

FREDERICKSBURG AREA ALUMNAE CHAPTER
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

*Stepping into Our 40th
with Elegance and Fortitude*



APRIL 25, 2021

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS
OF SISTERHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE

1980



2021



The Sensational South Atlantic Region

We Promise to Always S.E.E. You
Sincere Sisterhood - Exceeding Excellence - Embracing Empowerment



Greetings,

Regional Representative Illana Jamison and I are honored to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter as you celebrate your 40th year anniversary. With humble and grateful hearts, we also acknowledge with special thanks the charter members of Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter. We recognize and thank them for their vision to see what could be and their determination to make a chapter in the Fredericksburg service area a reality 40 years ago. Without their vision and fortitude, there would be no need to celebrate today. The South Atlantic Region is blessed to have chapters like Fredericksburg Area Alumnae who continue to uphold the lifetime commitment of dedication to causes greater than themselves while serving the citizens within the community. Your dedication, commitment, and hard work are certainly evident by the difference that you have made and will continue to make in the Fredericksburg area.

Thank you, sorors, for your willingness to give of yourselves so freely for the benefit of others. Your programs have been stellar and your continued desire to do more and be more does not go unnoticed. Each new generation of Deltas that enter the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter ranks, will continue to model what has been demonstrated for them over the last 40 years. I am certain that they will continue to write new chapters of greatness on the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter timeline.

As you enter into a new decade of commitment to sisterhood, scholarship and service, sorors across the region join with me in prayer that God will continue to order and direct the steps of this chapter. You are a part of a grand organization founded 108 years ago on Christian principles. Never forget to allow those principles to light and direct your pathway in Delta. Always continue to accept the challenges of doing what is wise and good for those you serve. Remember to keep yourselves healthy, because we cannot help others when we are not at our best. And most importantly, never forget to love your Creator, to love each other, and to love those you serve with all of your heart, because in Delta Sigma Theta, the greatest gift is love.

Congratulations and Happy 40th Anniversary Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter.

Trish R. Johnson

Regional Director

Illana Jamison

Regional Representative



SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

A Service Sorority Founded in 1913



Oh, how good and pleasant it is for sisters to dwell together in unity!

Greetings to our sweet Sorors of the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter. It gives us great pleasure to dwell with you on this day of celebration. We wish you warm congratulations as you commemorate the Chapter's 40 years of steadfast and impactful service to the Fredericksburg area.

In August 1980, seventeen visionary sorors gave life to the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter with a desire to serve the Fredericksburg community and most especially Black and underserved communities. Sorors, 40 years later, your continued and stellar commitment to community action serves as an inspiration to all and reminds each of us why Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., drew us close to her.

Traditionally, a 40th anniversary is commemorated with ruby treasures. How fitting that our thoughts rest on the beautiful red ruby as we celebrate the work of precious jewels in our sisterhood. Through the ages, the ruby has represented good fortune, pure love, and passion. To our sorors of the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter, we wish you good fortune and blessings in abundance, the fulfillment and joy of pure love, and a continued passion to change the world one community at a time.

Again, we congratulate you on your 40th anniversary celebration. We pray this day will be a time for celebration, reflection, and renewed commitment. Sorors, take a moment to pause and celebrate the Chapter's great accomplishments, to smell the roses if you will, but don't stop too long. There is much more work for you to do!

The Lord bless you and keep you, make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

Natasha C. Palmer

Natasha C. Palmer
Virginia State Coordinator

London Armstrong

London Armstrong
Virginia State Facilitator



FREDERICKSBURG AREA ALUMNAE CHAPTER
"Leading with Purpose, Knowledge, and a Commitment to Serve"
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Greetings!

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Forty years ago, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was chartered on August 16, 1980, by seventeen visionary leaders. Imagine forty years ago, the call to galvanize one of the first informal meetings with members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Women with a vision, passion, and mission to impact the community with a lifetime commitment to public service.

The chartering meetings were held in the homes of members and local churches as they planned for the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter. At those meetings, time spent together was always fun, exciting, and rewarding. Our commitment to our service areas in the City of Fredericksburg and the counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford; with the intentional focus of the sorority's 5-Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement, continues to guide us as we serve our communities.

