



# 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2022

### 2022 Board of Directors

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### VISION STATEMENT

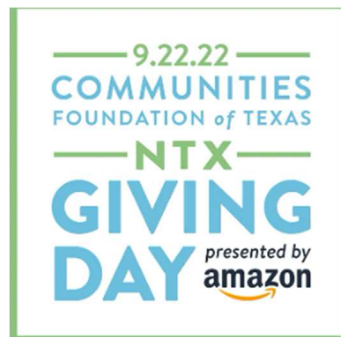
**“EMPOWERING OUR  
COMMUNITY  
THROUGH  
SCHOLARSHIP AND  
SERVICE.”**

Greetings,

The Pearls of the Ivy Foundation, a not-for profit, 501(c) 3 organization, funds community empowerment programs and activities while providing volunteers and assistance to other non-profit organizations in the Best Southwest and Ellis County Cities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Glenn Heights, Lancaster, Midlothian, Oak Leaf, Ovilla, Red Oak, and Waxahachie, Texas.. The Foundation primarily supports higher education through the provision of scholarships to graduating seniors and the community programs of the Upsilon Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®. The members of the Upsilon Lambda Omega Chapter comprise the membership of the Pearls of the Ivy Foundation.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a recap of the Foundation's accomplishments and an update on our future endeavors.

## NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY



On Thursday, September 22, 2022, the Pearls of the Ivy Foundation participated in the Communities Foundation of Texas' NTX Giving Day, a one-day online giving extravaganza for our whole region.

Since its founding in 2009, NTX Giving Day has inspired people to get up and give, resulting in increased donations and services provided in North Texas.

We would like to thank the following 2022 participants who donated to the Pearls of the Ivy Foundation during the North Texas Giving Day. Because of their generosity we were able to raise \$2,180.

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Donna Allen	Angela Coleman	Angela Lewis
Yasmin Barnes Jones	Felicia Davis	Ashla Martin
Rosalind D Black	Angela L Davis Henry	Randy McCarty
Yolanda Bostick	Nneka Egbuniwe	Tracy Perry
Ramonda Busby	Greg Hampton	C'Net Rolan Davis
Dajuana Byse-Forte	Adrienne Jackson	Laquita Thompson-Cooper
Evelyn Canady	Armetrice Johnson	Jonya Watts
Joyce Canady	Sherry Jones	Donna Whitehead
Sarena Chism	Enid Lattier	Shronda Whitfield
Kameisha Choice	LaKara Lewis	

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## ***2022 Pearls of the Ivy Foundation Popcorn Classic***

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From Sunday, October 16 – 20, 2022, the Pearls of the Ivy Foundation participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Double Good Popcorn Classic. Sixty-Nine members of the Foundation Membership created Pop-up Stores and sold popcorn.

### Summary

- Overall total raised = \$32,646
- Pearls of the Ivy Foundation Event Earnings: \$16,323 (50% of overall total raised)
- Total of 824 supporters
- 25 states reached
- 295 bags of popcorn donated to Essential Workers

Thank you to the following General Membership Pop-Up Store Participants:

Donna Allen	Ieshea Jarmon Butcher	Tori DeGraffe	Tammy Johnson	Chauntaye Melton	Tammarin Spearman
Dorace Armstrong	Dajuana Byse Forte	Danielle Diaz Clark	Armetrice Johnson	Vera Moore	Demetria Toney
Denise Austin	Kadisha Cain	Renea Dickson	Miyia Johnson	Stephanie O'Hara	Tiffany Waters
Yasmin Barnes Jones	Evelyn Canady	Mary Diggs	Gina Johnson	Chara Pace	Jonya Watts
Ruby Batiste	Shay Cathey	Melissa Gholston	Sherry Jones	Ayanna & Imani Parker	Lisa Welch
Barbara Bell Davis	Mia Coleman	Katrina Gibson	Aundria Levine	Dorothy Pierce	Tracy Wesley Perry
Yolanda Bostick	Angela Coleman	Elma Goodwin	Angela & LaKara Lewis	Angela Pitcher	Joyce Whitaker
Tasha Brown	Tameka Currie	Natoyia Harris	Cynthia Lewis	Michelle Pope	Donna Whitehead
Tiffany Brown	Felicia Davis	Tanyai Holloway	Henriette Mathis	Meshundria Roland	Shronda Whitfield
Octavia Brown	Leonardine Davis	Sheritta Horne	Jenine McClaney	Kawana Smith	Veronica Williams
Chastity Buckley	Angela Davis Henry	Angela Jacobs-Butler	Latrice McNeal	Alice Sneed	Tammy Williams
Ramonda Busby					Umeka Wright

**A special thanks to the following General Membership Top Sellers:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Angela & LaKara Lewis**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ieshea Jarmon Butcher**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Yasmin Barnes Jones**

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## ***2023 Foundation Committee Members Needed!!***

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### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A FOUNDATION COMMITTEE?**

Bylaws, Community Partnerships, Endowment, Finance, Financial Review, Funding Development  
Property Ownership, Risk Management, Scholarship, Strategic Planning and Technology

**PLEASE USE THE LINK BELOW TO SIGN UP FOR ONE OF THE COMMITTEES LISTED ABOVE.**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC45A5AA2CA6FECE9-pearls>**

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## ***Upcoming Events***

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- Wednesday, December 7, 2022
  - 2023 Fundraising Planning Meeting @ 7:00 pm via Zoom



Topic: Pearls of the Ivy Foundation 2023 Fundraising Planning Meeting

Time: Dec 7, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom

Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85395319909?pwd=YWZDMFNEUDDdnK3ErbFRkaWJjUWZZQT09>

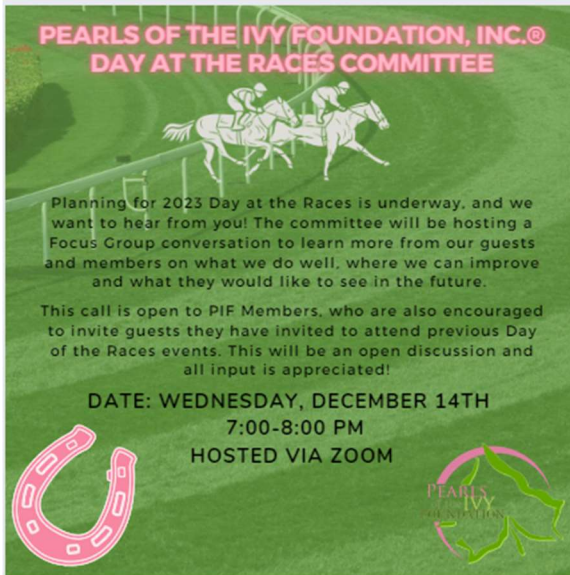
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- Wednesday, December 14, 2022
  - Day at the Races Focus Group Discussion



Topic: Pearls of the Ivy Foundation 2023 Day at the Races Committee & Focus Group Meeting

Time: Dec 14, 2022, 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom

Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81230869310?pwd=NjYwMDBlSTFLQkhQZ2poV1BlQS9mdz09>

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- Saturday, February 18, 2023
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Pearls of the Ivy Foundation General Membership Meeting