



THE *Columns*

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Welcome

TO OUR LOYAL DONORS who believe in and support the Foundation's mission of providing essential support for women's education, philanthropy and leadership. Welcome, also, if you are receiving *Columns* for the first time. This newsletter is published to thank those who support the work of the Foundation and to share their impact. 🌹

Helping Our Sisters

When disaster strikes, it can be paralyzing. Between the panic accompanying the moment and the overwhelming sense of uncertainty in the aftermath, knowing how to put the pieces back together is difficult. In August and September, many faced the destruction of Hurricane Harvey, which pounded southern Texas, and Hurricane Irma, which blew through the entire state of Florida, also making her presence felt in Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama.

In response to these catastrophic events, the Foundation offered our sisters financial relief to help with essentials such as food and shelter and the necessities to continue their daily living. To date, Disaster Relief Grants have been awarded to 10 sisters impacted by these natural disasters.

Tanya Marks Foster, Gamma Iota—Mercer University received a \$500 grant following Hurricane Harvey. Tanya lives in Houston and when her house flooded, she evacuated over her back fence with her cat. Later, her husband and dog were rescued by boat and they have yet to be able to return to their home.

The Fosters do not live in a flood zone, but a reservoir near their house backed up, flooding the homes upstream, including their residence, where they've lived only a year. As a result, walls which were contaminated and infested with mold, had to be ripped out.

"It's an estimated \$30,000 worth of damage," Tanya shared. "We've already spent a lot of time tearing out walls but most of our

flooring is wood and it's a waiting game to see if it's salvageable." Like many neighborhoods in Houston, Tanya and her neighbors have been piling their contaminated household items and drywall on the curb, but the city does not know when it will be able to begin picking up trash. According to Tanya, *"It looks like a war zone."*

Unable to live in their home, Tanya and her husband have been staying with friends in attempts to save money. She's had to commute to another city for her job, due to flooded streets. Despite their best efforts to conserve funds, items like clothes, toiletries and medication have to be replaced, leading Tanya to apply for a Disaster Relief Grant to cover these types of daily living needs. They've also purchased masks and gloves so no one has to touch the contaminated areas.



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Sisters Helping Sisters

Last month, when hurricanes battered the southern region of the United States, the Foundation put a call out to support our sisters in need. Without hesitation, our sisters sprung into action, giving money for those who need it most.

One of the first to respond was long-time Foundation donor and volunteer, Nann Blaine Hilyard, Epsilon Alpha—University of Missouri. Nann has been a loyal donor to the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation since 1976.

"I was compelled to give to our sisters in need because I have lived in Texas and have sisters in Texas and I sympathize with what they're experiencing," Nann said of her reason for giving.



Nann Hilyard

In addition to being a donor, she is also giving of her time and talents, serving on the Foundation's A Team Committee, where she is responsible for reaching out to fellow donors and thanking them for their gifts and enthusiastically promoting the Foundation to others.

"In my volunteer position, I have the happy task of saying thank you to those who give. I like to encourage every Alpha Gam I meet to make a contribution to the Foundation. As collegians, our sisters should make it a habit to begin giving, even if it's only a little. Over time these contributions build up to truly make an impact."

Nann is a retired librarian who resides in Winthrop Harbor, Illinois with her husband, Reverend Dr. Stevens W. Hilyard. We thank Nann for her continued loyalty and support, especially for helping those sisters facing catastrophic loss in the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

The Foundation is always looking for volunteers to help us evaluate grants and scholarships and thank donors for their loyalty. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please visit the 'Volunteering' page and apply to be a volunteer at alphagammadeltafoundation.org. 🌸

Continuation of *Helping Our Sisters*

Tanya's advice to those facing a natural disaster is, *"Have an extensive emergency kit and plan to reach out to friends, even though it can be hard to accept their help."*

According to Tanya, a friend sent her money, stating he would like to give more but would need it to be tax-deductible. She directed him to the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, letting him know it would help many impacted by the hurricanes.

