



*The charitable affiliate of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Iota Lambda Omega Chapter
Serving Howard County, MD since 1972*

Annual Report

FY 2015

The mission of the Pearl Foundation, Incorporated is to support broad educational, charitable, and community service programs that uphold the mission and values of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated in the communities we serve.

**“By merit and
culture we strive
and we do, things
that are
worthwhile”**

*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
Incorporated
National Hymn*

To Our Community

Overview

The Pearl Foundation was incorporated in 1998 under the laws of the State of Maryland as the charitable affiliate of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Iota Lambda Omega Chapter located in Howard County, MD.

Recognizing the need for funding options and the increased cost of higher education, the foundation raises funds for community service programs and scholarships for students pursuing a post-secondary education. Over the years, the Pearl Foundation has fundraised for the betterment of Howard County residents with the support of Iota Lambda Omega members. The foundation has been awarded over \$500,000 to Howard County seniors. Grants for community service initiatives are awarded for Educational Enrichment, Health Promotion, Family Strengthening, Environmental Ownership, and Global Impact. Annual contributions are made to community organizations that service underserved populations.

Strategic Highlights

The Pearl Foundation Strategic Plan implementation was accomplished with focused fundraising efforts for the signature fundraiser, *“20 Pearls in a Glamorous World: 37th Annual Benefit Luncheon.”* and donations.

Sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) in scholarships were awarded to Howard County seniors. The foundation funded Monarch Mills Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement Program (MESA) in partnership with Howard County Department of Education. Grants for community service programs were awarded for Heart Health to the American Heart Association; build a playground at Celebration Church; Penn-North Senior Center, and education enrichment. Contributions were made to United Negro College Fund (UNCF); Africare; Meals on Wheels; Route 1 Shelter – Grassroots of Howard County, Maryland; Museum of African Art; Howard County Center of African American Culture; A-OK Mentoring and Tutoring; Bridges to Housing Stability; and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Howard County, Maryland.

Service to locally and globally is a very important matter. We are committed.

We appreciate our donors . . .

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