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The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946 with an emphasis on friendship and service. The membership consists of nearly 14,000 professional women of color in 282 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and London, England. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

The members of The Links, Incorporated are influential decision makers and opinion leaders. The organization has attracted many distinguished women who are individual achievers and have made a difference in their communities and the world. They are business and civic leaders, role models, mentors, activists and volunteers who work towards a common vision by engaging like-minded organizations and individuals for partnership. Links members contribute more than 500,000 documented hours of community service annually – strengthening their communities and enhancing the nation. The organization is the recipient of awards from the UN Association of New York and the Leon H. Sullivan Foundation for its

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*Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service  
Magnolia (GA) Chapter*



# OUR HISTORY

The history of the Magnolia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated emerged as a metamorphosis of the Magnolia Club, organized September 1986, by a group of women committed to improving the quality of services extended to black youth and their families. The organizer of this community service organization was Willie M. Allen. The Magnolia Club's first comprehensive community service project, inspired by club member the late Judge Romae Powell, was presented at the Fulton County Juvenile Court.

During the next several years, the Club continued and expanded its community service outreach to include services to several schools in the Atlanta system as well as give volunteer and financial support to the National Black Arts Festival, the Hammonds House, the High Museum of Art, the NAACP and the United Negro College Fund. As a result, the Magnolia Club received positive local and national recognition, including the National Links, Inc. conferring official status on the Club as an Interest Group, effective November 1989. Since its inception, the Magnolia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has been led by dynamic women, each one raising the awareness and impact of The Magnolia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated within the community and the National Links, Inc., with their very own distinct and effective style.



For the past 25 years, the Magnolia (GA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has enjoyed a strong tradition of friendship and a rich history of service to the Greater Atlanta community. Consistent with the National thrust, the Magnolia Chapter focuses its efforts on five facets which include Services to Youth, The Arts, National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services, and Health and Human Services. Through our National

Trends Facet, we are focused on the problem of human trafficking and its impact on our young women. On an international level, we support the Schools in Jamaica program. Among our premier programs is the Magnolia Stars, a mentoring and enrichment program for young ladies attending the Coretta Scott King Women's Leadership Academy.



Greetings from The Magnolia (GA) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated!

Through Friendship and Service, The Links, Incorporated is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organization, comprised of professional women committed to enriching, sustaining, and improving the lives of others. We, the Magnolia Links have been serving and strengthening communities in the greater Atlanta area for more than 28 years.

The Magnolia (GA) Chapter focuses its efforts on five facets, which include: Services to Youth, National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services, The Arts and Health and Human Services.

With sincere appreciation, the Magnolia Chapter of Links, Inc. would like to acknowledge and thank you for your support in our endeavors as we vigorously seek to cultivate and advance the lives of others. We encourage you to become one of our partners in service.

Yours in Friendship and Service,  
Dr. D'Ann Griffin

President



Most recently, at the 45th Southern Area of the Links, Incorporated Conference, the Magnolia (GA) chapter won the One Mission, One Love Award for our International Trends and Services Program Wo Ye Bra which not only provides hand made, reusable feminine hygiene products to women in Africa, but also provides the training and tools for them to produce the items themselves.





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# OUR PROGRAMS

The Links, Incorporated is an organization of accomplished, dedicated women who are active in your community. The Links members are newsmakers, role models, mentors, activists and volunteers who work toward the realization of making the name "Links" not only a chain of friendship, but also a chain of purposeful service.

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**For a full list of our community activities contact us at**

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Magnolia Scholars is a merit-based scholarship program where the Magnolia (GA) Links contribute 20,000\$ to 30,000\$ annually to support students attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). Morehouse, Spelman, Howard, Albany State, and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) are a few of the colleges and universities with recipients earning this scholarship.

The Chapter has provided more than 100,000\$ in scholarships for books, luggage, and other items for students and graduates known as "The Magnolia Stars" at the Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy (CSKYWLA). It is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Program in the Atlanta Public School System. The Magnolia Stars Program has been recognized throughout our organization as a "Best Practices" model.

