



PEARLS OF THE IVY FOUNDATION, INC.®

Quarterly Newsletter

December 2024



Executive Director
Cynthia Lewis

“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.” – **Andrew Carnegie**

The Pearls of the Ivy Foundation, Inc., in conjunction with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Upsilon Lambda Omega Chapter, recognized local organizations during the December Upsilon Lambda Omega Chapter Meeting. In addition to receiving the 2024 Community Leadership Service Award, they received a monetary donation of \$250.00 from the Pearls of the Ivy Foundation, Incorporated®, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Upsilon Lambda Omega Chapter.

The Kenny Beavers Foundation, which continues to carry the torch of the late Mr. Kendrick L. Beavers, focus on the education on health and cancer prevention, along with an emphasis on youth development and youth education. To learn more visit their website at <https://kennybeaversfoundation.org/>



Mona's Heart Outreach, Inc., provides assistance, food, resources, & referrals to youth/adults experiencing hardships in DFW. To learn more visit their website monasheartoutreach.org

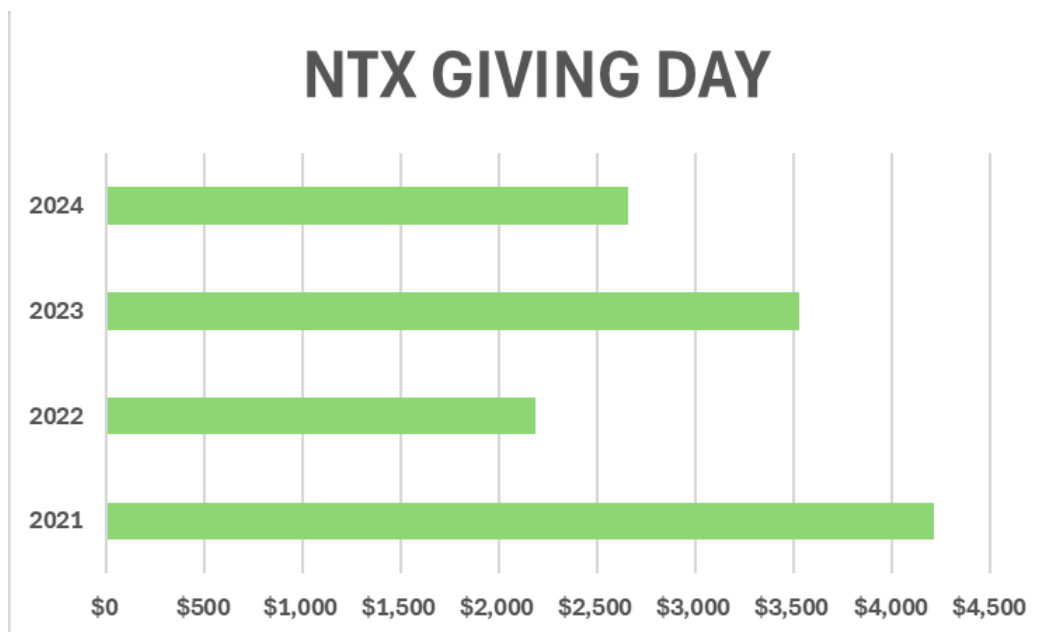
The DeSoto ISD of PTAs works and efforts as a dedicated leader in the community continues to exemplifies their passion for helping others. Their commitment to the community is truly making a difference is evident through their active involvement in several charitable foundations. To learn more visit their website at <https://www.desotoisd.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=165774&pageId=304799>



Thank you to the members of Upsilon Lambda Omega Chapter and the Pearls of the Ivy Foundation for implement the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® 2022-2026 International Program: Soaring to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood (SM). Under this international program, working together we are empowering families by providing food and mental health resources, providing education and resources to help individuals build their economic wealth, enhancing our environment, advocating for social justice, and uplifting our local communities.

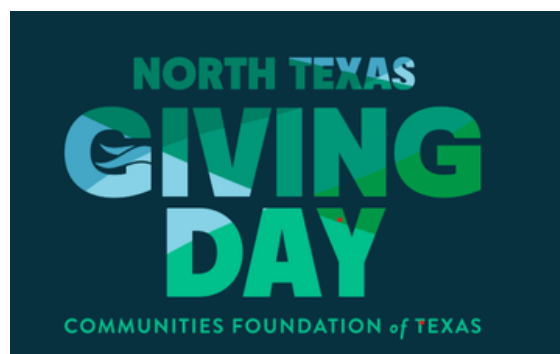


On Thursday, September 19, 2024, the Pearls of the Ivy Foundation participated in the Communities Foundation of Texas' **North Texas (NTX) Giving Day**, a one-day online giving extravaganza. The goal is to raise money to provide scholarships and assist in program activities. The Pearls of the Ivy Foundation raised \$2,657.



DONATION\$

2021	\$4,211
2022	\$2,180
2023	\$3,528
2024	\$2,657



Thanks,

Cynthia Lewis
Executive Director
Pearls of the Ivy Foundation



The Pearls of the Ivy Foundation held its annual “Bags for Grads Fundraising Event” on Sunday, October 13, 2024, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Unique Vision Event Center in Desoto, TX. The highlights of the Bags for Grads fundraiser included snack and dessert bar, fresh fruit mimosa bar, mystery gift box draw, door prizes, purse models, a DJ, bingo for 10 designer bags valued at over \$4,400 and drawings for two high-end designer purses a DESERI Pink Rosa handbag valued at \$750 and a Louis Vuitton Monogram MM valued at \$2100.

A grand total of 144 guests and vendors attended this year’s fundraising event, and the profit was \$11,846.



Thanks,

Michelle Carter-Pope, Chairman
Penny Levy King, Co-Chairman
Jocelyn Jones, Co-Chairman





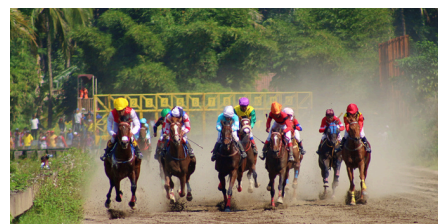
The **2025 Day At The Races** Committee are in the initial planning stages. If you are interested in being a committee lead or committee member for Day At The Races please reach out to the Chairman LaAndra Peterson. The team is looking forward to having their first committee planning meeting in January. Sponsorship packages will be available if you are interested. More information coming soon!

"are you ready"



Thanks,

LaAndra Peterson, Chairman
Tiffany Waters, Co-Chairman
Carma Morgan, Co-Chairman



The **Scholarship Committee** will have it's next meeting on **Thursday, January 9, 2025** via Zoom and they are requesting all current and future donors to join the call for important updates. Scholarship applications will go live mid-January.

Pearls of the Ivy Foundation AKA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Scholarship Committee

Time: Jan 9, 2025 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8467422145?pwd=Pix2mEllcR7gPIGHmRNlqIrt2XdnD.1&omn=81049023318>

Meeting ID: 846 742 2145

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"our future leaders"



Thanks,

Afi George, Chairman



The **Technology "Tech" Team** is looking for a few adventurous individuals to join their team. If you interested in learning something new, work in the background, and something a little stress free, please reach out to Technology Chair La'Tavia Pearl. The **2025 PIF BOD Meetings and General Membership Meetings** will be held via Zoom unless otherwise stated in advance and will allow the team flexibility.

"leap of faith"

Thanks,

La'Tavia Pearl, Chairman

