore Chapter  
Anita Marioneaux-Martinez – Fairfield Cnty  
Janice Marshall – Columbia Chapter  
Joy Marshall – Fairfield County Chapter  
Marla Marshall – San Diego Chapter  
Zena Martin – Atlanta Chapter  
Vignette Matthews – San Diego Chapter  
Angela May – Dallas Chapter  
Sharon McAdoo – Fairfield County Chapter  
Taylor McCain – Miami Chapter  
D. Renee McCown – Atlanta Chapter  
Kim McCray – Miami Chapter  
Saron C. McEnheimer – Roanoke Chapter  
Andrea McIntosh – Potomac Chapter

Francine McLaughlin – Roanoke Chapter  
*In Honor of the Roanoke Chapter*  
Winona McNeil – Cincinnati Chapter  
Consuelo McTurner – Pittsburgh Chapter  
Margie Merritt – Washington Chapter  
Rose Middleton – Fairfield County  
Stacy Middleton – Philadelphia Chapter  
Audrey Miller – Atlanta Chapter  
Racquel Miller – Scottsdale Chapter  
Tameika Miller -Fairfield County  
Lauren Nash Ming – St. Louis Chapter  
Yvonne Minor-Ragan – Buffalo Chapter  
Terrelle Mitchell – California Chapter  
Allyson Mitchell – Potomac Chapter  
*In Memory of GF Freda Lovette*  
Candice Mitchell – Washington Chapter  
Melody Mitchell – Orlando Chapter  
Kim Montgomery – Columbus Chapter  
Robin Moore – New York Chapter  
E. Paulett Moore – New Haven Chapter  
Kaylan Moore – Pittsburgh Chapter  
*In Memory of GF Elaine Effort*  
Gail Morgan – Atlanta Chapter  
Debra Dobson Morrison – Atlanta Chapter  
Joi Shaw Morrison – Houston Chapter  
Francesca Mosiah – Buffalo Chapter  
Ann-Marie Motley – Memphis Chapter  
Cheryl Muller – Baltimore Chapter  
Paulette Murphy – New York Chapter



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### *Circle of Friends Award*

**\$35**

Parmalier Murphy – Buffalo Chapter  
 Denée Thomas Mwendwa – Potomac Chapter  
 Alison C. Nash – St. Louis Chapter  
*In Honor of Wanda Wyatt*  
 Alison C. Nash – St. Louis Chapter  
*In Honor of Lisa Terry*  
 Alison C. Nash – St. Louis Chapter  
*In Honor of Karen Sams*  
 Alison C. Nash – St. Louis Chapter  
*In Honor of Arvetta Powell*  
 Tanisha Nash – Roanoke Chapter  
*In Honor of the Roanoke Chapter*  
 Vivian Nash – Cleveland Chapter  
 Mildred J. Neal – San Diego Chapter  
 Cherie Neal – Atlanta Chapter  
 Tracey Banks Newsome – Atlanta Chapter  
 Cheryl Noble – Columbus Chapter  
 Tiffany Monique Norman – Columbus Chapter  
 Emmekunla Nylander – Buffalo Chapter  
 Lynn Olmert – Atlanta Chapter  
 Rhona Osborne – Buffalo Chapter  
 Allyson Owens – Baltimore Chapter  
 Vonda Reed Owens – Scottsdale Chapter  
 Connie Page – Baltimore Chapter  
 Gloria Parker – Baltimore Chapter  
 Lori Lynn Parker – Dallas Chapter  
 Leslie D. J. Patterson – Atlanta Chapter  
 Olivia Payne – Pittsburgh Chapter  
 Paula Payton – Columbia Chapter  
 Karen Penn-Scott – Detroit Chapter

Deborah Perry – Pittsburgh Chapter  
 June Perry-Stevens – Milwaukee Chapter  
 Cheryl Pete – Pittsburgh Chapter  
 Jill Phillips – Pittsburgh Chapter  
 Devonia Phillips – Roanoke Chapter  
*In Honor of the Roanoke Chapter*  
 Kathy Neal Phillips – Atlanta Chapter  
 Joya Pinkston – Columbia Chapter  
 Rhonda Poindexter – Roanoke Chapter  
*In Honor of the Roanoke Chapter*  
 Emily Pollard – Philadelphia Chapter  
 Kim Post – Memphis Chapter  
 Donna Pounds-Harrison – Orlando Chapter  
 Faye Powell – Dallas Chapter  
 Danyale Price – New York Chapter  
 Leah Price – Columbia Chapter  
 Loretta Price -Columbia Chapter  
 Joan Prince – Milwaukee Chapter  
 Sophronia Qualls – Atlanta Chapter  
 Joyce Ford Quick – Buffalo Chapter  
 Shayla Quick – Buffalo Chapter  
 Jada Quinn – Buffalo Chapter  
 Birtha Radden – Scottsdale Chapter  
 Beverly Reid – Scottsdale Chapter  
 Beverly J. Richards – Philadelphia Chapter  
 JoiSanne B. Richmond – Atlanta Chapter  
 Gail Riley-Kenney – Cincinnati Chapter  
 Maryann Riordan – New York Chapter  
 Rosalyn Robinson – Philadelphia Chapter

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Tamara Turnley Robinson – Atlanta Chapter  
Marcia Roque – Pittsburgh Chapter  
Karen Rutherford – Columbia Chapter  
Tammy Rutherford – Columbia Chapter  
Detra Rugon – Atlanta Chapter  
Dana Sadiq – Columbus Chapter  
Jeanette Sako – Roanoke Chapter  
Karen R. Sanders – New York Chapter  
Alexandria Scott – Fairfield County Chapter  
Karen Scott – Columbus Chapter  
Leesa Scott – Potomac Chapter  
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