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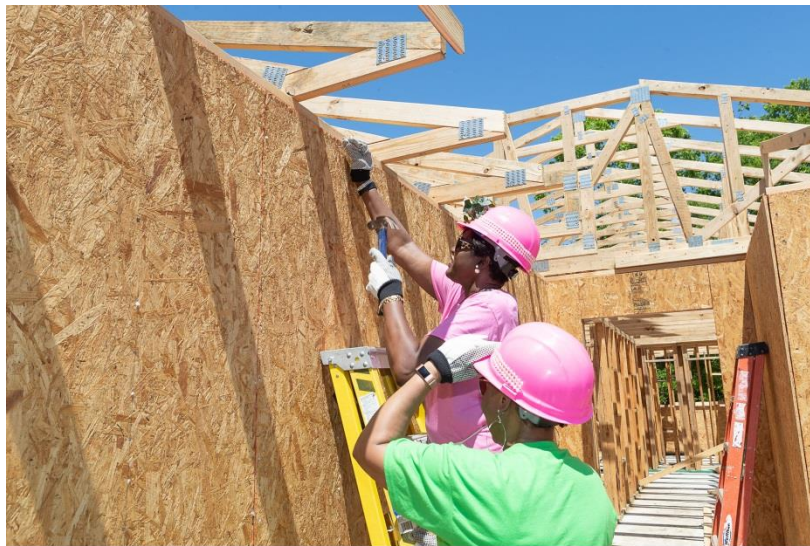
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### ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY PARTNERS WITH HOUSTON HABITAT IN A 2-HOUSE BUILD PROJECT AT THEIR BIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON, JULY 6 - 12, 2018

Houston, Texas – July 2, 2018 – As part of the international program theme, “Launching New Dimensions of Service,” Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated sponsored “29 Moments of Service” worldwide, ahead of its biennial conference in Houston where more than 20,000 members are expected to convene July 6 – July 12.

“Since its founding in 1908 at Howard University, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has been committed to providing community service and making a difference,” said International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson. “We intend to make an impact in Houston and communities around the world and globe.”

Led by six undergraduate and 15 graduate host chapters in Houston metro, the Sorority kicked-off the 29 service projects during the Sorority’s recent Founders’ Day in Washington, DC. The Sorority selected Houston Habitat for Humanity as one of their service projects in Houston. They sponsored the build of 2 homes in the historic Settegast neighborhood. Future homeowners will enjoy a well-appointed 3-bedroom, 2-bath home with a backyard pergola and a signature bench from the Sorority.



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“Everyone deserves to have a decent place to live,” said Allison Hay, Executive Director for Houston Habitat. “Partnering with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority only makes the experience richer because of their own commitment to the community.”

Houston was selected as the host site for the conference because of its historical significance to



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the Sorority. The city is home to two former International Presidents, Dr. Mattelia B. Grays and Ms. Faye B. Bryant, two prominent Houstonians and retired educators. Grays, the Sorority's 18th president, served from 1970-1974 and was the youngest person ever elected National President. She retired as District Superintendent of the Houston Independent School District (HISD). Bryant, the sorority's 21st president, served from 1982 to 1986. In 1998, Bryant became the first African American to serve as Deputy Superintendent for School Administration in the HISD. She retired from HISD as Executive Deputy Superintendent after 42 years of service.

The 2-home dedication is one of the special events taking place during the convention.

Who: Houston Habitat for Humanity and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
What: Home Dedication  
When: Friday, July 6 at 12:00 p.m.  
Where: 7965/7969 Hanna St., Houston, TX 77028 (\*for media purposes only, not for public)

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### **About Houston Habitat for Humanity**

Since 1987, individuals, businesses and groups in our community have joined Houston Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place people call home. Through shelter, we empower people to build a better future for themselves and their families by completing financial and home maintenance training, building homes alongside volunteers, and by purchasing an affordable mortgage. With this hand up, they achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better futures. To learn more about Houston Habitat for Humanity and the Houston Habitat ReStore – a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center open to the public – go to [www.houstonhabitat.org](http://www.houstonhabitat.org), or call 713-671-9993. Houston Habitat for Humanity is a tax-exempt 501(C) (3) nonprofit organization. Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

### **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 nearly 300,000 members in 1,012 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 the Middle East. For more information on Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and its programs, visit [AKA1908.com](http://AKA1908.com).

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