



Annual Report

2023-2024

Delta Psi Sigma Foundation

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Letter from the President



I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported our community efforts this year. It has been an incredibly busy and rewarding time for us as we worked with youth through various initiatives, including our mentoring program at Nelsen Middle School, the Annual Youth Symposium, Swim 1922, the Royal Care Package initiative, College Scholarships, and our teen-focused S.P.A.C.E. curriculum program.

In addition to our youth-focused efforts, the foundation also sponsored a Wellness Program for Women, which featured a partnership with the American Heart Association. We are proud to partner with the Seattle Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and its members to provide essential services to the youth and families in the greater Seattle area.

A special thank you goes to our generous partners at Boeing Employee Credit Union (BECU). Their support has been instrumental in helping us expand our reach and impact within the community.

On behalf of the Delta Psi Sigma Foundation, thank you once again for your continued support.

Delta Psi Sigma
FOUNDATION

Vision, Values & Mission

Vision

To be a primary organization that impacts the lives of the residents of Greater Seattle.

Values

- Education and Employment Opportunities.
- Promote the welfare of Women and their Families

Mission

Delta Psi Sigma Foundation is a 501(c) 3 organization that supports the Greater Seattle area to affect change and influence the livelihood of women and their families.



Directors



01. Priscilla Bell-Lowe

02. Victoria Vassall

03. Misty Brannon-Jackson

04. Moya Baylis

05. Arizona Proctor

06. Morenicka Jacobs

Highlight In 23-24



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Highlight On 5 February 2024

Awarded the Momentum Professional Strategy Partner's Elevate Black Wellness micro-grant, used to present mental wellness workshops at the 2024 Youth Symposium

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Highlight On 18 December 2023

Awarded the BECU Black Community Development Project: Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant. The Foundation received \$21,427.



Royal Care Package Program

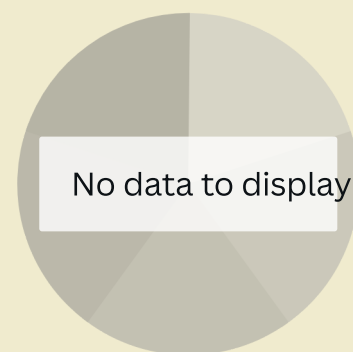


We are excited to announce that the Royal Care Package Program has successfully completed its second year! This initiative provides crucial support to female undergraduate students from Washington State who are living away from home. Each student receives a year's worth of high-quality care packages, handwritten notes of encouragement from professional women, and gift cards to help them along their academic journey. Thanks to additional funding, we doubled our capacity for the 2023-2024 academic year!

We are now proud to support students attending **Alabama A&M, Spelman College, Jackson State University, Cochise College, and the University of Washington.**

Our Care Package Program offers King County youth tangible support they might otherwise lack. It's more than just a gift—

it's a chance to make a lasting impact by easing the economic burden associated with higher education, living away from home, and the transition into adulthood.





The S.P.A.C.E Mentoring



The S.P.A.C.E. program is a mentoring curriculum designed to create a laid-back, peaceful, and safe environment for learning, growth, and development. It is a space where young girls can have meaningful conversations, feel heard, be included, breathe, and reflect. In this nurturing space, we focus intentionally on helping teen girls live their best and most beautiful lives through key pillars such as:

- **Self Esteem**
- **Personal Development**
- **Affirming our teens**
- **Character & Leadership Development**
- **Education centered on physical, mental, and financial wellness topics**

This year we presented the S.P.A.C.E program through various platforms:

- **Nelson Middle School, Renton, WA:** We hosted two-hour sessions twice a month for a group of 20 sixth to eighth-grade girls. Each session included lunch, journaling, group discussions, and interactive simulation activities..
- **Community Teen Group, Tukwila, WA:** Monthly 90-minute sessions were held with middle and high school girls. These sessions featured snacks, journaling, discussions, physical exercises, and creative craft activities.
- **Seattle Public Schools, Black Student Union Advisor Group:** We presented at their regular meetings, sharing best practices and lessons learned to foster collaboration and growth

Looking ahead to the 2024-2025 program year, we are excited to expand the S.P.A.C.E. program to include elementary students, broadening our impact on young girls' lives.

Scholarships



The Delta Psi Sigma Foundation is committed to advancing education from pre-K through college. The Foundation prioritizes increasing access to education, offering mentoring, and providing essential educational materials, programming, and classroom experiences.

This past year, the Delta Psi Sigma Foundation experienced significant growth, especially in its scholarship program. Last year, the Foundation awarded a single \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior. Thanks to successful fundraising efforts and generous grants, we are proud to have doubled our support, awarding two \$2,000 scholarships this academic year.

Help us continue to expand our support for students by donating today.

Annual Youth Symposium



This year's 2024 Youth Symposium: Choosing Me Conference had a fantastic turnout, with 55 registered teens and 23 adult chaperones and staff.

