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**22,500+ ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA MEMBERS TO
PARTICIPATE IN 23 MOMENTS OF SERVICE**
Moments in Honor of Late Dr. Mary Shy Scott to Address
Challenges of Youth and Families



Chicago, Illinois (June 20, 2016) –As part of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (AKA) international program theme, *Launching New Dimensions of Service*SM, the sorority will host “23 Moments of Service” during their 67th Boule in Atlanta July 9–16 in honor of the late Dr. Mary Shy Scott, a prominent educator and motivational speaker who served as the Sorority’s 23rd International President. Led by International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, L.H.D., attendees will join hands and hearts in their unique service mission to uplift society’s more vulnerable citizens.

Dressed in their signature pink and green, members will package 100,000 meals in collaboration with Stop Hunger Now, participate in five playground restoration projects at local parks and schools, hold a school supply and backpack donation drive and receive hands-on CPR training, among other service activities.

In capturing what is known to those who serve Alpha Kappa Alpha as the “sweet, sweet spirit” of the late Dr. Scott with regards to the service activities planned, President Buckhanan Wilson declared, “For more than 108 years, service has been at the forefront of Alpha Kappa Alpha’s mission. During Dr. Scott’s administration, she identified creative strategies to address the local and global challenges faced by those most in need. Dr. Scott embodied this mission of service and in her memory we are putting some of her same strategies to work in Atlanta.”

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will also be joined by “Launching New Dimensions of ServiceSM” program partners American Heart Association, Alzheimer’s Association, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA), Africare, and KaBoom! Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority along with its partners and Atlanta area community members will perform an unprecedented number of service hours throughout biennial conference.

The conference will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center, as well as several hotels. Members from as far away as Germany, Japan, South Korea, Liberia, South Africa and Dubai are expected to attend.

Atlanta was selected as the host site for the conference based on its deep civil rights roots and historical significance to the Sorority. The city has served as home to icons such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Alpha Kappa Alpha founder Marie Woolfolk Taylor, who is buried there; and the late Dr. Scott. Over 22,500 members of the organization will be in attendance.

A key player in the global landscape of rendering service to others, members are particularly

proud of the “Little Dresses for Africa” Moment of Service planned. In fact, members –from all around the world- are creating 29,000 pillowcase dresses for girls in Africa and bringing them to the biennial conference. The dresses will be sent to villages in Tanzania, South Africa, and Liberia.

The 23 Moments of Service projects are aligned to Alpha Kappa Alpha 2014-2018 International Program, *Launching New Dimensions of Service*SM. Members and chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, are addressing community needs with programs in five target areas including 1. Educational Enrichment, 2. Health Promotion, 3. Family Strengthening, 4. Environmental Ownership and 5. Global Impact.

Atlanta area community members and organizations are welcome to participate in the various service programs.

Click [HERE](#) for detailed list of 23 Moment of Service projects and other 67th Boule public events.

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About Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. It is the oldest Greek letter organization established by African-American college-educated women. Alpha Kappa Alpha is comprised of more than 283,000 members in 993 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States, Liberia, the Bahamas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Germany, South Korea, Bermuda, Japan, Canada, South Africa and in the Middle East. Led by International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, L.H.D., Alpha Kappa Alpha is often hailed as “America’s premier Greek-letter organization for African-American women.” For more information on Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and its programs, visit AKA1908.com.