

We Can Do It!

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LAS VEGAS ALUMNAE CHAPTER

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Sigma Woman

A Sigma Woman I'm proud to be . . .

A Sigma life is part of me.

*Being Sigma is being real,
a goal in life, a dream fulfilled.*

*I'm so glad life has given me
the golden opportunity,
to be the Sigma I was born to be.*

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Through their 80 years as an organization, the March of Dimes has dedicated their service to supporting babies and mothers throughout pregnancy and birth. They have been leaders in researching vaccines and other medical procedures to increase the health of newborn babies and birth mortality rates. Beginning with its creation during President Roosevelt's personal struggle with infant polio, they have been pioneers ever since.

Today, they strive to educate medical professionals and the community on the newest finding in neonatal technology and every stage of the pregnancy journey. Currently, premature births are the leading cause of death for children ages birth to 5. It is the goal of the March of Dimes to reduce this number. Their various support initiatives like prenatal education support and care, supporting the NICU, supporting health equity, and professional education and other research helps to bring education to the community both in the United States and Globally.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority incorporated has partnered up with the March of Dimes to provide financial support and community knowledge about their various services. We have become an official March for Babies Team.



This partnership falls in line with our H3- Healthy Generation initiative. During the spring we support the March of Dimes as one of our signature projects, Project Reassurance, as we participate in walk-a-thons to raise donations to support this organization and their continued research and support of the global community.





From the words of a houseless man, the foundation of Laundry Love was created. Something many take for granted is being able to wear clean clothes.

Eric (T-Bone) stated, "If I had clean clothes then people will treat me like a human being". We never really realized the many things impoverished individuals go through daily. The many struggles and the financial decisions they must make. When you are faced with deciding if you should buy groceries, pay a power bill, purchase a bus pass, or wash your clothes, which decision do you make?

The organization, Laundry Love, has a goal of assisting families with removing one of those decisions from the equation. They are focused on supporting families with free laundry needs at the W. Flamingo Fluff and Fold. A simple donation of \$30 can support one family with 8 loads of laundry. The team at Laundry Love want each individual to realize that they are valued and worth the opportunity to be seen as a human being. They understand a step in moving forward starts with clean clothes. Hygiene and Health are very important and directly affect how an individual views themselves. By offering clean clothes we are supporting positive self-worth and helping increase self-esteem.

Rachon Lawson decided to dedicate her life to this great cause after watching a Ted Talk and looking for a way to help her life support others in a meaningful way. For more information about this organization, you can reach out to them at <https://laundrylovelasvegas.org/>.



MEET THE LADIES OF NU ETA

UNDERGRAD CHAPTER

SIGMA SPOTLIGHT



ABOUT ME

Alexis Henry - Basileus

"I am a sophomore majoring in International Business. I am a very outgoing and creative person. I love learning about different people's culture and I also love to travel. I grew up in a military household so I traveled a lot and have been exposed to different types of people. I am originally from Austin, Texas! Hook 'em Horns!"

ABOUT ME Amira Arceo-Hosken Epistoleus

"I'm a Junior majoring in Comprehensive Medical Imaging, Radiography. I love discussions about life, science, the world and politics. I love traveling and meeting new people. I am from Ethiopia so I have a lot of pride in my country and my people!"



ABOUT ME

Jonnah(Slim) Johnson
Anti Basileus



"I am a junior majoring in psychology with a minor in computer science. I love learning about new things and exploring. I am from Ohio and have a big family. I keep positive vibes at all times."



#WHENWEALLVOTE

So far this sorority year, the Eta Chi Sigma chapter joined the ranks of sorors worldwide focused on engaging our communities through social action. The urgent and pressing need to answer the call of voter engagement became our primary focus in the face of a pandemic, voter suppression and lack of voter education.

Along with our amazing community partners, we were able to provide voter education programming virtually as well as provide direct outreach to our community through empowerment phone banking. Through our Much More Than A Hashtag initiative, we partnered with the Gamma Beta Omega chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity to discuss relational organizing/voter mobilization with our special guest speaker Ender Austin, III of the Theta Pi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Sorors took to the phones during two Power Hour zoom sessions to reach out to our community through our partnership with Make It Work Nevada. We were able to provide information regarding voter registration, polling locations, as well as COVID and housing resources. We also provided education on this year's ballot in a special episode of Make It Make Sense, hosted by Quentin Savvoir and Make It Work Nevada. We moved through the ballot and answered questions from community viewers in hopes of making it just a bit easier to make our voices heard.

Lastly, we partnered with fellow NPHC organizations in hosting our own Vice Presidential Debate watch party on Facebook. We engaged viewers in lively conversation as well as answered questions. We are glad that our efforts toward getting the vote out as well as assisting with promoting resources to our community was well received. Our next steps are to focus on "The After" we've voted and now what? Education around holding elected officials accountable, participation on citizen review boards, and closing the wealth gaps through home ownership are just a few issues to address. There's much work to do and we look forward to answering the call!

Submitted by Soror Zarinah Washington, Social Action Chair (ECS)

VOTER MOBILIZATION: STARTING AT HOME

Talking with Family and Loved Ones

Hosted By



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Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.



