

AKArama Foundation, Inc.
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Theta Omega chapter
Executive Board Meeting
May 13, 2016

Director of Corporate and Community Relations Report

The Director of Corporate Community Relations responsibilities is to:

1. Develop relationships between the Foundation and other entities that have similar commitments and goals consistent with the international program initiatives of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. with focus on the Woodlawn Community.
2. Cultivate partnership programs and activities that advance the Foundation's interest and programs.

To meet the goals of the Foundation and the International Program initiatives of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Theta Omega Chapter, the Director of Corporate and Community Relations will work with the Chapter and with the community organizations to build collaborative partnerships to increase the capacity to serve the community residents.

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- Assess and review prior program partners to determine type of contractual relationships (linkage agreement, memorandum of understanding)
- Meet with current partners to determine continuation of collaborative partnership (Prosperity House, Woodlawn Free Legal Clinic, The Odyssey Project, Monroe Foundation, and Women's Business Development Center and Illinois Veteran Administration.
- Establish written contracts with community partners
- Establish a committee to review and evaluate the partnership programs' outcomes and make suggestions/recommendations on implementation/evaluation of AKArama Foundation program's activities to meet community service needs.
- Attend/participate in Community meetings, forums, Summit
- Visit neighborhood community organizations to introduce self and establish/positive working relationships (003rd District City of Chicago Police Office, 20th Ward Alderman Office, University of Chicago Office of Community Affairs, Trinity Oak Senior Resident, Department of Human Services, Woodlawn Resource Center, and Metro Squash`
- Plan/implement /evaluate a Community partnership event (upcoming)

- Work with the Director of marketing and Communications to update existing and new program marketing material for community distribution.

Attendance at Special Community Organizations meetings/ events included the following:

- South Side Coalition on Urban Girls Community Partners (March 30th)
- 7th Woodlawn Annual Community Summit (March 19th)
- Washington Park Consortium Joint Meeting (April 25th)
- Woodlawn Resource Center community partners meeting (April 15th)
- 003rd District Police Beat Community Meeting (April 5th)
- Illinois Action for Children (March 9th)
- 003rd District Subcommittee on Domestic Violence-Child Abuse Training (April 26th)
- American Heart Association community- based programs (Feb 23rd)
- Pop Up CAPS Days (Taking the CAPS Office to the Streets) May 4th
Police and community Working together.
- St. Martin De Porres House of Hope (May 2nd)

Noteworthy— The Woodlawn Free Legal Clinic held on the fourth Wednesday of every month continues to serve 28 to 35 clients per month. The clients’ express appreciation for having the service and records verify that they are referring other clients.

On Thursday, April 28th, the AKArara Foundation, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Theta Omega Chapter hosted the 5th Urban Prep Academies: Discovering Our City 2016 program at the AKArara Community Service Center. The theme “College Makes a difference” Twenty -five students were in attendance and five (5) professional African – American males shared their college and career experiences with the students. The session was interactive and productive, and the students expressed appreciation and stated that they learned about opportunities available beyond high school and college.

Upcoming Events

The Odyssey Project Graduation Saturday, May 7th, 1:00 P. M. at DuSable Museum
University of Chicago Urban Health Initiatives May 24th Kennedy King City College
Network of Woodlawn Community Meeting, June 16th, AKArara Community Service Center

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