Over the last forty years, our impact in the community and countries in Africa are felt worldwide. Our community partner initiatives have opened the doors for new global and collaborative opportunities. We have established our global handprint of public service and change, with a commitment to serve all. The members of the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter, continue to build on the legacy of the charter members and the vision and mission of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

We are proud to be leaders in our community, promoting political awareness, physical and mental health awareness initiatives, and mentoring our youth as we award scholarships annually. We have also provided a forum for our local economic leaders to empower and share best practices to promote financial literacy.

We sincerely thank our charter members for the legacy of the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter. In addition, we thank our past presidents and chapter members for their commitment to our sisterhood, scholarship, and service.

Yours in Service,



Joyce M. Diggs

Dr. Joyce M. Diggs
Chapter President



Marsicia Davis

Marsicia Davis
40th Anniversary, Co-Chair



Parisa Fetherson

Parisa Fetherson
40th Anniversary, Co-Chair



**The 40th Anniversary
Of The FAAC Chapter
Of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

WHEREAS, on January 13th, 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. by twenty-two undergraduate women; and

WHEREAS, its Founders were interested in establishing an organization committed to the enhancement of high cultural, intellectual, and moral standards among its members for its own benefit as well as for that of the larger society in which it existed; and

WHEREAS, the first official act of the Founders was to participate in the Women's Suffrage Procession of 1913 in Washington D.C. where, because they were black, they were allowed to march only on condition that the young women march at the very end of the procession; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is defined as sisterhood, scholarship, and service based on its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement. The sorority has established a long and glorious history of educational, cultural, and social service in the public's interest; and

WHEREAS, 100 years later, in 2013, it was the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated now 300,000 strong worldwide, who organized a commemorative march down the same street in Washington D.C., with sorority members and other women from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 1980, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (FAAC) was chartered and has faithfully served the City of Fredericksburg and the counties of Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George, and Caroline; and

WHEREAS, the chapter has partnered with the local departments of social services and the Salvation Army to provide assistance for families in need; and

WHEREAS, the sorority members of the chapter have served as mentors to countless young women in their Delta Academy and Gems program; and

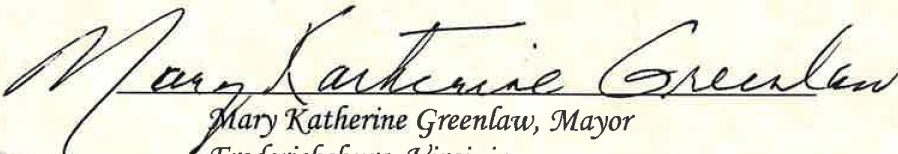
WHEREAS, the FAAC has annually distributed scholarships to high school seniors in the City of Fredericksburg and the counties of Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George, and Caroline; and

WHEREAS, the FAAC has generously supported many local agencies including Empower House, the Moss Free Clinic, Habitat for Humanity, in addition to Partnership for Academic Excellence, the American Cancer Society-Relay For Life Greater of Fredericksburg, and many national initiatives; and

WHEREAS, sustained by the bonds of sisterhood, the challenges, and successes of over 40 years inspire the members of the FAAC today, and assures that its efforts will continue making history through every member's unique contribution of skill and spirit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg, on behalf of the City Council do hereby congratulate the FAAC on its 40th Anniversary and declare April 25, 2021, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Day in the City of Fredericksburg and ask that each citizen observe the great accomplishments of this illustrious sisterhood.




Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor
Fredericksburg, Virginia

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Service, Integrity, Pride

COMMENDATION

RECOGNIZING THE FREDERICKSBURG AREA ALUMNAE CHAPTER (FAAC) OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter (FAAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was established in Fredericksburg, VA on Saturday, August 16, 1980 and is celebrating its 40th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, seventeen Sorors chartered the chapter; and

WHEREAS, in dedication to the ideals and principles of Delta Sigma Theta and inspired by the examples set by the women of FAAC, eight new Sorors were initiated in 1983, fourteen in 1988, twenty-one in 1993, thirteen in 1999, nine in 2005, seventeen in 2010; and 29 in 2018; and

