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Research Matters: Creating Possibilities to Achieve Health and Wellness For All of Us

The Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF), in collaboration with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (DST) and the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), is currently implementing the initiative: *Research Matters: Creating Possibilities to Achieve Health and Wellness for All of Us*. Awarded a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) *All of Us* Research Program, the DREF initiative is designed to conduct a community awareness campaign that informs African Americans about the importance of understanding and participating in biomedical research. The DREF outreach campaign supports the NIH goal to enroll one million people of color in a national research database.

The *Research Matters for All of Us* effort is led by DREF CEO Patricia W. Lattimore who is the principal investigator; she is joined by DREF Program Director Deborah Peaks Coleman and two Program Managers Ernestine Jones Jolivet and Regina Locust, and the recently hired



Dara Richardson-Heron, M.D., Chief Engagement Officer with the NIH *All of Us* Research Program, will speak at the DREF Stephanie Tubbs Jones Forum at Delta Days in the Nation's Capital on March 12, 2018.

Program Assistant Brittany Burnam. Ms. Lattimore stated that African Americans continue to have the highest incidence, prevalence, and mortality rates from chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity, hypertension, mental health, Alzheimer's, and HIV/AIDS, yet they contribute to only five percent of clinical trial participants in America. "A major objective of our outreach campaign is to impress upon our community how the *All of Us* program can impact health and wellness for our families, now and in generations to come... research on chronic diseases will help close the health disparity gap," stated Ms.

Lattimore.

Members of Delta and NCNW are urged to volunteer as coordinators (Priority Area Navigators) in the 12 designated communities to facilitate the outreach campaign in their communities. The *Research Matters* awareness campaign will be conducted in Birmingham, AL; Memphis, TN; Nashville, TN; New

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Remembering Extraordinary DREF Leaders

The Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF) Board of Directors, staff, and supporters mourn the recent loss of three extraordinary DREF leaders. On January 12, 2018 two DST Past National Presidents Mona Humphries Bailey of Seattle, WA, and Frankie Muse Freeman of St. Louis, MO, passed. On January 15, 2018, former DREF Board Member and past DST National Executive Board Member Dr. Floraline I. Stevens of Pasadena, CA also made her transition.



Frankie Muse Freeman

Frankie Muse Freeman, Delta 14th National President, passed at age 101. As the incoming president in 1967, Mrs. Freeman was instrumental in guiding DREF in its formative years, particularly through the process of filing the Foundation's articles of incorporation in 1970.



Mona Humphries Bailey

Mona Humphries Bailey, age 85, succumbed after a lengthy illness. She served as president of the DREF board of Directors from 2002 until 2006. She was the 17th National Presi-

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DTEC-TAG Announces Participating Sites and Partners

The Delta Teacher Efficacy Campaign (DTEC) Teachers Advocating to Lead Great Change (TAG) Program recently announced participant sites and its collaborating partners. TAG participants reside in the following selected states/regions: DC-MD-VA, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas; 35 participants and eight supporters have

signed on with the education advocacy initiative. The participants will receive training via webinars and in-person institutes throughout 2018 and will continue through September 2019. The first in-person institute will be held April 6-8, 2018 in Washington, D.C.; participants include educators, administrators, parents, students and other community stakeholders.

Three organizations have signed on as partners with TAG, including the Education Trust, The Leadership Conference, and Black Educators Rock, Inc. Dr. Johni Cruse Craig, DTEC project director, stated: "We are ecstatic to collaborate with these organizations in the coming years as we help shape our education advocacy

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Greetings from the DREF President

Dear DREF Supporter:

I would like to begin by saying thank you and extending heartfelt appreciation to you for being a supporter of the Delta Research and Educational Foundation. We ended our Golden Anniversary year in 2017 in memorable fashion—because of your support we were able to award 50 scholarships to students and 50 Community Empowerment grants to Delta chapters. We are embarking on our next 50 years with renewed faith and steadfast hope that as we continue to be *Partners for Possibilities*, there is much we can do, together, to empower African American women, their families and the communities where they reside.

I encourage your chapter to apply for a 2018-19 Community Empowerment Grant, and a special appeal is extended to



Carolyn E. Lewis
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our collegiate chapters. DREF would like to realize an increased number of grant submissions from Delta's campus-based chapters. Also in the area of programming, DREF welcomes the involvement of Delta chapters and NCNW sections in promoting the Research Matters for All of Us Program funded by the National Institutes of Health. The NIH *All of Us* Research Program is a great opportunity for our communities to have a direct role in closing the health disparities gap.

