

LEVERAGING DOLLARS

E.A.F. is always reinventing the Foundation in initiatives that give back to the community at large.

The Advocates for Black Colleges Initiative (ABC) was a philanthropic thrust devoted to maintaining the strength and viability of HBCUs. This initiative 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 resulted in contributions of over \$650,000 to Historically Black Colleges and Universities.



The Power to Speak, The Power to Prevent HIV Testing Initiative addresses the increase of new HIV



infections among African American women. An E.A.F. award helped the program deliver health and counseling services to women and their families through outreach social service programs

and the housing project on the Westside of Los Angeles.

Cultivating Adolescent Potential (C.A.P.) mentoring program provides mentoring over two-year period for female students transitioning from elementary to middle school. Mentoring sessions focus on character building, social skills, and leadership development. E.A.F.'s award assisted in making this program possible.

YOU CAN HELP

Workplace Giving

Federal employees may make donations to E.A.F. through the CFC (Combined Federal Campaign) or the National Black Federation of Charities; select #11173 and indicate the contribution amount. (Note: Wisconsin state employees should select #4002.)

Matching Gifts Programs

Company matching gifts can double your donation to E.A.F. Check with your company's Human Resource Department to determine if this is an option available and for the required documentation.

YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL

Making a difference would not be possible without the commitment of E.A.F. donors. E.A.F. needs your continued help to face the challenges that lie ahead. Whatever you can donate will make a genuine and lasting difference. Please take a minute now to make your commitment to any of the Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc. initiatives by filling out the enclosed information or by logging onto our website and clicking "Your Donation Makes a Difference" located on each page throughout our site [www.akaeaf.org](http://www.akaeaf.org).



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH EDUCATION

## A LEGACY OF SERVICE

In 1978 Constance 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. Barbara Phillips (her twin sister and presi-



C. Holland



B. Phillips

dent of A.K.A. at the time) recognized the potential and established an ad hoc committee. Under the exemplary leadership of Dr. Eva L. Evans, Program Chair, the ad hoc committee refined the concept and developed the framework for the organization. In 1980,

The Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc. (E.A.F.) was founded with a rich and distinguished history of service.

## AN EDUCATIONAL APPROACH

E.A.F. 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.

E.A.F. is a resource to which individuals and organizations can turn to complete a program of study, to obtain seed money to transform an idea into reality or to embark on a research project. 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.



## LIFELONG LEARNING IS THE KEY

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 E.A.F.



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT E.A.F.

E.A.F. sponsors individuals from many diverse backgrounds. Over half of our recipients are minority women continuing their education. Many of our recipients finance their educational expenses with funds from E.A.F. The foundation continues to assist all students in achieving their educational and career goals by offering merit and financial scholarships. Endowment and fellowship awards are also offered under certain criteria. The foundation currently has over 238 Endowment Scholarship Funds. Since the inception of the foundation, we have given more than 3.9 million dollars in scholarships and community assistance awards.



## AWARDS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Fellowships and Community Assistance Awards (C.A.A.) are the means by which our mission of supporting lifelong learning is accomplished. Touching the lives of several individuals involved in scholarly pursuits and projects, these awards help to improve the quality of life for others by funding research and other projects with practical applications.



Fellowships improve the quality of life of others by funding projects dealing with Lupus Disease, Foster Children, and Non-Violent Alternatives to Conflict.

Community Assistance Awards assist organizations that support civic, educational, or human service programs. Over the years Community Assistance Awards have supported a variety of grassroots initiatives such as the Educational Access Training Program, Princess Dress Project, and C.A.L.M., Inc.