WHEREAS, FAAC provides an extensive array of public service initiatives through its Five-Point Program Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with Grand Chapter initiatives, FAAC has increased efforts in the areas of social action and technology; and

WHEREAS, FAAC's educational activities include Jabberwock, the Black History Bowl, the Annual Spelling Bee, and the Delta Academy and Delta GEMS Programs which offer experience in math, science, and technology, as well as fun activities, for youth ages eleven through seventeen; and

WHEREAS, Jabberwock is one of FAAC's major projects whose primary purpose is to raise funds to benefit area high school students through awarding scholarships; and

WHEREAS, awarding scholarships to college-bound high school seniors has been a major initiative of FAAC; and

WHEREAS, FAAC's community-wide activities include support for the Thurman Brisbane Homeless Shelter, Loisann's Hope House Trees of Hope, Caroline Promise, Habitat for Humanity, Love Thy Neighbor and Partnership for Academic Excellence; and

WHEREAS, FAAC's programs are supported by proceeds received from its annual Red and White Ball, our signature event held in February.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors, this 27th day of April 2021, publicly recognizes the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter (FAAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on behalf of its members and the residents of Spotsylvania, for its service to the community.



A COPY TESTE:

Aimee R. Mann
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

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April 21, 2021

On behalf of the Stafford County Registrar's office, I extend the sincerest congratulations to the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. What a milestone to provide 40 years of service to the City of Fredericksburg and the Counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford.

Over the years, members of the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter have supported the community through various initiatives and programs. The Stafford County Registrar appreciates the work of chapter members who have engaged in non-partisan elections awareness through hosting public candidate forums, organizing voter registration drive training for members of the community and organizations to attend and recruiting and acting as election officials during Stafford County's annual elections. Your support leading up to and on Election Day is noteworthy.

We celebrate you and wish you continued success.

Anna Hash
General Registrar

REGISTRATION IS NOT ENOUGH – REGISTER AND VOTE

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

ENROLLED

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 574

Commending the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Agreed to by the House, February 25, 2021

WHEREAS, for 40 years, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has played an active role in the Fredericksburg community; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was established in 1913 by college-educated African American women seeking opportunities to strengthen and support their communities; the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of the sorority was founded in 1980; and

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter has a large variety of programs designed to help individuals in the community, including programs on economic development, support for schools, civic awareness and involvement, social outreach, and physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter has helped many young people achieve a good education by awarding the Carrie Hill Tatum Memorial Scholarship to college-bound high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter has empowered countless women to pursue leadership roles and make a difference in the lives of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., hereby be commended on the occasion of its 40th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its legacy of contributions to the community.

ENROLLED

HR574ER



PROGRAM

HOSTESS: MRS. RHONDA FORTUNE

OPENING

INVOCATION

WELCOME

PRESIDENT, FREDERICKSBURG AREA ALUMNAE CHAPTER
DR. JOYCE M. DIGGS

GREETINGS

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
BEVERLY E. SMITH, NATIONAL PRESIDENT & CEO
DR. TRISH R. JOHNSON, SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL DIRECTOR
NATASHA PALMER, VIRGINIA STATE COORDINATOR

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

COMMUNITY PARTNER RECOGNITION

DOOR PRIZES

FAAC CHAPTER HISTORY

FAAC CHARTER MEMBER RECOGNITION

IN MEMORIAM

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

MUSICAL MEDLEY

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

22ND NATIONAL PRESIDENT, DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
REVEREND DR. GWENDOLYN E. BOYD

CLOSING REMARKS

REV. DR. GWENDOLYN E. BOYD

22nd NATIONAL PRESIDENT
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.



Rev Dr. Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd is an engineer and is described as a dynamic and relevant leader, a prolific motivational speaker, a powerful preacher and a prominent advocate for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education. Boyd is a native of Montgomery, Alabama and received a full scholarship to attend Alabama State University where she graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics with a double minor in physics and music. She received a full fellowship to pursue graduate studies at Yale University where she was the first African American female to earn a M. S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from this Ivy League institution. She earned both the Master of Divinity and the Doctor of Ministry degrees from Howard University. Additionally, she has been awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Lincoln University (2004), Bennett College (2004) and Kentucky State University (2019) and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (2019).

