

DELTA EDUCATION AND  
LIFE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.



2021

2023

*Biennium  
Report to the Community*





Greetings Community and Members:

It is with sincere gratitude and appreciation that I say thank you for your continued support of Delta Education and Life Development Foundation, Inc. (DELDF). The COVID-19 pandemic has been a difficult time for many families but as we returned to normalcy at the end last year, we resumed in-person programming and events. During the pandemic, we learned to shift into more innovative and creative forms of fundraising and programming. However, through it all, you have remained committed and supportive of all our outreach efforts. Consequently, together with our primary partner, the Broward County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., we have had two phenomenal years of community outreach through successful program initiatives, fundraising efforts, and scholarship awards.

DELDF is a non-profit 501(c)3 tax exempt public service community corporation whose purpose is to improve the quality of life for the Broward County, Florida community through education, cultural enrichment, and social well-being. The mission of DELDF is to secure funding to support the valuable program initiatives and scholarship fund of the Broward County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. (BCAC-DST) and other partnering organizations.

Over the past biennium, the Foundation was impacted the first year by the pandemic, causing a pivot from in-person programming to operating in the virtual world. This caused a decrease in student participation. However, despite this challenge, DELDF stayed committed and dedicated to continuing to provide quality and effective programs in the community. This year we saw a significant increase in student involvement in the mentoring programs. These programs focus on improving student's leadership skills, self-efficacy, and academic achievement. Our goal is to empower the youth in this community to succeed. Through the Read America program, thousands of books were distributed to children from preschool through high school. The May Week program celebrates the academic achievement of high school students, which includes providing sessions on college readiness, hosting a college fair, and culminating in the "In Pursuit of Excellence" scholarship awards program. During this biennium, 67 students were awarded over \$187,000 in scholarships to pursue their secondary education goals.

As we extend our heartfelt thank you for your generosity and support, we ask that you continue to include DELDF in your budget, participate in our programs, and volunteer whenever possible. Your time, talent, and treasure have made all the difference in our success during this biennium. Our successes are your successes.

This year marks the end of my term as Chair of DELDF. What a remarkable, educational, and phenomenal experience! Thank you again for your support. It is imperative that we continue to work together to create a better community. This will be a WIN-WIN for DELDF, BCAC-DST and the community.

Warmest Regards,

*Deetra Durham*

Chair

Delta Education and Life Development Foundation, Inc.



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# Biennium Report to the Community

# AGENDA

## Welcome

Marie English-Arterberry

## Invocation

Cassandra Arterberry

## History and Overview of Current Programs

Britney Harris

## Selection

Cory Fiddler

## Introduction of Speaker

Deetra Durham

## Speaker

Bertha Henry

## Special Presentations

Deetra Durham

## Recognitions

Deetra Durham | Marie Arterberry | Sonia Diaz | Samone Gibson

## Introduction of Board Members

Deetra Durham

## Special Presentations

Cassandra Arterberry

## Closing Remarks

Deetra Durham

## Refreshments

Available in Foyer

# WHO WE ARE

## DELTA EDUCATION AND LIFE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

The Delta Education and Life Development Foundation, Inc. (DELDF) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public service and community corporation whose purpose is exclusively educational, charitable and community service. The Broward County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (BCACDST) is our primary service delivery partner. Incorporated since 1955, BCACDST organizes its public service initiatives under the umbrella of DELDF. The hallmark of the chapter is the volunteering of its membership to carry out the many programs and services provided in Broward County.

## VISION

The vision of the Delta Education and Life Development Foundation, Inc. is to improve the quality of life through education, cultural environment and the social well being of the diverse Broward County community

## MISSION

The mission of the Delta Education and Life Development Foundation, Inc. is to secure and distribute funds that support the various public service programs sponsored by the Broward County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. that are designed to improve the quality of life for the citizens of the Broward County community.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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*Vice Chair*

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*Treasurer/Finance Committee*

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*Parliamentarian*

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

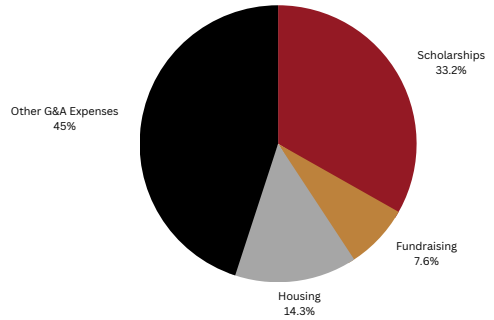
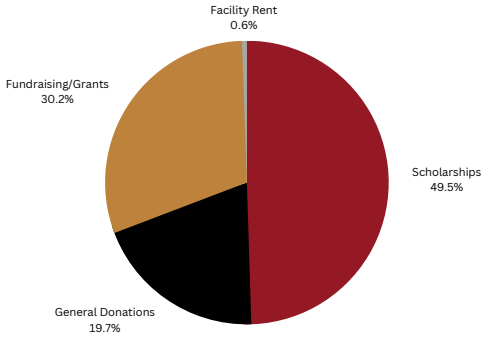
Fiscal Year 2021-2023

