

Ivy & Pearls of Southern Maryland
Community Charities, Incorporated

NEWSLETTER

2023



501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

The mission of Ivy and Pearls of Southern Maryland Community Charities, Incorporated is to support the Maryland Communities of Charles and St. Mary's Counties. We aim to enhance the socio-economic condition of our environment by providing educational, charitable, financial, cultural and health-related resources and events.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



ANDREA HENDERSON

Dear IPSMCC Members,

Warm greetings to all of you dedicated members of Ivy and Pearls of Southern Maryland Community Charities, Incorporated (IPSMCC). As we reflect on the past six months of our 2023 journey, it fills me with immense pride and gratitude for the remarkable accomplishments we have achieved together. From January to June, our collective efforts in community activities and partnerships have been nothing short of phenomenal.

I want to personally commend each and every one of you for your unwavering commitment to serving the communities of Charles and St. Mary's counties. Whether it was through financial contributions, hands-on involvement, or any other form of support, your invaluable contributions have made a significant impact. Your dedication and selflessness are deeply appreciated.

As summer approaches, let us forge ahead ready to embark on the next six months of our incredible journey as Ivy and Pearls of Southern Maryland Community Charities, Inc. serving the Southern Maryland community.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and tireless efforts.

With great pride and gratitude,

Andrea Henderson
President, IPSMCC



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



CARMELLA DAVIS WATKINS

To the supporters of IPSMCC:

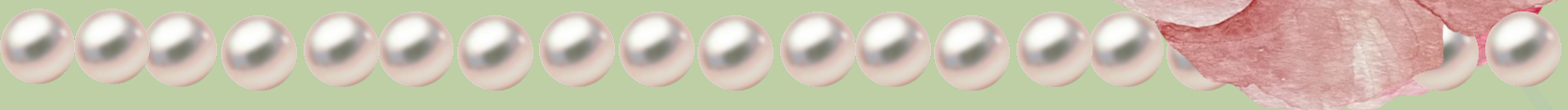
Thank you for all that we have accomplished this year. The events have been spectacular. The Community Fair under the leadership of Mrs. Da'Net Sturdifen was amazing. Then she took the lead for the Juneteenth Celebration. These two activities were populated with health information. IPSMCC has many partners and they will be showcased throughout this newsletter.

The grants team led by Mrs. Arin Bonner has moved to a new level. This is the reason that the commitment from the community is so high.

Stay tuned for the Debutante culminating activity in November. The young ladies this year have had some wonderful experiences, the Mother-Daughter Tea was a highlight. Mrs. Felicia Jones and Mrs. Denise Barnes have planned an exceptional program. We are very grateful for what has been done this year.

We invite you to continue to support the efforts of IPSMCC as we strive to make a difference in the community.

Carmella Davis Watkins, PRP
Executive Director, IPSMCC



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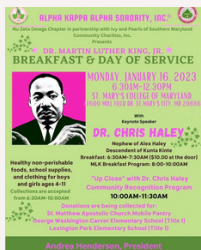
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2023 Program Highlights

Chairman: Francine Dove Hawkins



Ivy and Pearls of Southern Maryland Community Charities, Incorporated in partnership with Nu Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® and St. Mary's College sponsored the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service at the St. Mary's College of Maryland in St. Mary's City, MD.

Free blood pressure screenings were conducted as part of the Healthy Heart grant.

The following items were collected for boys and girls ages 4-11:

- 1501 healthy snacks
- 281 articles of clothing
- 543 school supplies
- \$177.00

An "Up Close and Personal Chat" was given by Dr. Chris Haley, nephew of Alex Haley, descendent of Kunta Kinte, and moderated by our very own Member Rochelle Savoy.



MLK Day of Service 1/16/2023





2023 Program Highlights

Chairman: Gwen Douglas

Home Buyer Seminar



On Saturday, February 18, 2023, Ivy and Pearls of Southern Maryland Community Charities, Incorporated (IPSMCC) in partnership with Nu Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® hosted a free 1st time home buyer seminar. There were free giveaways and on-site pre-approvals were provided. Twenty-three people were in attendance (10 guests, 4 speakers, and 9 Sorors).

Free blood pressure screenings were conducted as part of the Healthy Heart grant.

Free lunch was served to attendees.



