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**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY RESPONDS TO THE
EBOLA OUTBREAK IN WEST AFRICA**



Chicago, Illinois – August 27, 2014 - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., (AKA) offers prayers and encouragement for those affected by the historic Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

Speaking on behalf of the Sorority's 265,000 members worldwide, International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson calls for worldwide support for the individuals who are working to provide aid to those in need during this humanitarian crisis.

“The outbreak is largely confined to Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone; however, it requires a global response” Buckhanan Wilson said. “In addition to humanitarian support, global health agencies must help to educate the people in the region about the Ebola virus and how to prevent its spread.”

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has a strong connection to West Africa, as its first chapter outside of the United States, Eta Beta Omega, was established in 1957 in Monrovia, Liberia. Buckhanan Wilson and International Regional Director, Attorney Gizette L. Thomas, are in consistent contact with members in Liberia. “This disease is affecting every aspect of their lives. Schools and non-essential offices have been closed in and around the capital city as citizens struggle to deal with this overwhelming situation.” Members of the Sorority are working on the front lines to provide medical supplies and education.

Buckhanan Wilson said Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, with a massive network of members in 986 local chapters worldwide, is collecting financial contributions to support the humanitarian efforts in West Africa. Contributions are to assist Eta Beta Omega members and other global health agencies, as they continue to provide medical supplies and education resources to West Africans. As it has for the past 106 years, the organization works to be of service to all mankind.

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