The NAJA Foundation was created in 2002 to receive donations and gifts in order to utilize those contributions to enhance the service of NAJA and its Chapters. Each year, the Foundation contributes thousands of dollars to Chapters who are eager to lead with clear vision of giving towards our goal of Service and love to others through their many Service projects.

The NAJA Foundation’s National Service Project Grant is for Chapters undergoing difficulties funding their National Service Project. Each Chapter is required to have at least one National Service Project (Child Welfare) for which it has full administrative responsibility. The objective of this project is to break the cycle of dependency, whether it be physical or emotional. The project must provide one or more of the basic necessities of life: food, clothing, shelter and/or emotional support and an ongoing relationship and commitment must be established between the Chapter member or members and the recipient.

The NAJA Foundation’s National Focus Project Grant is for Chapters undergoing difficulties funding their National Focus Project. The current National Focus is, “Don’t Stand By; Stand Up, Stand Strong, Stand Together.” Projects address antibullying and societal trends that affect the welfare of children and families.

If your Chapter is experiencing financial difficulties executing these important projects, please apply for the National Service Project and National Focus Project Grants. Chapters can apply at any time. There is no deadline for these grants. Grants can also be used for a Provisional class project. Applications may be found at http://www.najanet.org/grants/.

Your NAJA Foundation is here to provide resources and financial support to help your chapter lead with clear vision and provide passionate Service and love to the children in all of our communities!

―Debbie Bailey
NAJA Foundation Trustee

Spotlight on Recipient

Begun in 1962, the NAJA Graduate Scholarship Program has awarded 560 grants totaling almost $1,349,504. Awards are given to persons pursuing graduate level studies in fields which address the special needs of children and youth. Award recipients may attend the U.S. college or university of their choice. Applicants must be a permanent U.S. citizen and a permanent resident of states with nonprofit Junior Auxiliary Chapters. Those states are Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Florida, Tennessee, and Missouri.

The primary purpose of the NAJA Scholarship Program is to present a gift to the children who ultimately benefit from the advance schooling of the NAJA Scholarship recipient. It is supported by contributions from Chapters, the National Association, and memorials and honorary gifts from individuals and groups. Information about the scholarships is available only from the NAJA website at http://www.najanet.org/naja-scholarship/ from September 1 to February 1.

―Cindy Galey
NAJA Scholarship Chairman

Stand Up. Stand Strong. Stand Together.

Now is the time to plan for National Bullying Prevention Month in October!

Here are some ideas to help your Chapter get started:

- **October 7 – World Day of Bullying Prevention**
  Wear your NAJA blue and post on social media with hashtags #NAJAstandsup and #BlueUp

- **October 14 – Stand Up for Others Week**
  Ideas for this week can include putting post-it notes on lockers at school with encouraging messages, creating a Saturday full of fun and anti-bullying messages for a group of kids, or painting messages of encouragement on school walls.

- **October 21 – Week of Inclusion**
  Your Chapter could volunteer at school cafeterias to make sure no one eats alone, or set up a Buddy Bench at playgrounds or parks.

- **October 27-November 2—National Stand Beside Her Week**
  NAJA has partnered with Girl Scouts Heart of the South to promote positive messaging for girls everywhere. Your Chapter can set up a workshop with a local Girl Scouts chapter to help girls earn a badge!

- **October 28 – Change the Culture**
  There are so many forms of bullying – Hazing in Clubs and Sports, Cyberbullying, Sexting & Teen Dating Violence, LGBTQ bullying – your Chapter could pick one of these to focus upon to bring awareness and change. For more info, check out www.stompoutbullying.org.

Don’t forget to showcase your new project with a press release! The National Focus press release is available for you on our website at http://www.najanet.org/publications-events-news/. Is a new project not in your Chapter’s budget? Remember, NAJA Foundation is accepting applications for National Service Project Grants!

―Audra Gaines
NAJA Marketing Vice-President
Mil. & Tech. Committee Chairman

The 2019 Area Meetings have come and gone and we hope that you all learned valuable information to take back home to your Chapter! Thanks to all of those who came to be educated, encouraged and inspired. You do make a difference!

The National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc. has selected Kayla Bree Hodge of Greenville and Southaven, MS as a recipient of a graduate scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year. Ms. Hodge will attend University of TN Health and Sciences Center where she will continue work on a Doctorate as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

“Receiving the NAJA Graduate Scholarship for the second time has helped me attain the necessary education that has allowed me to pass the checkoff for Advanced Health Assessment. I just completed my Summer Advanced Pharmacology course and I’m very much looking forward to the fall where I will have much more clinical coursework than I did in my introductory year.”

―Debbie Bailey
NAJA Foundation Trustee

—Audra Gaines
NAJA Marketing Vice-President
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