Chairman: Da'Net Sturdifen

On Friday, March 24, 2023, IPSMCC and Nu Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® in partnership with FCF Performance and Dynamo!Fitness hosted a Zumba event for women's health and wellbeing. The free event was supported by the Rural Maryland Council Grant.

The benefits of exercising for mental health and wellness was stressed. Free blood pressure screenings were conducted as part of the Healthy Heart grant.

There were 36 attendees. Healthy snacks and freshly squeezed juice were provided.



Wellness for Your Wellbeing





2023 Program Highlights

Chairmen: Kiana Trent & Sharon Bond



The Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Packs (CHIPP) program kicked off on March 17, 2023 at Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School and continued every other Friday until June 2, 2023. Non-perishable food for Friday-Sunday (breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack) was packaged and placed in backpacks and provided to 27 registered students.



CHIPP Program



Ivy and Pearls of Southern Maryland Community Charities, Incorporated received a grant to provide food for local children in need.

The food is distributed by Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School staff.

Chairman: Laura Dunk



Adopt-A-Road





2023 Program Highlights

Chairman: Claudette Ross

Good Fight of Faith Ministries Food Pantry



Food Bank Donations

Chairmen: MJ Lambert & Celisa Glasper

Youth Leadership Institute





2023 Program Highlights

Chairman: Jessica Williams



The Public Policy Forum on School Safety was held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at St. Charles High School in Waldorf.

Ivy and Pearls of Southern Maryland Community Charities, Incorporated and Nu Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® hosted the event.

Our very own Member Jocelyn Hill served as Host of the Panel discussion.



Public Policy Forum



Chairman: Jackie Gray



5K Walk or Run





2023 Program Highlights

Chairman: Da'Net Sturdifen



The Community Fair was held on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at the Capitol Clubhouse in Waldorf. The fair started with a GirlTrek opening walk. There were different activities and presentations throughout the day and giveaways. Over 260 people were in attendance including 30 vendors. We collected 287 paper goods, 151 canned goods, and 493 toiletries in donations.



IPSMCC and Nu Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® in partnership with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated® sponsored the event.

Community Fair

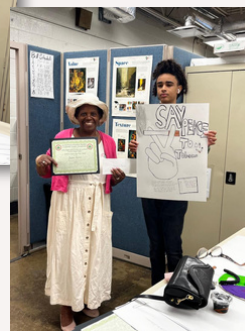


Chairman: ED Carmella Davis Watkins

No Menthol Sunday Day of Observance was May 21, 2023

Participating Churches:

- Lighthouse Baptist Church
- Zion Baptist Church
- New Life Missionary Baptist Church
- Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church



World No Tobacco Day - May 31, 2023
Poster Contest Winners

Smoke Free, Vape Free





2023 Program Highlights

Chairman: Lola Scott



On June 17, 2023, IPSMCC and Nu Zeta Omega Chapter collaborated with the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association at the Annual Charles County Relay for Life event which helps to raise money for cancer research. The theme was "A World Without Cancer" and each team was asked to choose a country to represent and our country was "Jamaica".



There was a silent auction at the May chapter meeting in addition to collecting donations to help raise money for the event. There was a survivor's luncheon and a survivor's walk ahead of the event.

Relay For Life



Chairman: Sharone Simmons

Supporting women entrepreneurs in partnership with Pop-Up & Grow



POP-UP & GROW





2023 Program Highlights

Chairman: Da'Net Sturdifen



The Juneteenth Celebration was held on Monday, June 19, 2023 in Indian Head, MD. There were African dancers and drummers, live music, a kids corner, a storyteller who gave a history lesson on Juneteenth, and free food which consisted of a food truck and an ice cream truck. The Charles County Arts Alliance and Rural Maryland Council Grants helped support this celebration. A proclamation was presented by Commissioners Reuben Collins, II and Ralph Patterson, II.

IPSMCC and Nu Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® in partnership with Sigma Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated® sponsored the event.



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IPSMCC REMINDERS!!!!

Dues and Contribution

Please remember to pay your 2023 IPSMCC dues and program contribution.

IPSMCC Dues were due on April 15, 2023.

IPSMCC Program contribution was due on June 15, 2023.

1. Check or Money Order: Check or money order must be payable to Ivy and Pearls of Southern Maryland (IPSMCC) and mailed to the IPSMCC address (IPSMCC P.O. Box 975 Waldorf, MD 20604).

