The Family Strengthening Committee has met the last Tuesday of each month. Here is a summary of what we have done:

- In January was our welcome meeting. We discussed the Childhood Hunger program for the summer of 2017. We had an idea to adopt a school and provide a box for the weekend for the students and their families. We discussed the obstacles in the past such as marketing to our target audience.
- In February, our plans for our makeup and Ready to Work event. This event was held on March 25, 2017 from 10am-2pm. The purpose of the event to support he women and Ms. Davis of Prosperity House. Prosperity House is a transition home for women recently released from incarceration. On this day Soror Allison provided professional makeup services and a professional photographer provided a photoshoot. The women truly enjoyed themselves and we enjoyed serving the lovely women of Prosperity House.

In January, we began the process of planning for our summer program to provide food for children. We are optimistic this program will be successful. For this to happen it is clear we must partner with other organizations to do this effectively and efficiently. We have proposed the idea of adopting a school and feeding the students for the weekend by providing a box of food for a family of four. We have proposed partnering with a local church and assisting in their summer program by providing food. We have proposed partnering with a shelter by providing food to those that are turned away nightly. This is still an ongoing process and will have a finalized plan by the end of this month.

As a committee, we are preparing for National Day of Hunger on October 16, 2017. We are also partnering with TLOD Lincoln Park Chapter they are having their annual Women's Conference on October 21, 2017 here at the AKArama center.

Our next meeting Tuesday, May 23th at the Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

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