Through the CSKYWLA, the Chapter has mentored twenty girls from their 9th grade to 12th grade years, sponsored targeted programs and curated experiences, assisted students in acquiring school uniforms, offered tutoring services, and seminars for the girls. One hundred percent of the girls graduated high school and seventy percent enrolled in college.

Creation and presentation of the Magnolia Blossom Awards to community leaders helped support organizations such as the Center for Black Women's Wellness, Hammonds House Museum and Resource Center, Carrie Steele Pitts Home, and Fulton County Juvenile Court.

The Chapter has provided transitional clothing and financial support for clients of the Cascade House, a shelter for homeless women and children as well as conducted seminars there.



## CRIME PREVENTION

The Magnolia Chapter has helped organize and educate over 2,000 students through the initiative, "Know Your Rights." This is a focused anti-gun-violence program, which enables students to benefit from activities with law enforcement officers, attorneys and others in legal fields, as well as from formerly incarcerated individuals.



## HEALTH CARE

The Magnolia Chapter has partnered with Grady Health System to provide free transportation to women to receive free mammograms. Chapter members have also volunteered and actively supported the community work of Morehouse School of Medicine.



## OTHER PROJECTS



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Chapter has provided more than 60,000\$ to assist in the eradication of human trafficking in Georgia by partnering with other community organizations to provide survivors with shelter, counseling, and other resources. The signature program, "Hidden in Plain Sight", has been met with critical success.



## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Its "Books for Africa" program has resulted in the donation, packing, and shipping of over 22,000 books to provide educational resources for underprivileged children in Africa. Support for the Helene Mills Multi-Purpose Center in Haiti has underwritten the making of dresses for girls. "Education Across the Miles" in Soweto, South Africa facilitated programs there.

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Through our National Trends and Services, we continue to focus on the impact of human trafficking and support agencies in the changing of laws and the move to eradicate ALL human trafficking.

Through our International Trends and Services facet, we support schools in both Jamaica and Africa to improve learning and sanitary conditions, which earned recognition and a monetary grant at the Southern Area conference.

Through The Arts and Health And Human Services, we expand educational opportunities and experiences for both the community and the chapter. The impact of our programmatic



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# Other Programs

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## THE ARTS

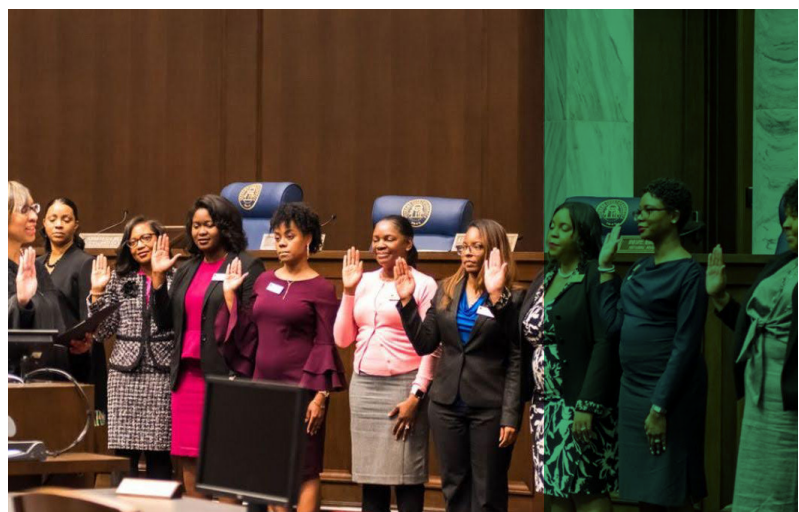
The Links, Incorporated has a strong and rich record of support for the performing and visual arts, especially where it focused on the presentation of artists of color.



# .03

## NATIONAL TRENDS AND SERVICES

The Links, Incorporated focuses on eliminating disparities to reduce barriers to services through leadership, education, and service. The mission of this facet is to empower the membership to effectively empower the various communities served.