## INCOME:

Scholarships	\$	212,392
General Donations	\$	84,542
Fundraising/Grants	\$	129,718
Facility Rent	\$	2,400
		<u>429,052</u>

## EXPENSES:

Scholarships	\$	138,949
Fundraising	\$	31,621
Program Expenses	\$	59,108
Housing	\$	59,781
Other G&A Expenses	\$	188,329
		<u>477,788</u>



**Due to funds generated through donations and fundraisers, DELDF awarded in scholarships:**

**2022- \$92,000.00**

**2023- \$95,000.00**

*"Think of giving not as a duty, but as a privilege." - John D. Rockefeller Jr.*

# OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

2021-2023 BIENNIUM



2,233

Youth Served

302

Families Served



67

Scholarship Recipients

\$187K

Scholarship Dollars Awarded



6,700

Books Distributed

65

Local Businesses Supported

# IMPACT OF OUR PARTNERSHIPS

DELDF is a resource for the Broward community offering transformative programs and impactful mentorship.



## Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS Institute

Delta GEMS was created to catch the dreams of African American at-risk, adolescent girls aged 14-18. This life-changing program has positively impacted over **76 young ladies** towards academic excellence while instilling compassion for community.

## Delta Academy

The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy program targets middle school girls ages 11-14. Our curriculum empowered **34 young girls** with skills and strategies to cultivate their self-esteem, intellectual, and physical development.



## May Week

May Week is a national program of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to highlight academic and professional achievement, emphasizing the importance of higher education. DELDF awarded **\$187,000 scholarship dollars** to **67 deserving high school seniors** furthering their education.

*"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." - Mohammed Ali*

# IMPACT OF OUR PARTNERSHIPS

DELDF provides accessible programming to diverse groups in support of literacy, educational development, and physical health.



## Scholars Academy

Scholars Academy supported over 200 high school students in Broward County with workshops covering topics including SAT/ACT prep, FAFSA and budget planning, scholarship essay writing, and discussions with first-generation college graduates. This initiative included a College Fair showcasing 18 colleges and universities.

## Read America

The longstanding mission of the Read America initiative is to promote literacy and a love of reading. Our programs provided over 6,700 books to 1,833 youth, helping 302 families.



## E.M.B.O.D.I.

The Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence (EMBODI) program is designed to refocus the efforts on the plight of African-American males.

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*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."  
- Nelson Mandela*



# IMPACT OF OUR PARTNERSHIPS

DELDF is a community of change agents with diverse backgrounds devoted to leaving a lasting impact in the community.



## International Awareness and Involvement

We "Set S.A.I.L." to Nassau, Bahamas to support **80 of the island's seniors** with care packages of essential items worth **\$1,000** and a monetary donation of **\$500** to the Nassau Bahamas Alumnae Chapter.

## Physical and Mental Health

In partnership with the Broward County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., we participated in the SOS Children's Village annual 5K Walk/Run and was named the top fundraising team, donating a total of **\$12,480**.



## Shop Small Business Saturday

Every year we partner with American Express as a Neighborhood Champion to celebrate Shop Small Business Saturday by hosting a pop-up shop of businesses from our local community. This initiative showcased over **65 local small businesses**.

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Mahatma Gandhi*

# JOIN US IN MAKING AN IMPACT

We are immensely thankful for our sponsors and partners who have supported our efforts to enhance youth education and self-development.

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THE DELTA EDUCATION AND LIFE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED (DELDF) is a non-profit 501(c)3 public service and community organization. Its purpose is to secure and distribute funds that promote, and support public service programs initiated by the Broward County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Our goal is to improve the quality of life of our diverse community through education, cultural enrichment, and social well-being.



Thank you wholeheartedly for your continued support and we look forward to another amazingly successful biennium.  
- Deetra Durham  
DELDF Chair

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Emma K Black Education Scholarship  
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Jasmin Shirley  
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Kim B Wright Memorial Scholarship  
LaDesorae L. Giles-Smith  
Linda Thomas  
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Marie Johnson  
Marie Stover  
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Marilyn M. Jones Book Award  
Mary Rivers  
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Shirley Baker  
Shirley D. Baker English Education Scholarship  
Tracy Barnswell & William Plummer  
William Green  
Yolanda Nails

## Primary Partner

### Broward County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

American Cancer

Society/Relay For Life

Broward College

Broward County

Broward Sheriff's Office

Children's Services

Council

City of Ft. Lauderdale

City of Lauderhill

Community Foundation

of Broward

Florida Lottery

March of Dimes

Oasis of Hope Community

Development Corp.

Smitty's Wings

SOS Children's Village

United Way of Broward

County, FL

Visit Lauderdale

Westside Gazette

## Report to the Community Committee Members

Marie English-Arterberry

*Chair*

Cassandra Arterberry

Jacqueline Pierce

Britney Harris

Toby Young

Dawn Thurston

Deetra Durham

*Thank You*

PARTNERS