Abasi-Dominique Rawlings
Social Action Chair - Gamma Beta Omega Chapter
Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

Join Us on Facebook Live

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 8TH

7:30 PM PST

Facebook.com/LVSGRHOHXSigma

With Special Guest Speaker



Ender Austin, III
Social Action Chair
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Scan QR Code to Register to Vote!





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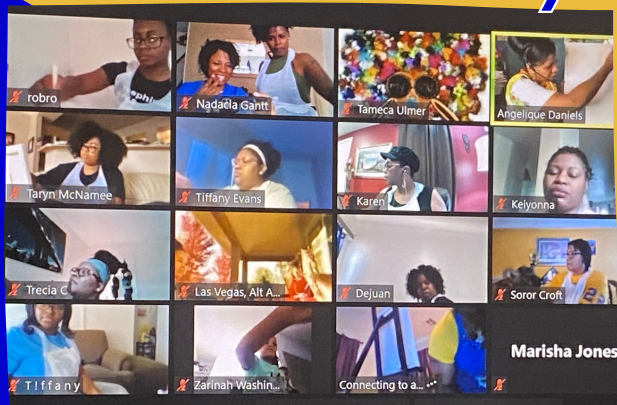
Through our Annual Clothing Drive we were able to raise \$400 towards our scholarship efforts with the help of our community. Thank you all so much for your support.



Annual Clothing Drive



Virtual Paint Party

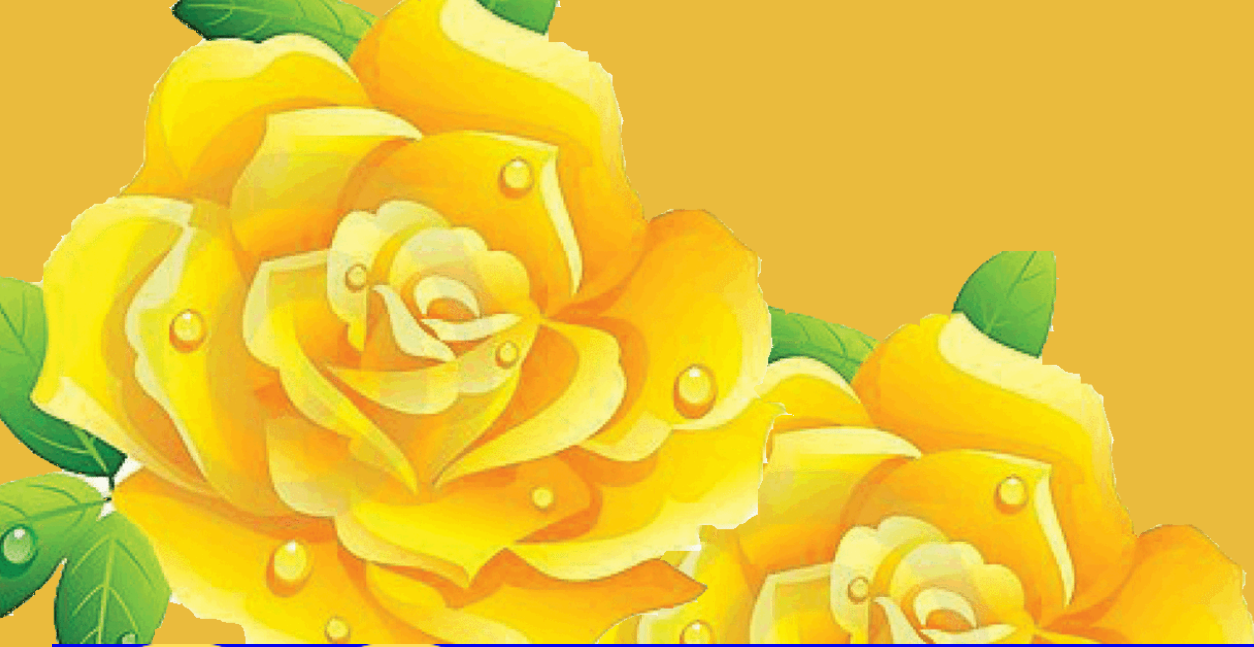


The Virtual Paint Party was one of our Hattie McDaniel Breast Cancer Awareness events. This fundraiser allowed us to purchase materials to provide 50 Chemo Care Packages to women who are going through chemotherapy.

Voter Phone Banking







much thanks to:

Supporters of Paint Night who helped fund care packages for
Chemo Patients to include NPHC Members, Family & Friends
and

Dr. Candance Leaphart-St. Cloud of Allcare for Women,
Henderson, NV for Presenting During our Webinar



ETA CHI SIGMA CHAPTER HATTIE
MCDANIEL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



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UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC. 1-26 - RHOER HOLIDAY SOCK DRIVE

DEC. 12 - AKA/OMEGA PSI PHI ECONOMIC SUMMIT

DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

DID YOU KNOW?

Otis Boykin owned 26 patents. The most famous being the pacemaker in 1964. His invention is responsible for saving millions of lives daily.