Among the teens who attended, 91.2% identified as fully Black, and those who self-identified as mixed race were also of Black/African American descent. The Symposium aimed to engage teens between the

ages of 12 and 18, and our data shows that participants ranged from 11 to 18 years old. The average age of attendees fell between 13 and 16 years. Of the participants, 61.3% were high school students, while 38.7% were in middle school. All attendees were King County residents, with 98% living within Seattle city limits. We extend our deepest gratitude to our event sponsors, including Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., BECU, The Village Life Project, Noir Lux Candle Bar, Elevate Black Wellness, Costco Tukwila, Topgolf, and Chick-fil-A Southcenter, for making this event possible.



Thank you to our community partners: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Empowering Youth and Families Outreach and Aki Middle School for bringing your students.

Operation BigBookbag



OperationBigBookBag is a year round program designed to address the needs, challenges and issues that face school-aged children who are educationally at-risk, in local homeless shelters and extended-care hospitals and facilities. Through this program we join the local PTA, work on policy, sponsor, classrooms, organize back to school events, and donate educational materials, equipment and school supplies.

The pandemic caused a significant shift in education, with many school districts beginning to provide school supplies directly to their students. This shift allowed us to expand our impact in new ways. In July, we distributed over 100 backpacks filled with school supplies, COVID test kits, hand sanitizers, vaccine information, as well as new shoes and socks at the DCYF Annual Caregiver Picnic.



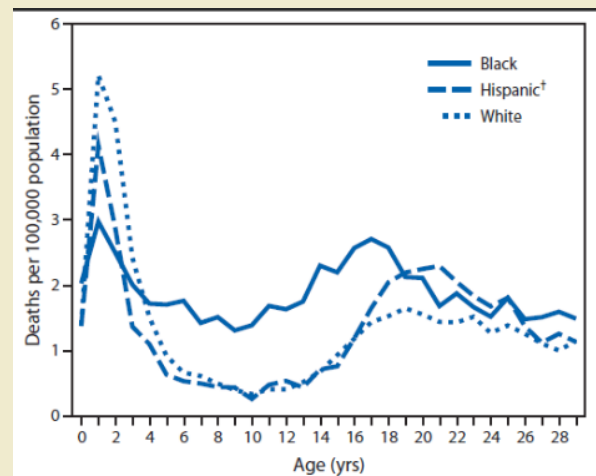
This year, we are already working to expand our reach through Operation Big Book Bag. We've partnered with Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. on their inaugural Educational Mini-Grant Program, which is set to launch for the 2024-2025 school year

Swim 1922



Question: Have you seen the price of a week of swim lessons lately (~\$200)? The Foundation in partnership with Seattle Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. in and the the Seattle Metropolitan Aquatic Club(SMAC), is proud to host our Get Wet Swim Clinic! The program is at no cost to the participants and open to all swimmers not currently enrolled in SMAC programs. Participants do not need to be proficient swimmers, but are be able to stand and be excited to in the water!!

This FREE 4-Day swim clinic held at the Evergreen Community Pool in White Center 7/31-8/3 with~30 youth registered ranging in age from 8-13 years, all participants received snacks, T-Shirt, goggles and swim cap.



Swim 1922 was created to address the unfortunate truth that that 70 percent of African American children and 60 percent of Hispanic children in the U.S. do not know how to swim. Additionally, African American children are three times more likely to drown than Caucasian children

Next year we plan to partner with at least 1 summer camp and plan to provide on-going swim lessons to those interested in continuing.

Women's Wellness



In recognition of Heart Health Month this February, we hosted the RHOyal Goes Red for Women's Wellness event, aimed at raising awareness about heart health. The event featured a variety of activities designed to engage, educate, and empower participants:

- **Line Dancing Clinic:** Moderated by Styles of Steppin', this fun and energetic clinic encouraged participants to get moving while learning some of the latest and most popular line dances.
- **Educational Resources:** The American Heart Association provided valuable information on critical topics such as high blood pressure, stroke symptoms, healthy eating, and healthy living.
- **Goodie Bags:** Attendees received pedometers to help them track their steps, along with water, nutrition bars, and literature from the American Heart Association to promote healthy habits.



While our target audience was African American women—who statistically face higher risks of heart issues—the event attracted a diverse group of attendees from across the Seattle area. A representative from the American Heart Association was present with a full display of educational materials and gave a brief talk about heart health challenges, particularly those affecting African American women. She also joined in the line dancing clinic, creating an inclusive and engaging atmosphere for all.

Our Impact

Partnership with the Seattle Aquatic Swim Club to offer 4-day free swim clinic offered to 30 elementary and Middle school students. This exposes our youth to the swim club experience.

Providing local public school districts support by offering and delivering structured curriculum to positively impact female middle school students.

100+ Foster and fictive Care giver families supported in King County. Services included vaccine education, PPE distribution and school supplies.



4 Day Swim Clinic



The S.P.A.C.E. Program



Back to School Events

How we Increased our Capacity

The 2024 Youth Symposium registration has increased by 30% over the 2023 event. 2024 we activated a waiting list. We were able to move our venue to a local hotel and are looking for a larger venue for 2025.



Our **Ashley Robinson Memorial** Scholarship program has a 75% funding increase, from a single \$1000 award to two \$2000 awards.

The **Royal Care Package program** graduated one senior in Spr. 2023 and saw a 50% increase in 2024 participants and a 80% increase in the diversity of universities served.