Over the years, DREF has benefitted tremendously from the exceptional leadership of its board members and key stakeholders. We are deeply grateful for the guidance of three remarkable Delta women who passed in January 2018; we salute Past National President Mona H. Bailey who

served as DREF President (2002-2006), Past National President Frankie M. Freeman, and Past DREF Board Member Dr. Floraline I. Stevens. We will honor their memory and uphold their legacy by continuing to build upon all that they accomplished for DREF.

Looking forward to seeing you this year.

Sincerely,
Carolyn E. Lewis
DREF President

Welcome to New Members of the Sister Scholars Advisory Council

This fiscal year, DREF welcomes several new members to the Sister Scholars Advisory Council, an entity composed of women in academia and private industry that provides counsel to DREF's Center for Research on African American Women. New members include Wanda G. Brockington, Ph.D., Norfolk State University; Pearl Ford Dowe, Ph.D., University of Arkansas; Zinga A. Fraser, Ph.D., Brooklyn College; Jennie Spencer Green, Ph.D., Loyola Marymount University; Keneshia N. Grant, Ph.D., Howard University; Kandace G. Hinton, Ph.D., Indiana State University; Nikisha Horn, Namaste; and Martha S. Lue Stewart, Ph.D., University of Central Florida. Returning members include Elizabeth

Clark-Lewis, Ph.D., Howard University; Paula J. Giddings, Smith College; Mary Howard-Hamilton, Ed.D.; Indiana State University; Claudia Nelson, Ph.D.; Coppin State University; Riche Richardson, Ph.D., Cornell University; Tchicaya Robertson, Ph.D., Accenture; and Natalie Tindall, Ph.D., Lamar University. The Sister Scholars Advisory Council is chaired by DREF President Carolyn E. Lewis. The Council will soon release the findings from its latest research project which examines the impact of gun violence on Black women and girls; check the DREF website the week of March 19 to review the infographic. Dr. Tchicaya Robertson chairs the research subcommittee.

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Orleans, LA; Houston, TX; Albuquerque, NM; Durham, NC; Greensboro, NC; Columbia, SC; Greenville, SC; Portland, OR; and Sacramento, CA. A national launch of the *All of Us* Program will occur on May 6, 2018. DREF is collaborating

with the National Library of Medicine to facilitate its participation at the Kanas City, MO launch event. To get involved in one of the designated communities, please contact DREF via telephone: 202-347-1337 or email: researchmatters@deltafoundation.net and to learn more about the NIH *All of Us*, visit <http://bit.ly/DREFResearchMatters>

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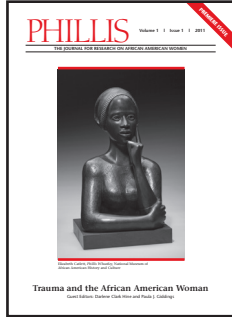
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2018 Edition of PHILLIS Journal to Re-examine African American Women and Poverty

The 2018 edition of *PHILLIS: The Journal for Research on African American Women* will address the topic: “Re-examining African American Women and Poverty: The Intersectionality of Economics, Education, and Health.” The publication will be comprised of scholarly essays and personal narratives. The personal narratives will appear in the VOICES section and African American women from diverse backgrounds are invited to submit a personal story/testimony or an observation that relates to one of the threads (Economics, Education, or Health) in relation to poverty. The narrative must be written in first person and the maximum length is 300 words with double spacing. Submissions for VOICES must be sent to phillis@deltafoundation.net by the deadline date of March 23, 2018. Dr. Martha S. Lue Stewart is the editor of the 2018 Edition of *PHILLIS*.



To receive previous editions of *PHILLIS*, please contact the DREF office. There are copies available of the 2016-17 special

edition, which focuses on the Delta Teacher Efficacy Campaign.

Community Empowerment Program Grantmaking

The application submission process for the 2018-19 Community Empowerment Grantmaking Program is now open and will close on the deadline date of March 21, 2018. Delta chapters are encouraged to submit grant applications in one of the following areas: Civic Engagement, Education, Financial Literacy, Health and Wellness, and International Awareness and Involvement. The program must be conducted by a Delta chapter and can be sponsored in collaboration with a community organization with similar missions and goals as those of DREF and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The community partner must have a 501 (c)(3) non-profit status. Program grants range from \$500 to \$1,500 based on the rating score received. Chapters are permitted to submit only one grant application. Applications can be retrieved at www.deltafoundation.net.

