

Chairman's Message



The Foundation: Our Story

Our Mission:

“To cultivate young leaders in the Jacksonville community to achieve their hopes and dreams in Every Field of Human Endeavor.”

The development of the Dr. C.B. McIntosh Community Achievement Center, which will be located at 3717 Moncrief Road, is a collaborative initiative between the Kappa Alpha Psi® Jacksonville Foundation and Wolfson Children’s Hospital of Jacksonville. The vision for this 17,000 sq. ft. Center is to provide a state-of-the-art facility for the Foundation to continue its work in Northwest Jacksonville, which includes training and mentorship. Wolfson will relocate its patient and family-centered care from Jean Ribault High School to an approximately 4,500 sq. ft. space within the Foundation’s new facility. The Center is being named after Dr. Charles B. McIntosh, one of the first African-American pediatricians in Jacksonville and a pioneer in Sickle Cell research. He is also a 77-year member of Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity, Inc.

Our Vision:

“To connect and inspire youth with the greatest opportunities and the most amazing life experiences imaginable.”

The Foundation serves as the philanthropic arm of the Jacksonville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. The Chapter was established on February 27, 1925 and holds the distinction of being the first Greek-lettered organization to be chartered in the state of Florida. The Chapter incorporated the Foundation on December 29, 1997.

The Foundation intends to continue and expand its training and mentorship services in its new Community Achievement Center. Programming will focus on five key Program Components: financial literacy, health education, information technology, leadership, and life skills for youth. The international organization; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; has been mentoring and providing guidance to youth since the early 1920s. In 1922, the fraternity formalized its services to youth under the name Guide Right, which is now the organization’s national service program. The centerpiece of the Guide Right program is mentoring young men through the Kappa Leadership Development League, which was established in 1970.

Our Purpose:

“Building a Foundation, Leaving an Indelible Impact.”

The Kappa Alpha Psi Jacksonville Foundation has also awarded, through its Guide Right program, \$480,000 in scholarships to Jacksonville’s youth. In recent years, the Foundation has provided \$2,000 each to a group of 10 students annually to support them in their pursuit of a college degree. This is done largely through the work of more than 100 members of the Chapter who support the Foundation through an annual scholarship golf tournament and 5K race. The Chapter has provided more than \$415,000 to fund various educational and leadership programming for the local Kappa League program which has positively impacted more than 500 young men. Ninety-three percent of those young men graduated from Duval County Public Schools! We have seen a 98% graduation rate from college! Many of our mentees who graduated from college later joined our ranks and became members of our grand Fraternity, two of them now sit in leadership positions in our local chapter and within their respective careers. We have produced three Gates Millennium scholars, a firefighter, a police officer, a bank executive, an entertainer, and many other successful professionals. We have a lot to be proud of with the work that we have collectively done to provide opportunities for the youth within our city to grow and develop their leadership potential. I look forward to us furthering that work through the development of the Dr. C.B. McIntosh Community Achievement Center.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Gamble". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Dennis Gamble, Chairman
Kappa Alpha Psi Jacksonville Foundation, Inc.