Boyd is a nationally recognized champion of education, especially as it relates to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines. In March 2009, Boyd was nominated by President Barack Obama and she received U.S. Senate confirmation to serve as a trustee to the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. In January 2014, President Obama appointed Boyd and 14 other individuals to serve on the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans. This Commission was charged with strengthening the nation by improving educational outcomes for African Americans and to ensure that all African Americans receive an education that prepares them for college, productive careers and satisfying lives.

Boyd returned to her undergraduate alma mater, Alabama State University (ASU) in January 2014 and for three years she served as the 14th and first female president of ASU. Highlights of her presidency included getting the university its very first engineering degree program with approval for a BS in biomedical engineering. Boyd and her team got the university removed from accreditation warning status with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) which had been from previous university financial instability. The largest freshman class was documented during her tenure.

Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd is a minister and an ordained itinerant elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She serves on the ministerial staff of Ebenezer AME Church in Fort Washington, Maryland. She is also a sought-after speaker and lecturer to various audiences on topics including STEM, higher education, HBCUs, leadership development, and non-profit board development. She mentors young people interested in careers in science and engineering.

In 2000, Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd was elected to serve as the 22nd National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., an international organization of more than 300,000 initiated members. During her tenure from 2000-2004, Boyd was described as a creative and innovative leader. She was known as the “Technology President,” as she facilitated the establishment of technology usage and capacity in all facets of the sorority’s activities and administration. Her four-year tenure as president included a number of transformative accomplishments, including the launching of Project SEE (Science in Everyday Experiences), an initiative funded by a \$1.6 million National Science Foundation grant with a goal of promoting math and science for middle school African American girls. As National President, Boyd created and secured external funding for a new initiative, Leadership DELTA, an innovative year long program for collegiate members to prepare for STEM careers by introducing them to tools for workplace success and providing them with meaningful internships. She led the sorority through the process of obtaining Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Status at the United Nations with the Economic and Social Council making Delta Sigma Theta the second African American organization to obtain this designation. With the receipt of this NGO status Boyd introduced and led the sorority to have its first annual Delta Day at the United Nations. As National President, Boyd also led the sorority’s humanitarian, education, advocacy efforts and facilitated fundraising for projects in various parts of South Africa specifically to build a group home for AIDS orphans in Swaziland, establish a computer center in Lesotho and providing a library and other school essentials at the Adelaide Tambo School for the disabled in Soweto. During her administration as President the sorority published a cookbook “Occasions to Savor” featuring vetted recipes from throughout the sorority’s membership. As the 22nd National President, Boyd led the fundraising effort to pay in full a one-million-dollar donation to Howard University in honor of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority’s Founders and to provide academic scholarships at Howard University during the sorority’s 90th anniversary celebration in Washington, DC.

In 2013, Boyd served as Chair of the sorority’s Centennial Celebration. The Centennial Celebration began on January 1, 2013, with a historic float representing the sorority in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The Centennial festivities involved many multifaceted celebratory events throughout the country all year long culminating in a Washington, D.C.-based convention that brought together more than 40,000 members of the sorority from around the world.

For her many and varied contributions to the community, Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd has received numerous honors, awards, citations, commendations and tributes. These include, but are not limited to recipient of: The Carver Medal from Simpson College; Chancellor’s Award from North Carolina Central University; numerous Congressional city and state recognitions; “Keys to the City” from 38 cities; a “Key to the State of Florida”; declaration of Gwendolyn E. Boyd Day in eighteen cities; selected as part of a permanent display at Johns Hopkins University entitled, The Indispensable Role of Blacks at Johns Hopkins; Presidential Award from the Black Women’s Agenda; Living Legend Award from the Greater Nashville Black Teachers Alliance; The Spirit of Rosa Parks Courage Award from the Southern Youth Leadership Development Institute; The Yates Achievement of Excellence Award from BFSA at JHU; The Trailblazer Tribute Award; The Voices of Democracy Leadership Award from the Committee of Ten; Powerful and Influential Woman from the Alabama Diversity Council; and many other civic, leadership and professional awards for her achievements in the fields of engineering, higher education and community activism.