Educational Opportunities

DREF is now receiving applications for the following educational opportunities:

- The Stephanie Tubbs Jones (STJ) Summer Internship is awarded to an undergraduate student with a demonstrated interest in public service, government, or policy-making. Students

will gain experience in the office of a U.S. Congress member, receive a stipend, and be provided housing at a local university. The DREF STJ Internship is sponsored in collaboration with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

- The Eula Dean Roby Scholarship is open to students majoring in education.
- The Oleta L. Crain Scholarship is awarded to female students graduating high school and who will enroll at a Historically Black College and University (HBCU). The applicant must reside in Colorado, Missouri, or Oklahoma.
- The Mentoring Keys Scholarship is an educational opportunity generously funded by the KeyBank Foundation. The scholarship is open to African American students pursuing a bachelor's degree in a business related discipline at an HBCU.

For complete application details, please visit www.deltafoundation.net. The application deadline date is March 21, 2018.

Research Matters For All of Us

Visit <http://bit.ly/DREFResearchMatters> to learn more

New Giving Incentive

At the 2018 Delta Days in the Nation's Capital, DREF will present its latest donation incentive—a fashionable shoe bag for every woman on the go. For a donation of \$25, the red and black shoe bag will be yours. Secondly, if you missed it during the DREF 50th Anniversary year in 2017, the Golden Anniversary purse charm is still available, and can be yours for a donation of \$50. All donations to DREF are tax deductible.



DREF Receives Christmas Donation from Raleigh Deltas

Holiday cheer and charitable giving were ever present on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at the Annual Christmas Breakfast sponsored by Raleigh (NC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. At the breakfast, the Chapter made a charitable donation to the Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF). Raleigh (NC) Alumnae will celebrate 80 years of providing phenomenal public service in North Carolina's capital city, where Delta members are “Living the Legacy: 80 years of Excellence.”



L-R: DREF CEO Patricia W. Lattimore, Raleigh (NC) Alumnae Chapter President Angela Hatton, and Raleigh Alumnae member Madeliene H. Dobbins, Esq., former director of DREF, at Chapter's 2017 Christmas Breakfast.

Community Empowerment Grantee New Orleans Alumnae Assists Seniors

The Community Empowerment grant awarded to New Orleans addressed the Delta NIH Mental Health initiative—Successful Aging in Life by presenting the W.I.S.E. PEARLS program. The acronym W.I.S.E. PEARLS stands for Women Identifying Senior Empowerment Program to Encourage Active Rewarding Lives for Seniors. The community outreach effort to seniors is designed to provide educa-

tional and lifestyle altering for women. Engaging the volunteer services of the Chapter's Health and Wellness Committee, the program involved training persons to serve as wellness coaches and facilitators to provide counseling for depression,



Senior residents in New Orleans participate in W.I.S.E. PEARLS Program.

nutrition, and social and physical activities. A series of educational activities have been planned to implement the W.I.S.E. Pearls Program.

Remembering DREF Leaders

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dent of DST Sorority, Inc., serving at the helm from 1979 until 1983. The former Assistant State Superintendent of Education in Washington State was a strong advocate for education and empowering African American women and girls. While president of DREF, she led the Foundation in successfully implementing the multi-million dollar funded Science and Everyday Experiences (SEE) program grant (initially funded by the National Science

Foundation and supported by the American Association for the Advancement of Science and other agencies). During her presidency, she also led the Foundation in creating a long range plan entitled "Strategic Plan 2006 and Beyond."

In recognition of her lifelong commitment to education and to honor her memory, the Bailey Family asks that contributions be made to the following charitable organizations: DREF, The Minnie Henry Humphries Scholarship Fund at Florida A&M University, and the Pacific Science Center.



Dr. Floraline Ingram Stevens

Dr. Floraline Ingram Stevens, volunteered with DREF as a member of the Sister Scholars Advisory Council, serving from 2014 until her passing. The former Farwest Regional Director was a member of the committee responsible for producing DREF's first issue of the Center for Research on African American Women's scholarly journal in 2000. The Stevens Family asked that donations be made to DREF in memory of Dr. Stevens.

DTEC-TAG

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projects and train participants in their respective districts. The work and dedication of our partners are exactly what the DTEC-TAG Team needs to ensure the effectiveness of our program." TAG builds

upon the teacher advocacy component of DTEC, and participants will be coached in the areas of advocacy and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) as they execute a local TAG advocacy project.

Working with Dr. Craig on the DTEC-TAG Program is Program Assistant Taylor Dent, who was the 2017 DREF Stephanie

Tubbs Jones intern. The TAG program is made possible by a generous grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Stay connected with DTEC-TAG via social media platforms: Facebook (DTEC-TAG), Instagram (@DTEC-Change Agent), and Twitter (@DTECChange-Agent).

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