Please note that Dues and Program Contribution cannot be combined and placed on the same check/money order, as the funds must go into two different bank accounts.

Electronic Options

2. PayPal: Payment via PayPal must include the PayPal fee (The appropriate amount to pay is shown in the table below). Use email address IPSMCCFinSec@gmail.com. (You will see the IPSMCC logo). In the "What's this payment for?" section, please be sure to state what the payment is for.

3. Stripe: Payment can be made via the Members Only site under Dashboard. Just choose the appropriate link (The links already include the Stripe fee).

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Financial Secretary or the Assistant Financial Secretary. Contact information is stated below.

Email: IPSMCCFinSec@gmail.com

Phone: Mashonda Walston (Financial Secretary): (678) 438-5106

Donna Cunningham (Assistant Financial Secretary): (831) 236-3277

	If Paying by Check/Money Order	If Paying by PayPal	If Paying by Stripe
Type	Amount	Amount	Amount
IPSMCC Dues (General)	\$50.00	\$52.32	\$51.90
IPSMCC Dues (50 years of service)	\$30.00	\$31.59	\$31.25
IPSMCC Dues (65 years of service)	\$20.00	\$21.23	\$21.00
IPSMCC Program Contribution	\$50.00	\$52.32	\$51.90

IPSMCC Volunteer Hours

Members are asked to log their volunteer hours for all events. Volunteer hours are used for grants. The link can be found on the Members Only website under Dashboard.



2023 Debutante Calendar

Chairman: Felicia Jones

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	EVENT	PARTICIPANTS	COMMITTEE LEAD
April 23	3:30-5:30	MANDATORY Parent Meeting	*Debutante Manual* Attire	Debutantes/Parents	Chair/Co-Chair
April 29	11 am	Civic	Public Policy Forum	St. Charles High School	Nu Zeta Omega Chapter
April 29	12-4 pm	Debutante Social	Vision Board Party!	Debutantes	Chair/Co-Chair
May 7	6:30 pm	Parent Meeting	Topic: Fundraising	Debutante Parents	Chair/Co-Chair
May 12	TBC	Debutante Social	Let's Get Acquainted!	Debutantes	Activities Subcommittee
May 13	9:00 am	Community Service	5K Walk	Public Bensville Park White Plains, MD	Nu Zeta Omega Chapter
May 20	TBC	Community Service	Charles County Community Fair	Public Capital Clubhouse Waldorf, MD	Nu Zeta Omega Chapter
May 21	6:30 pm	Parent Meeting (Virtual)	Topic: Souvenir Journal	Debutante Parents	Chair/Co-Chair
May 27	TBC	Civic/Social	White House Tour	Debutantes/Parents	Chair-Co-Chair
June 3	11:00 am-5 pm	Debutante Workshop (In-person)	Be-YOU-tiful! Summit	Debutantes	Educational Workshops Subcommittee
June 4	3:00 pm	Social Event	Eva S. Chesley Mother/Daughter Tea	Debutantes & Mothers/Guardians	Social/Special Events Subcommittee
June 19	TBC	Cultural	Juneteenth!	NZΩ Chapter/Debutantes	Nu Zeta Omega Chapter
June 25	6:30 pm	Parent Meeting (Virtual)	Topic: Scholarship Awards	Debutante Parents	Chair/Co-Chair
July 9	TBC	Debutante Workshop (Virtual)	Career Readiness	Debutantes	Educational Workshops Subcommittee
July 29	TBC	Civic/Social	Fieldtrip	Debutantes/Parents	Chair/Co-Chair
TBC	9:00	Community Service	Adopt-a-Road	NZΩ Chapter/Debutantes	Nu Zeta Omega Chapter
August 6	6:30 pm	Parent Meeting (Virtual)	Topic: Updates and Reminders Attire update	Debutante Parents	Chair/Co-Chair
August 12	6:30 pm	Debutante Workshop (In-person)	Back-to-School Success Public Speaking/Writing	Debutantes	Educational Workshops Subcommittee
August 26	TBC		Debutante Formal Photo Shoot	Debutantes	
August	9:00 am	Community Service	Adopt-a-Road	NZΩ Chapter/Debutantes	Nu Zeta Omega Chapter
September 8	TBC	Debutante Social (In-person)	Back to School FUN!	Debutantes	Activities Subcommittee
September 10	6:30 pm	Parent Meeting (Virtual)	Topic: Home stretch...	Debutante Parents	Chair/Co-Chair
TBC	9:00 am	Community Service	Adopt-a-Road	NZΩ Chapter/Debutantes	Nu Zeta Omega Chapter
September 24	3:00 pm	Public Event	Talent Show	NZΩ Chapter/Debutantes/Public	Awards Subcommittee
October 1	TBC	Dance Rehearsal: Time/Location - TBC		Debutantes/Liaisons/Parents	
October 1	TBC	Parent Meeting (In-person)	Topic: Final plans	Debutante Parents	Chair/Co-Chair
October 15	TBC	Social Event	Etiquette Dinner	Debutantes/Escorts	Social/Special Events Subcommittee
October 22	TBC	Dance Rehearsal: Time/Location - TBC		Debutantes/Liaisons/Parents	
October 27	TBC	Debutante Social (In-person)	Masquerade FUN!	Debutantes/Liaisons/Parents	Activities Subcommittee
October 29	TBC	Dance Rehearsal: Time/Location - TBC		Debutantes/Liaisons/Parents	
November 5	TBC	Dance Rehearsal: Time/Location - TBC		Debutantes/Liaisons/Parents	
November 12	TBC	Dance Rehearsal: Time/Location - TBC		Debutantes/Liaisons/Parents/NZΩ Chapter	
November XX	TBC	MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL Time/Location - TBC		Debutantes/Liaisons/Parents/NZΩ Chapter	
November 19	TBC		The Cotillion!	The Hotel @ UMD	