FREDERICKSBURG AREA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

CHAPTER HISTORY

Seventeen Sorors chartered the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter on August 16, 1980. The seventeen women wanted to serve the Fredericksburg community - especially the black community. These college educated women needed to extend their "roots". Delta was the vehicle to fulfill their wants and needs, and Fredericksburg was in need of the positive services we, as a sisterhood, could provide. The service areas include Stafford, City of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, Caroline and King George counties.

The Fredericksburg area is located between the capital of Washington, D.C. and Richmond, Virginia, is steeped in colonial and confederate history. As such it was basically an area of "haves" and "have nots." In the philosophy of Delta, the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter (FAAC) sought to directly aid the "have nots" and to influence the "haves." Early activities included voter awareness, letters and petitions re: Atlanta child murders, a seminar for black women on the detection and prevention of breast cancer, aid to fire-stricken families, initiation of a scholarship fund, and a reclamation dinner.

In 1981, with a solid foundation, FAAC became more active as a viable community force. Activities of the previous year were extended and new ones added. The new activities included Thanksgiving and Christmas projects, a fashion show to promote young black designers, participation in the Regional Conference, and more attention to promoting scholarships via financial assistance to black students.

Spring 1982, found FAAC committed to vigorous community action. A major FAAC sponsored event was the Fredericksburg Walkamerica for the March of Dimes. Over 200 people walked, pledging \$10,000. Aside from providing a service to rid birth defects, our community image grew. For May Week, FAAC sponsored a seminar on Domestic Violence. Dedicated to the ideals and principles of Delta Sigma Theta and inspired by the examples set by the women of the Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter, the sisterhood grew.

Today, the sorority continues to support many community programs such as the St. Jude's Walk, The Braswell Run for teen violence, The Salvation Army Coat drive, Relay for Life, American Heart Association, Loisann's Hope House, Food banks, Veterans programs, Shelters in the area and many Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. programs health, education and political awareness sponsored by the sorority.



FREDERICKSBURG AREA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

CHARTER MEMBERS



Gaye Todd Adegbalola

Lottie Griffin Anderson

Joyce Boykin Carey

Renee Pippins Chinn

Doris Darden

Cheryl Berry Gaines

Gwendolyn Lipscomb Hairston

Leona Wilkerson Hubbard*

Catherine Woodward Ivey

Elaine Lawson

Grace Hill Norbrey*

Rachel Williams Outlaw

Adelaide Mack Parker

Doris Nixon Rutherford

Mamie Boykin- Scott*

Gwen Porter Washington

Amelia Jackson-Zaremba

*Deceased



FREDERICKSBURG AREA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

2020 - 2022 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP



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Ritta Armstead



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CHAPLAIN

Marsicia Davis



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Dorothy Divens



PARLIAMENTARIAN

Wanda Taylor



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Stephanie Drummond



FAAC PAST PRESIDENTS

1980-1982	CHERYL BERRY GAINES *
1982-1986	MAMIE BOYKIN-SCOTT*
1986-1990	MARCELINE ROLLINS CATLETT
1990-1994	CONSTANCE BRAXTON
1994-1998	FRANCES W. BUMBREY
1998-2002	MICHELLE SIMS
2002-2006	DEIRDRE POWELL WHITE
2006-2010	RHONDA FORTUNE
2010-2012	GIOVONNI SMITH
2012-2014	BEVERLY LAWSON
2014-2018	WANDA TAYLOR
2018-2020	STEPHANIE DRUMMOND



IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED SORORS

1994 - CARRIE H. TATUM

1995 - BARBARA O. BURTON

1999 - LEONA WILKERSON HUBBARD*

2000 - SIBBIE C. JENKINS

2000 - MAMIE BOYKIN-SCOTT*

2008 - ALFREDA PARKER

2009 - DEBORAH BUSHROD

2010 - ELEANOR BOWLER

2013 - GRACE HILL NORBREY*

2104 - MURIELLE E. ALLEN

2015 - VIRGIS T. MANNING-BROWN

2017 - AUDREY D. JONES

2017 - SYLVIA "YVONNE" J. HARPER

2019 - KAREN CAMPBELL FORT

2019 - JANICE K. BRADSHAW-WHITE

2020 - MAURITTA MINOR

2020 - SARA M. BUFORD

2020 - BARBARA M. WESTON

2021 - MATTIE P. SMITH



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is pleased to celebrate our 40th anniversary. Throughout the years we have strived to make a difference to the residents of the City of Fredericksburg and Counties of Spotsylvania, Stafford, King George and Caroline.

