

AKARAMA FOUNDATION, INC. – 2017 PROPOSED PROGRAM

Program Committee Report

November, 2016



During 2016, activities outlined in our International Program have been completed and all impact Days have been executed. A program committee meeting will be held later this month to provide guidelines for completing year-end reports.

During October members planned and participated in the following program events:

- On October 8, members and ASCEND students attended the 100 BMC College Fair at UIC that included an AKArAma Foundation, Inc. workshop on ThinkHBCU presented by President Bertina Power-Stewart. (The Scholarship Committee was the lead committee)
- A women's empowering conference was held Saturday, October 15. This was a collaboration with Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. Sorors Rai Barney and Shanita Akintonde were presenters. 60 guests and members attended. (Family Strengthening was the lead committee)
- The final impact day Childhood Hunger was held Sunday, October 16, with Family Strengthening as the lead committee. Approximately 20 children led by a chef and 3 assistants, learned how to make healthy snacks that do not require cooking. Adults in attendance participated in a discussion on health eating and smart food shopping techniques.
- Friday, October 21, "Mommies for Hire Career Fair" was held. This was a collaboration with Hustle Mommies, a support organization for single moms. Employment counselors and job recruiters were on hand to assist job seekers. (Family Strengthening was the lead committee)
- Monday, October 24th, we recognized UN Day – The United Nation's 71st Anniversary. Global Impact and Corporate and Community Relations were the lead committees. Over 50 members and guests were reminded of the purpose of the UN, understanding the refugee crisis and what we as citizens can do in our communities to help people that have relocated by choice or have been forced from their countries, particularly in the African communities. The celebration included a Taste of Africa. Representatives from African organizations in the Woodlawn community shared their insight on current issues.

Last month, during the October Executive and Chapter meeting, you received information on recommendations for the 2017 AKArAma Foundation, Inc. program. The report was also distributed electronically to chapter members. The 2017 calendar was included in the October report. **Two changes have been made to the calendar – The 2017 joint meetings with Beta chapter will be the May (12) and the November (10) chapter meetings.**

As was stated in the report, the AKArAma Foundation Program Committee recommends that we continue to implement the Alpha Kappa Alpha International program, Launching New Dimensions of Service under the following program target areas, Educational Enrichment, Health Promotion, Family Strengthening, Environmental Ownership and Global Impact, and AKArAma's special programs, Scholarship and Ascending Young Pearls (AYP).

For the 2017 program, the committee recommends that program committees continue to plan and implement activities and events to support those AKA International program targets and that a stronger and more enhanced focus be on partnering and collaborating among committees and organizations that share program goals and objectives similar to our own and that we continue to build and foster relationships with public and private organizations in the Woodlawn community.

Sorors, again, please be reminded, programming is the heart of Alpha Kappa Alpha. All members are not only encouraged but are obligated to support and serve on program committees. We recommend that all members take a pledge to join and participate on at least one committee.

Submitted by Elaine Singh

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JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
7 Executive Committee Meeting 13 Chapter Meeting 16 IMPACT DAY - MLK DAY OF SERVICE	2 Executive Committee Meeting 3 IMPACT DAY - PINK GOES RED FOR HEART HEALTH 10 Chapter Meeting 11 Founders' Day - Hyatt Regency Chicago	4 Executive Committee Meeting 10 Chapter Meeting 23 TOCS Committee Meeting 30 Executive Committee Meeting ___ Board of Directors	Central Regional Conference April 6-9 Milwaukee, WI 8 IMPACT DAY AKA NAMI AWARENESS DAY 14 Chapter Meeting 27 TOCS Committee Meeting ___AKA Day in Springfield, IL
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
6 Executive Committee Meeting 12 Joint Chapter Meeting w/Beta 20 IMPACT DAY - PLAYGROUND MOBILIZATION DAY 25 TOCS Committee Meeting	1 Executive Committee Meeting 9 Chapter Meeting 21 IMPACT DAY - THE LONGEST DAY 22 TOCS Committee Meeting ___ Board of Directors	RECESS Leadership Seminar 13TH - 16TH Las Vegas, NV	RECESS
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
2 Executive Committee Meeting 8 Chapter Meeting/Homecoming ___ HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR 21 TOCS Committee Meeting ___ Chapter Retreat ___ Board of Directors	5 Executive Committee Meeting 13 Chapter Meeting 16 IMPACT DAY - CHILDHOOD HUNGER AWARENESS DAY 24 UN Day 26 TOCS Committee Meeting 28 AKArAma 2017 Fundraiser Hyatt Regency Chicago	4 Executive Committee Meeting 10 Joint Chapter Meeting w/ Beta 30 TOCS Committee Meeting 30 Executive Committee Meeting	8 Chapter Meeting ___ Holiday Affair ___ Board of Directors