A Distinguished History Of Service

In 1978 Constance K. Holland conceived the notion that Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® would introduce a separate and independent entity that would provide perpetual funding for lifelong learning. She viewed the establishment of a foundation as a mechanism to strengthen and solidify the sorority’s mission of service by promoting the interests of a sorority organization and its members. Barbara K. Philips (her twin sister and President of AKA® at the time) recognized the potential and established an ad hoc committee. Under the exemplary leadership of Dr. Eva L. Evans, Program Chairman, the ad hoc committee refined the concept and developed the framework for the organization. In 1980, the Educational Advancement Foundation® was founded with a rich and distinguished history of service.

Make A Genuine And Lasting Difference

EAF® needs your continued help to face the challenges that lie ahead. Whatever you can donate will make a genuine and lasting difference. Your support is vital, and we appreciate gifts of all sizes.

Please take a minute now to become one of our valued donors. You can visit our website www.akaeaf.org and click on the “Donate Now” link found on each page. In addition, EAF® participates in two workplace giving programs:

For Federal Employees: You may make donations to EAF® through the CFC (Combined Federal Campaign): select #11173 and indicate the contribution amount. (Note: Wisconsin state employees should select #4002).

For Corporate Employees: You may take advantage of your company matching gifts program that can double your donation to EAF®. Check with your company’s Human Resources Department to determine if this is an option available and for the required documentation.

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A Unique Approach To Philanthropy

Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation℠ is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization created to fill a void in education funding. Our mission is to provide financial support to individuals and organizations engaged in lifelong learning. As one of the few such organizations administered by African-American women, we have a unique approach to philanthropy.

EAF® accomplishes its mission by providing academic scholarships and organizing and conducting volunteer programs and community service projects. By supporting such a wide variety of lifelong learning projects and pursuits, we enable people to make a difference in their lives and the lives of others.

Education Is Essential

The definition of education is “the knowledge or skill obtained.” Education has always created opportunities, but in today’s complex world and global economy education is essential. Acquiring the necessary skills to succeed is a never ending lifelong process. Advanced degrees equal earning power and today’s employers require employees to sharpen their job skills to stay in demand. It is with these things in mind individuals can benefit from the support of EAF®.

Initiatives That Give Back

EAF® also undertakes initiatives that give back to the community at large. Some of our recent efforts include:

Advocates for Black College Initiative

This philanthropic effort rallied minority graduates of minority institutions to lend financial support to Historically Black Colleges and Universities via personal contributions and corporate ties. The fund-raising goal was $100,000 for each HBCU selected. Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, AL and Jackson State University were the first recipients of the ABC commitment. This initiative has resulted in contributions of over $650,000 towards maintaining the strength and viability of HBCUs sparking interest in STEM.

A Woman’s I.P.

This program offers support to victims of incest, rape, forced prostitution, survival sex, human trafficking and other sex related crimes. An EAF® award and EAF® members volunteered to conduct seminars that provide life skills, money management, counseling, career training and advanced therapeutic treatment, in hopes of breaking societal stigma and decreasing fear by providing a road to independence.

Youth Enrichment Seminar Series “YESS” program

This seminar series program is designed to raise awareness and increase interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related careers among minority girls aged 11-18 years old. EAF® award funded seminars that promotes positive self image and healthy relationship building, along with critical thinking skills sparking interest in STEM.

More Than $4.9 Million Dollars In Awards

EAF® assists all students in achieving their educational and career goals by offering merit and financial scholarships. Our recipients come from diverse backgrounds; over half are minority women continuing their education. Many would not be able to meet their educational expenses without the funds they receive from EAF®.

Students meeting certain criteria can also receive Endowment and Fellowship awards; we currently have over 300 Endowment Scholarship Funds. Since our founding, we have given more than $4.9 million dollars in scholarship and community assistance awards.

Funding For Individuals and Organizations

EAF® helps improve the quality of life for people and communities by organizing, conducting and funding volunteer programs and community service projects. Our Fellowship Awards aid programs and individuals involved in community initiatives such as Non-Violent Alternatives to Conflict, Foster Children and research of Lupus Disease. And our Community Assistance Awards assist organizations with volunteer programs that provide civic, educational and human service benefits such as the #Hacking Wellness Seminar, I Will Listen Program, and Original Creativity, an Art Park Project Plan.