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To Syntaktes Aldridge, Western Region Board of Directors, and members of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc:

On behalf of The Sigma Public Education and Research Foundation (SPEAR) Board of Directors, thank you for 26 years of continued belief and support. Inside of this report, you will find our FY22 (2021-2022) foundation update.

### **CORINE J. GREEN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

Under the Corine J. Green Partnership Program, we have several components that can assist your chapter to execute its local program goals:

Our **Monetary/Sponsorship Component** provides monetary donation or sponsorship collection support - allowing chapters to collect up to \$2,000 in monetary donations or sponsorship (with a nominal processing fee). There is a voucher system, reporting form, and donor list for recording keeping as well.

**Through our In-Kind Donation Component**, SPEAR helps chapters qualify as a 501c3 to garner in-kind donations from various national and local companies. For example, chapters can work with SPEAR to acquire supplies/technology for a chapter's annual Operation Big Book Bag initiative.

Through our **Fiscal Sponsorship Component**, a chapter, interested in applying for a grant, works with SPEAR to have us send it (with no corrections/additions made to the grant submission) and, if funded, we would be the fiscal agent and manage the funds.

Under this partnership, Delta Omicron Sigma Alumnae Chapter (Columbus, Ohio) received sponsorship – to support the implementation of its Babes, Boobs, and Bagels program, as well as its Swim 1922 initiative.

Gamma Tau Sigma Alumnae Chapter (Long Beach, California) received sponsorship for their Operation Big Book Bag initiative, to purchase bookbags and school supplies for the Torrence Department of Children and Family Services.

Finally, SPEAR provided sponsorship to [Centers for Families and Children](#), for their [LENA Starts](#) Parent/Community Cohort, helping to fulfill the program's mission by helping communities accelerate language development in children birth to three, in order to improve their cognitive, social, and emotional health and to close opportunity gaps.

### **LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT EMPOWERING OUR SISTERS (LADES) PROGRAM**

The Leadership and Development Empowering our Sisters (LADES) Program provide tools and training for young women to transition to womanhood successfully. The LADES program is a preventive and intervention approach to empower young women with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to transition successfully from adolescence into womanhood. The program collaborates with community and educational leaders, local business partners, and government agencies and will provide life skills training and workshops focusing on health and wellness, educational attainment, financial literacy, social issues, volunteerism, and self-esteem.

The SPEAR Foundation facilitated virtual workshop sessions in November/December 2021, covering a variety of topics, including:

- Discovering Your Purpose

- What Motivates You?
- The Road to Post-Secondary Options
- Creating an Action Plan

We thank our workshop facilitators for their commitment and support of this work: Sorors Tonya Byous, Linda Lanier, Clotea Mack, and Shaundallah Rogers!

### **SOLES FOR LITTLE SOULS**

The SPEAR Foundation is proud to announce that it has donated \$16,500 in shoe gift cards throughout the United States. We would like to share a special thank you to the Golden Legacy Foundation for their generous matching donation towards this program!

Some community-based organizations that have been positively impacted from this donation:

- [Huckleberry House](#) (Columbus, Ohio)
- [Children's Center of Antelope Valley](#) (Lancaster, California)
- [The Children's Center](#) (Detroit, MI)
- [Shoes and Clothes for Children](#) and [ASPIRE ACADEMY](#) (Cleveland, Ohio)
- [The Baby Fold](#) (Bloomington/Normal, IL)

Even though SPEAR pivoted its program model this year, to focus on shoe gift card donations, we would like to acknowledge and thank the chapters, affiliates and community-based organizations who collected and donated to children in homeless shelters and foster care – throughout the country.

### **FISCAL UPDATE**

Per Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.'s Standard Operating Procedure, Section 9.800 (d) Fines and Penalties, Foundations shall submit a full disclosure financial report reflecting the information filed with the Internal Revenue Service to National Headquarters by April 1. The Sigma Public Education and Research Foundation has submitted its proof of recording along with our 2020-2021 financial report to the sorority's national headquarters.

On behalf of the SPEAR Foundation Board of Directors, we thank you for your continued partnership and support!

Sincerely,

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