If you, too, want to help sisters in need like Tanya, please visit alphagammadeltafoundation.org to make your gift today. 🌸

Welcome New Donors

In response to our request for sisters to come to the rescue and support those impacted by recent natural disasters, the Foundation welcomed **16 new donors**, receiving contributions for the Sisters in Need, Special Projects and Annual Funds. We'd like to recognize those first-time donors and welcome them to our circle of giving.

Michaela Jones, Theta Lambda—University of West Florida

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Helping Our Communities

In July, at The Leadership Conference (TLC), Alpha Gamma Delta officially kicked off its new philanthropic focus of fighting hunger with a service project conducted with Million Meal Movement located in Indianapolis, Indiana. More than 650 Alpha Gams packed 74,000 meals which were sent to Gleaners Food Bank to feed hungry children and families in Central Indiana. This hands-on experience was made possible through the Foundation's first Fighting Hunger Grant to Million Meal Movement for \$20,500 to underwrite food, supplies, shipping and transportation. This experience helped members see the connection of how funds raised for the Foundation impact our communities.

Members are encouraged to get involved with this cause by connecting with local community partners to volunteer their time to fight hunger. As the Fraternity's primary philanthropic partner, the Foundation has committed to providing grant support to non-profit organizations dedicated to fighting hunger throughout the United States and Canada.

Fighting Hunger Grant applications will be available at alphagammadeltafoundation.org beginning December 1. These grants will be awarded in spring 2018. 🌸



Important Dates

November 28, 2017
#GivingTuesday

December 31, 2017
Last chance to make an individual gift to receive a tax benefit for 2017*

June 28 - 30, 2018
International Convention
San Antonio, Texas

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MAKING AN IMPACT

"I'm a member of Zeta Iota's provisional chapter class. The excitement during our first few meetings was palpable — everyone was so excited to meet everyone else and get involved on campus. My experience as an Alpha Gam taught me that when you see a leadership opportunity, take it and don't be afraid to ask for help. I now give to the Foundation because it provides support to our sisters who are trying to make a difference and those who need a little help from time to time. I know friends who have benefited from the Foundation. I know when I give to the Alpha Gam Foundation, it's not just the financial help, it's knowing that your Fraternity cares and is there for you. ☺

— Roberta Phillips,
Zeta Iota-Miami University



Why I Give

Way to Make an Impact

Stocks are up! Take this opportunity to make a gift of appreciated stock before the end of the calendar year to maximize your tax benefit. You may avoid capital gains taxes while receiving an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of your gift. Many donors find they are able to make a larger gift using appreciated securities over cash. Don't forget: the transfer of stocks may take several days — be sure to plan ahead and always consult your financial advisor! ☺

Foundation Bulletins

Honoring the Impact

If we missed your email inbox, check out the 2016-2017 *Honor Roll of Donors* by visiting honor-roll.alphagammadeltafoundation.org.

View the impact made, meet the sisters who benefited from your support and find your name among our list of incredible donors!

We thank you for your time, talents, knowledge and resources to enrich the lives of our sisters. You were vital to all the Foundation accomplished last fiscal year (6-1-16 to 5-31-17). Please email foundation@alphagammadeltafoundation.org or call 317.663.4242 to update your contact information and ensure you receive future correspondence from the Foundation and Fraternity.

#GivingTuesday 2017

Mark your calendars for this global day of giving! Tuesday, November 28, the Alpha Gam Foundation will once again participate in #GivingTuesday. Last year you helped us raise \$29,000 in support of philanthropy and women's education and leadership. Let's see what we can do this year!

New Foundation Trustee

The Foundation is pleased to welcome new trustee, Martha Petry Parham, Gamma Lambda—Longwood University. Martha served the Fraternity as Chapter Advisor, and Recruitment Specialist on the Volunteer Service Team. She holds her Ed.D. in educational leadership and has more than 15 years of experience in higher education administration. To learn more about Martha, visit alphagammadeltafoundation.org under the "About" tab. ☺



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