Our work could not be done without the collaboration and helping hands of many organizations within our service area. We would like to recognize those organizations and groups that we refer to as our **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**.

Thank You!



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY - RELAY FOR LIFE

At the American Cancer Society, we're on a mission to free the world from cancer. Until we do, we'll be funding and conducting research, sharing expert information, supporting patients, and spreading the word about prevention. All so you can live longer — and better.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY - MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER

At the American Cancer Society, we're on a mission to free the world from cancer. Until we do, we'll be funding and conducting research, sharing expert information, supporting patients, and spreading the word about prevention. All so you can live longer — and better.



AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

For nearly 100 years, we've been fighting heart disease and stroke, striving to save and improve lives. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer worldwide, and stroke ranks second globally. Even when those conditions don't result in death, they cause disability and diminish quality of life. We want to see a world free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS



BARON P. BRASWELL RUN/WALK AGAINST TEEN VIOLENCE

The Baron “Deuce” P. Braswell Run Against Teen Violence has been created to bring awareness to the issue of teen violence and the effects of teen violence on the victim, the families involved, the perpetrator and the community as a whole. This event is designed to unite families and the community to take a stand against teen violence in our area.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK REGION

The Mission of the Boys & Girls Club of the Rappahannock Region is to help boys and girls of all backgrounds, with an emphasis on at-risk youth, build confidence, develop character, and acquire the needed skills to grow into productive, civic-minded, responsible adults.



BRAGG HILL FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Established in 1997, Bragg Hill Family Life Center’s mission is to address the needs of at-risk youth and economically underprivileged families and individuals in the City of Fredericksburg and its surrounding counties (Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline, King George). BHFLC provides opportunities for mental, moral, spiritual and educational growth.

CARDINAL VILLAGE

Cardinal Village is proud to be an award-winning embrace Memory Care community. In our beautiful Fredericksburg senior living community, our care, environment, and programming are all tailored to provide a more fulfilling life for residents living with memory issues, Dementia , or an Alzheimer’s diagnosis.



CAROLINE’S PROMISE

Caroline's Promise strives to meet the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of the youth of Caroline County, Virginia. We believe that young people are resources and leaders -- part of the solution, not the problem.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL FOOD BANK



The Frederickburg Regional Food Bank helps to provide nutritious food to over 31,000 people through our network of 152 community partners operating more than 260 food assistance programs. In 2019, the Food Bank collected and distributed over 4.2 million pounds of food and other grocery products; the equivalent of over 3.3 million meals provided to those in need.

GARRISON WOODS APARTMENTS

Garrison Woods Apartments offers spacious 1, 2, 3, & 4 bedroom homes. Each apartment home has plenty of windows for bright, natural lighting. Our goal is to provide a stress-free, supportive, family-oriented community. We offer countless free services from the Summer Enrichment Program for children, run by Better Tomorrows, to the computer training center.



GREATER FREDERICKSBURG HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in approximately 70 countries. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

LOISANN'S HOPE HOUSE

LoisAnn's Hope House is the first and largest homeless shelter in the Rappahannock region. For over 30 years has served as a lifeline for homeless children and families. We put them back on their feet and give them hope. Our program is designed to improve the quality of life for our families by helping them move from homelessness to permanent housing.



LOVE THY NEIGHBOR



Love Thy Neighbor Community Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen was established in 2012 as a non-profit, volunteer operated, faith-based organization in King George, Virginia to provide nutritional basics and reassurance to others in need. Our first food pantry event was held in December, 2012.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

MARCH OF DIMES



March of Dimes leads the fight for the health of all moms and babies. We support research, lead programs and provide education and advocacy so that every mom and baby can have the best possible start. Building on a successful 80-year legacy of impact and innovation, we empower every mom and every family.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN STAFFORD/FREDERICKSBURG SECTION

NCNW fulfills its mission through research, advocacy, national and community-based services and programs in the United States and Africa. With its 28 national affiliate organizations and its more than 200 community-based sections, NCNW has an outreach to nearly four million women, all contributing to the peaceful solutions to the problems of human welfare and rights.



