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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ALPHA GAMMA DELTA FOUNDATION

## WELCOME TO OUR LOYAL DONORS

Alpha Gamma Delta is loving, leading and lasting thanks to our loyal donors. This newsletter is published to share your impact, and to thank you for believing in our Foundation's mission of providing essential support for women's education, philanthropy and leadership. 🌸

### ALPHA GAMS ARE *Loving*

#### SIS GRANTS



### A STORY OF HEARTBREAK AND HOPE.

With the holidays peering around the corner we have a story to share. It's a story that breaks your heart and brought our Foundation staff to the verge of tears. It's also a story of hope.

It includes the nervous breakdown of a husband and his adult diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome. A family who lost everything, and after living in a 12'x12' efficiency apartment for four months, found themselves living in an RV at a state park on the verge of eviction.

Both adults were employed with the husband as the primary wage earner. After his breakdown, he could no longer work. His fragile mental state and the care of their son required a flexible job of his wife. She started waitressing which meant lower wages

with increased difficulty to pay for mental health treatments and basic needs. They asked for help from all possible friends and family and sought help through social services. "I don't know if you've ever applied for public assistance. It is a humiliating thing to go through. And because my husband's disability is mental, you are constantly explaining yourself to others."

This story is a great reminder of how quickly life can change, and how mental health can affect an individual, a family, jobs, finances, a home and the future. It's a reminder of how this could be the story of any of us.

Yes - this story is about a sister of ours. One who previously served as Chapter President and later as a Chapter Advisor. With all of the difficulty and heartbreak surrounding her, she continues to put one foot in front of the other and do everything she can to keep moving forward. Circumstances are beginning to improve, and she believes the breakthrough is just ahead.

Your gifts to the Foundation provided a SIS Grant to her for key, daily essentials. It is one of the Foundation's most personal and impactful programs.

\*Our SIS Grant program is a confidential program. Our sister offered to anonymously share her story to ask your help in giving to the SIS Grant program so we can be ready for our next sister in need.

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A LEGACY OF LOVE

Carole was quiet and studious. If you know Sunny, she's bubbly and bright. Carole Valdez Elliott was Sunny Sumner Oder's sister-mother at Gamma Theta Chapter-Florida Southern College. In 1967 they maneuvered through all that campus and Alpha Gam life brought to them.

As often happens, life took them on different paths after graduation. Sunny forged her success in residential real estate. Carole went on to teach gifted middle school students. Her father was Postmaster in Key West. After he passed away,

Carole and her mother spent summers in north Georgia and that's where Carole and Sunny reconnected after many years.

And when the time came, with no remaining biological family members, the roles were reversed. It was Sunny who ensured Carole received the care she needed when she became ill.

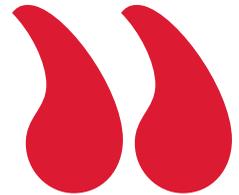
Carole had an important last gift to make. She included the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation in her will, and upon her entrance into Chapter Grand, her \$223,000 gift established two funds which will release program support each year for generations to come. The first provides general scholarships, and the second provides annual grants for sisters in need.

Planned gifts are easy, adaptable, and important. Planned gifts are gifts of leadership and sisterhood. Do you have an area of passion you would like to support?

Contact Julie Waitman at [jwaitman@alphagammadeltafoundation.org](mailto:jwaitman@alphagammadeltafoundation.org) for more information.



One of my favorite Alpha Gam memories is when I realized that our sisterhood extended beyond my chapter. There are so many ways to learn more about our global Fraternity! I give to the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation because I appreciate its mission of helping sisters grow as leaders, and in their time of need.



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# TAX SMART Ways to give

Maximize your tax deductions with one of these smart giving opportunities

## APPRECIATED STOCKS

When you make a gift of appreciate stocks before calendar year end, you may avoid capital gains taxes and receive a tax deduction for the full market value of your gift. Be sure to plan ahead when using appreciated stock to make your gift!

## QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCD)

Using a QCD is a tax-savvy strategy that allows individuals 70 ½ or older to transfer up to \$100,000 per year from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) directly to a qualified charity, like the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation.

*Always consult your financial advisor when considering tax-friendly giving options, and for more information reach out to Executive Director Julie Waitman at 317.663.4242 or [jwaitman@alphagammadeltafoundation.org](mailto:jwaitman@alphagammadeltafoundation.org)*



## IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER 1, 2019

Scholarship application opens; due March 4, 2020

### DECEMBER 1, 2019

Fighting hunger grant application opens; due January 31, 2020

### DECEMBER 3, 2019

#GivingTuesday - Support the Foundation on this global day of giving!

### DECEMBER 31, 2019

Last day to make an individual gift to receive a tax benefit\* for 2019

*\*Gifts to the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by U.S. law.*

## FOUNDATION News

### 2018-2019 GRATITUDE REPORT

The Gratitude Report highlights the impact of our sisters, chapters, clubs, friends and companies who generously supported the Foundation's mission last fiscal year (6/1/2018-5/31/2019). Visit [alphagammadeltafoundation.org](http://alphagammadeltafoundation.org) to find your name and learn how your gift impacted our sisters and communities.



### NEW FOUNDATION TRUSTEE

Welcome to Sylvie Kramer Weikert, Gamma Iota - Mercer University, as our newest Foundation Trustee. Sylvie served as a Leadership Consultant for our Fraternity and received her Master of Science in Applied Management from the University of Maryland. Professionally, Sylvie recently retired from pharmaceutical and medical sales, working for Bayer, Millennium Pharmaceuticals and Roche Diagnostics. She has served on the JDRF Board of Directors in greater Chesapeake and served on Roche's corporate Women's Leadership Initiative. Join us in welcoming Sylvie to the Foundation!



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OUR MISSION: "The Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation impacts and enriches our communities by providing essential support for education, philanthropy and leadership."

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