2023 we supported students at Central WA University and Alabama A&M. This year we serve students at Spelman, Jackson State, Alabama A&M, the University of Washington and Cochise College.



Youth Symposium



Royal Care Package Program



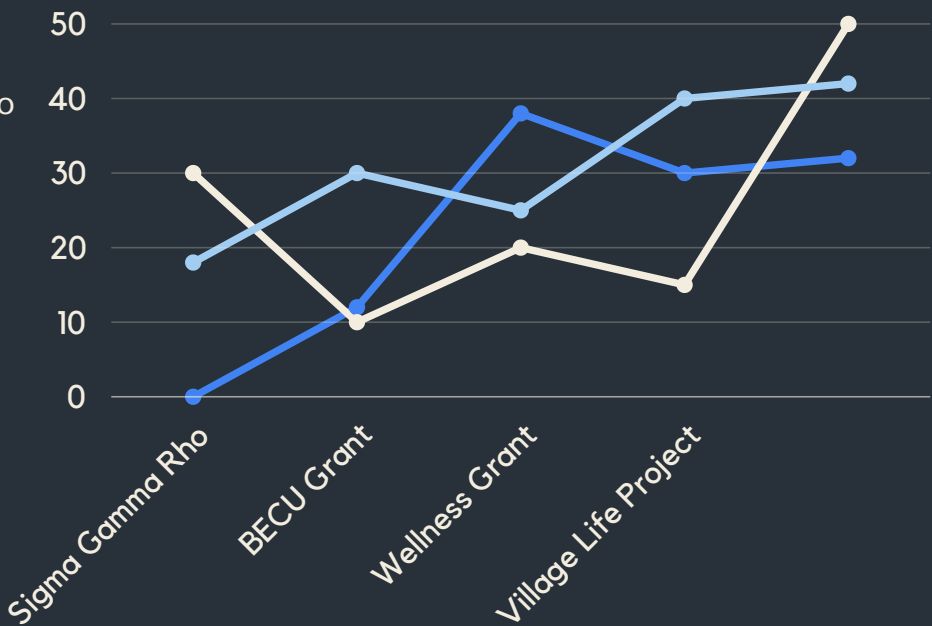
Scholarship Program



FUNDS RAISED

\$25,401.00

This community service to the Greater Seattle area work would not be possible without those who have entrusted resources to our Foundation.



PROJECTS

The S.P.A.C.E Program

DETAILS

Increase our impact by growing from single site at Nelson Middle School

OUTCOME

- Consulting with Seattle school district girl group Advisors
- Curriculum used by the following groups:
 - Seattle Rhoer Club
 - The S.P.A.C.E. Teen Group at Tukwila site.

Royal care Package Program

Increase the number of students served by 50%
Vary college sites by 50%

- 50% increase in students served.
- 80% increase in college sites

Scholarships

To increase annual award from \$1000 to \$4000 total.

- Increased from single award to two awards
- Total award increase to \$4000.00 annual

The Future of Delta Psi Sigma Foundation



Our future looks great! our goal and primary focus of expanding opportunities to provide impactful service to the community with a specific emphasis on youth, women, and education remains unchanged. With the generosity of Sigma Gamma Rho Chapter members and members of the community DPSF plans to continue providing scholarships to well deserving exemplary students, mentor young ladies, and offer programming to the Greater Seattle community.

Opportunities To Give



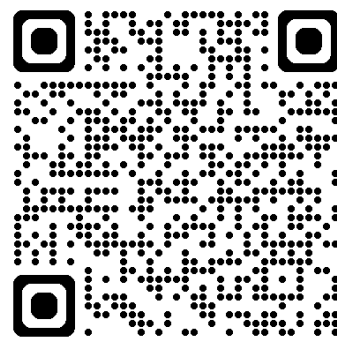
WA State Combined Fund

Our Charity Code: 1483172

There are so many ways to make a difference! Whether it's time, money, or goods, every gift to others in need is a gift to the community as a whole.

Delta Psi Sigma Foundation

Your charitable donation into our 501c(3) Delta Psi Sigma Foundation will support our mission, vision, and values, and advance our annual programs and community engagement efforts. Scan the QR to contribute via our Paypal.



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Acknowledgments

Thank you for being a driving force behind making sure that the Delta Psi Sigma Foundation is able to sustain and continue to provide programming for our underserved communities. Our success is due to the support that we receive.

Our Community Partners

- African American Leadership Forum
- American Heart Association
- Chick Fil-A
- Church by the Side of the Road
- Crumble Cookies
- Higher Vision Christian Fellowship
- Let's Roam
- Mrs. J Designs
- Nelson Middle School (Renton, WA)
- Noir Luxe Candle Co.
- Odessa Brown Children's Clinic
- Seattle Rhoer Club
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc (Seattle Alumnae)
- Top Golf (Renton, WA)
- Tutta Bella Pizza
- Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families
- Yield to the King Ministries

Our Funders

- Boeing Employee's Credit Union
- Church By the Side of the Road
- Elevate Black Wellness
- Good Health Wins
- Seattle Urban League
- The Village Life Project