NATIONAL PANHELLENIC COUNCIL/FREDERICKSBURG



The National Pan-Hellenic Council is a collaborative umbrella organization composed of historically African American Greek-lettered fraternities and sororities. The nine NPHC organizations are sometimes collectively referred to as the "Divine Nine".

PARTNERSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The Partnership for Academic Excellence provides college preparatory assistance to minority high school juniors and seniors in the greater Fredericksburg area. Services offered include SAT prep classes, financial aid planning, college application assistance, and trips to colleges and universities – all free of charge.



PARTNERS IN EXCELLENCE



At Virginia Home Care Partners, we recognize it is a privilege to be given the opportunity to partner in your living and be invited into your home. Through our partnership we provide professional, compassionate, and individualized home care, giving clients and their loved one's peace of mind that they can remain safe and independent with dignity at home. We dedicate ourselves to your valued trust.



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PROJECT LINUS OF CULPEPER CHAPTER

We provide love, security, and comfort to ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need children through the gift of a handmade blanket created by volunteers.

RAPPAHANNOCK UNITED WAY

Our mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our community. Our vision is a community where individuals and families achieve their potential through education, financial stability and healthy living.



RON ROSNER YMCA

The Y is, and always will be, dedicated to building healthy, confident, connected and secure children, adults, families, and communities. Every day our impact is felt when an individual makes a healthy choice, when a mentor inspires a child and when a community comes together for the common good.

SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army is a Christian church and an international charitable organization. The organization reports a worldwide membership of over 1.7 million, consisting of soldiers, officers and adherents collectively known as Salvationists.



SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

The mission of the men and women of the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office is dedicated service to improving quality of life through a partnership with our community. We are committed to protecting life, property, and reducing fear of crime. With honor and integrity, we uphold the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and Constitution of the United States.



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ST. JUDE

The mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. Consistent with the vision of our founder Danny Thomas, no child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay.



SUMMER STATION

Summer Station launched to serve area children at loose ends in the summer, there were few other free or low-cost options for summer learning and activities. The program is open to all, but most participants have been grandchildren of alumni of Walker–Grant School, the city's public black school until desegregation in 1968.

THE GREATER RAPPAHANNOCK (VA) CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

Greater Rappahannock (VA) Chapter of The Links, Inc. is an organization dedicated to community service in the City of Fredericksburg and the Counties of Spotsylvania, Stafford, King George and Caroline. We continue the vision of our illustrious founders through our programming which consists of five facets: National Trends and Services, The Arts, Services to Youth, International Trends and Services, and Health and Human Services.



THURMAN BRISBEN CENTER

The Brisben Center is the greater community's largest full service, year-round, residential emergency homeless center. This unique facility opened in 2005 as the result of an amazing vision and partnership among the leadership of the nonprofit Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter, Inc., the City of Fredericksburg and the greater community.



THE GARDENS OF STAFFORD

Created exclusively for adults 55 and better, The Gardens of Stafford Senior Apartment Community combines all of the comforts of home with the retirement lifestyle you have always dreamed of. The Gardens of Stafford offers the conveniences of premier independent living with the advantages of a monthly rental community. Sit back, relax and let us take care of the details.





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TRUE FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

True Faith Community Church's mission is to be a "Church Without Walls" by helping others to arrive at a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through practical application of God's word.

U4C VICTORY MINISTRIES, INC.

Our ministry is focused on those youth and young adults who are struggling with home and family situations that are either unstable or nonexistent. We provide food, friendship, encouragement, and other important resources to help these young people get through the toughest of times.



VIRGINIA ORGANIZING

Virginia Organizing is a non-partisan statewide grassroots organization dedicated to challenging injustice by empowering people in local communities to address issues that affect the quality of their lives. Virginia Organizing especially encourages the participation of those who have traditionally had little or no voice in our society.



WORLD AIDS DAY

World AIDS Day takes place on 1 December each year. It's an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day.





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