Grants & Building Fund Info

Grant	Area of Focus
State- Rural Maryland Council	Mental Health, Chronic Disease Awareness, and Heart and Breast Health
Local- Charles County Charitable Trust	Food Insecurity
Local- Charles County Art Alliance	Juneteenth
Local- Charles County Charitable Trust (American Rescue Plan Act Grant)	CHIPP (Empower Families)
Local-Charles County Department of Health	Tobacco Cessation
Local-Charles County Department of Health	Health Ambassadors- Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control
Local-Charles County Department of Health	Tobacco & Diabetes
Local-Charles County Department of Health	Building Better Caregivers



**Ivy & Pearls of Southern Maryland
Community Charities, Inc.**
Andrea Henderson, President

Fundraising Goal: \$200,000 by 2023

Type of Fundraiser	Goal	Strategy & Action	When	Expenses
Small Pledge	145 members 118 @ \$276.00 = \$32,568	Minimum commitment/pledge Member monthly pledges of \$23.00 in 2023, beginning January 2023. \$23.00 x 12 months = \$276.00. Can be achieved monthly or final payment by Dec 31	2023 Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec	\$0 Virtual Thank You
Medium Pledge	20 @ \$2023 = \$40,460	One-time pledge of \$2023 for year ending 2023.	2023 NLT Dec 31	Virtual Thank You Letter
Large Pledge	5 @ \$5,000 = \$25,000	One-time pledge of \$5000 for year ending 2022. \$5,000 - \$9,999.99 (<i>Pearl Donor</i>)	2023 NLT Dec 31	Name engraved on plate (<i>shared plaque</i>)
	2 @ \$10,000 = \$20,000	One-time pledge of \$10,000 for year ending 2022. \$10,000 - \$24,999.99 (<i>Diamond Donor</i>)		Special plaque with personalized message
	\$25,000+	One-time pledge of \$25,000+ (<i>Emerald Donor</i>)		Special plaque with personalized message & Conf. Rm dedication
Projected pledges for 2023	\$143,028			





Upcoming Events

Ivy & Ice White Party

Details:

When: Saturday, July 22, 2023

Where: Swan Point Yacht & Country Club

Chairman: Member Kristia Watkins



Debutante Cotillion

Details:

When: Sunday, November 19, 2023

Where: The Hotel, University of MD

Time: 6pm

Cost: \$125 + fee

Chairman: Member Felicia Jones

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Details:

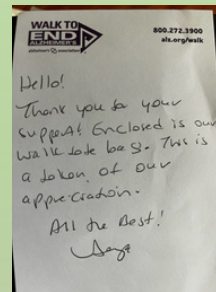
When: Saturday, September 23, 2023

Where: LaPlata Town Hall

Time: 8:30am registration

9:30am ceremony

Chairman: ED Carmella Davis-Watkins



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