

## Report from the Director of Grants

AKArama Foundation, Inc.

Executive Committee Meeting

March 31, 2016

The Grants committee held its first meeting on Monday, February, 22, 2016 at the AKArama Community Service Center. Five sorors were present including the Chairman, Soror Marla Blair, Soror Allison McCann-Stevenson, Soror Tresa Dunbar Garrett, and Soror Ruth M. Slaughter.

Each committee member took one of the five targets from the Launching New Dimensions of Service International Programs. They will partner with the Chairman of each target to identify grants that will support their program initiatives. The assignments are as follows:

Target I – Educational Enrichment (Chantel Hays Carson)

Target II – Health Promotion (Ruth M. Slaughter)

Target III – Family Strengthening (Marla Blair)

Target IV – Environmental Ownership (Tresa Dunbar Garrett)

Target V – Global Impact (Allison McCann-Stevenson)

The Chairman shared information provided from the previous Grants Committees going back to 2010 to review examples of past Grant applications and to identify potential new Grants. Also, materials were shared from a grant writing publication on best practices for grant writing.

The Chairman, who is aligned to Target 1, attended the ASCEND committee meeting on March 15 where a potential Grant need was identified. The Chairman will be submitting a Grant request to her company, Underwriters Laboratories, in the amount of \$250, to obtain supplies needed for the students to complete their Model Homes STEM workshop on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

All other committee members are working hard to find Grants, partner with their assigned Target Chairman and identify community collaborations that can potentially result in Grant opportunities.

The committee is requesting all sorors to adhoc members of this committee sharing information you may have on potential Grants that align to our program targets. Many of you may work for companies like UL that have a grant giving organization. Please let us know or give us the information to research it more fully.

We look forward to bringing in the money to support our programs so that you can reach a little less in your pocketbooks!

Respectfully Submitted,

**SILVER STAR CHANTEL HAYS CARSON**

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