



Jack & Jill of America, Inc.

West Suburban Chicago Chapter
Foundation Committee Report
2019-2020 Program Year



Five Star Chapter of Excellence

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Committee Name: Foundation Committee Report

Purpose: The Foundation Committee sponsors the following events and programs: Chapter Community Service Project (November), March of Dimes Walk, Community Outreach

Foundation/Proposal Committee shall investigate and/or develop projects eligible for funding by the Jack and Jill of America Foundation and present to the membership proposals for such funding. In addition, this Committee will research not-for-profit organizations for our local community service project. Foundation should coordinate with Fundraising & Programming for maximum impact.

Committee Chair: Melissa Engram

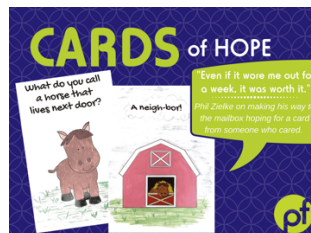
Committee Members: Akua Afriyie – Gray, Eleanor Cabrere, Stephanie Cannon, Laura Cobb, Beatrice Lauture, Sonya Mingo – Williams, Stephanie Williams

Report:

Chapter Community Service Project – November 2019

Phil's Friends <https://philfriends.org>

Phil's Friends engages thousands of volunteers, who in turn, enable the organization to support hundreds of thousands of our friends with cancer across the United States through care packages, Cards of Hope, hospital visits, and prayer.



Community Partners

- Preliminary discussion around target organization to research for funds to be raised at the 2020 Signature Chapter Fundraiser
 - Health
 - Schools
 - Women/ Men
 - NAACP Youth Program
 - Mental Wellness
 - Sisters Network, Inc.
- The Heart Organization Inc. (Organization Provided my Mother Browder)
- Outreach/ Partners for Fundraiser
 - Invite community organizations that WSCC has made financial and/or service to the fundraiser

National Updates

- Loose Change
 - Teaching the value of Philanthropy to our Children
- Close the Gap Fund
 - Every year, a number of college seniors with only 1 or 2 semesters left of their program, do not graduate because of small unpaid bills.
 - JJOA, Inc and JJOA Foundation will partner together over the next 10 years and give \$2 million to students in need at select HBCU's (must be 4 year accredited university)
 - The first \$1,000 that the chapter provides to the JJOA Foundation is applied to this initiative.
 - Chapters have the option to designate additional funds be applied to this initiative.
- Super Bowl of Caring (New MLK Day of Service Opportunity)

What is Souper Bowl of Caring?

Souper Bowl of Caring is dedicated to tackling all of the issues that exist in your communities, including poverty, hunger and homelessness

Why is it Important?

- 48 million Americans live in poverty
- 40% of African Americans are born into Poverty and

Food Desserts

- 1 in 8 People rely on Food Banks
- Children born into poverty repeat the generational cycle at a rate of over 85%

How Can you Help?

Chapters can create an online profile, list the food bank, church, shelter, school, hunger program or agency for which they are donating to and ensure all donations/projects are made during MLK Weekend or at least by Super Bowl Sunday!



Participation is Easy and You Decide what Agency to support!

1. **Select** a Church Pantry, Shelter, Food Bank and/or Soup Kitchen in your community to support. 100% to the charity of your Choice!
2. **Register** at www.souperbowl.org to receive free promotional materials
3. **Collect & donate** starting **NOW** to MLK Weekend. Final Deadline is Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, 2020
4. **Report** Your results to Souper Bowl of Caring so that across the nation our collective power and impact can be made!

Regional Updates- Area Workday Cluster

- Over the next 2 years the Mid-Western Region will be looking to make an impact on mental health in our communities. For the IL Area Workday Cluster, we have an ask for the Chapters and for the Teens:
- **Chapters:** We are asking each chapter to give a minimum of 15 \$10 gift cards to Target, Walmart, Walgreens or CVS. **Please note each gift card cannot have a value greater than \$10.** That is an ask of \$150 in gift cards per chapter.
- **Mother Members attending IL Area Workday Cluster** - Please bring an unsealed notecard with an encouraging note to be given to a person who is transitioning from being in a psychiatric ward to living on their own for the first time while coping with mental illness. Please sign your card "Jack and Jill Mom".
- We will collect the gift cards at the Foundation Table during the IL Area Workday Cluster on Saturday.
- Our goal is to collect 250 \$10 Gift Cards! Thank you in advance for your support.
- **Teens:** We are asking each teen to bring an item that will help a child that is going through the intake process to be evaluated or admitted for mental illness. Please bring one of the following items:
 - Puzzles - Up to 60 Pieces (New or Gently Used)
 - Children's Books - Picture Books up to Kindergarten (New or Gently Used)
- Our Goal is 3-4 Puzzles and Books Per Chapter. This will give us a total of 60 Puzzles and 60 Books.

Upcoming:

Foundation Calendar

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| ○ November Color | Wear Purple for Pre-Mature Babies |
| ○ Community Day of Service | Saturday, November 23, 2019
<i>Additional Session Friday Night: ???</i>
<i>Morning Session: 9:30 am – 11:00 am</i>
<i>Afternoon Session: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm</i>
<i>Additional Session Saturday Night: ???</i> |
| ○ Chapter Fundraiser | Saturday, March 14, 2020 |
| ○ Regional Day of Service | Saturday, May 16, 2020 |
| ○ March of Dimes Walk | Sunday, May 17, 2019 |

Established in 1968, Jack and Jill of America Foundation, the oldest charitable organization dedicated to serving children is the philanthropic arm of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Our philanthropic focus areas are Health and Wellness, African American Families, and Education.

Our vision, mission, and impact are to transform African American communities, one child at a time. We do this by investing in services, programs, and organizations that focus on impacting underlying issues in the African American community to create a strong foundation for children to thrive long-term

Completed Community Site Visits

- Lazarus House, St Charles (Kane County) – Thursday, September 26, 2019 – President Taylor, FC Engram
- Phil's Friends, Roselle (DuPage County) – Wednesday, October 2, 2019 - President Taylor, FC Engram
- 360 Youth Services, Naperville/ (DuPage County) – Friday, October 4, 2019 - President Taylor, FC Engram
- Agape Connection, Aurora (DuPage County) – Saturday, October 5, 2019 - FC Engram
- 100 Black Men (DuPage County) – Saturday, October 5, 2019 – President Taylor



Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, November 6th at 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm

October Meeting Attendees:

- FC Melissa Engram, Akua Afriyie – Gray, Laura Cobb, Stephanie Williams