# .04

## INTERNATIONAL TRENDS AND SERVICES

The Links, Incorporated has a mission through its Global Trilogy of International Trends and Services, Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), and the Signature Program, "Education Across the Miles" to expand the global platform for programs designed and developed to service the educational, health and cultural needs of people of African descent throughout the world.



# .05

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Links, Incorporated established the Health and Human Services facet in response to the chronic health disparities that persist in our communities and result in the decreased life expectancy of African-Americans. This new facet brings greater focus, resources, and coordination to The Links, Incorporated's health initiatives already in existence.



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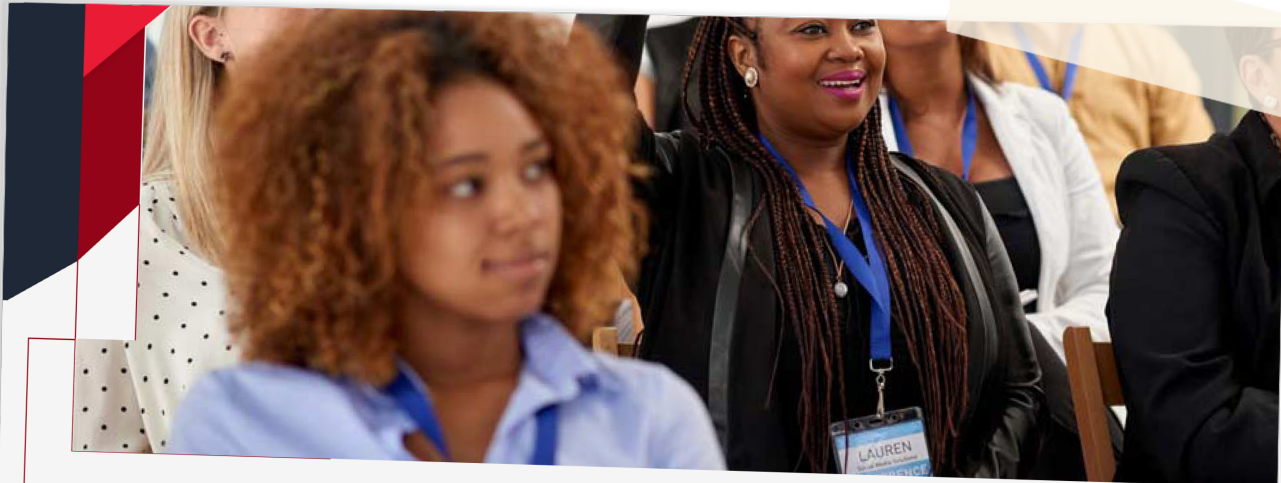
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Michael L. Thurmond

April 12, 2023

To: The Magnolia (GA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

Greetings President D'Ann Griffin and the Magnolia (GA) Links:

As CEO of DeKalb County, it is indeed my pleasure to welcome and congratulate the Magnolia (GA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated as you celebrate the "White Rose and Boutonniere" Benefit Concert.

Since chartering in March 1991, the Magnolia (GA) Chapter has enjoyed a strong tradition of friendship and a rich history of service to the Greater Atlanta community. Consistent with the national thrust, the Magnolia Chapter focuses its efforts on five facets which include services to youth, the arts, national trends and services, international trends and services, and health and human services. Through your National Trends Facet, your members have focused on the problem of human trafficking and its impact on our young women. On an international level, you extend support to the schools in Jamaica; and, in Ghana, to the improvement of sanitary conditions and entrepreneurial opportunities for women.

As a new DeKalb County partner, I look forward to your exemplary programs expanding to the students and residents of DeKalb. Your premier program, the Magnolia Stars, is recognized nationally for providing mentoring and enrichment programming for young ladies attending the Coretta Scott King Women's Leadership Academy. Further, I commend you on the development of the Magnolia Scholars, which provides scholarship awards for students matriculating to an historically Black college or university.

On behalf of the citizens of DeKalb, I salute your stellar community efforts and endeavors to mold and support future generations of female leaders.

It is my honor to extend best wishes for a memorable and remarkable "White Rose and Boutonniere" Benefit Concert.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer  
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