MAG AWARD
2016-2017

CHAPTER NAME ___________Clarksdale, MS__________________ POSTMARK ON OR BEFORE:
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POPULATION CATEGORY _15,000-29,000___

In narrative form describe the composition of your Provisional Class, (age, work status, other) and give an overview of the Provisional Class Project. Guidelines for narrative (750 words or less, DOUBLE SPACED: WRITTEN IN THE SEQUENCE AS LISTED BELOW):
Send one digital photo per entry either email or on disc.

1. Name of Project
2. Provisional Training
   - Number of Provisionals in class
   - Date(s) of provisional membership
   - Length of provisional training (timeframe from beginning to end including how often met as well as the time spent for each training session)
3. Was the project developed and implemented by Provisionals? (idea new to Chapter?)
4. How did the Provisional Class determine the need for the project?
5. What was the length of time involved to complete?
6. How was the project funded?
7. Did the entire Provisional Class participate? Any Active Members?
8. Number of hours spent on project
9. Number of people served
10. What impact did this project have on the Provisional Class?
11. Does the Chapter plan to adopt this project?

The title of the Clarksdale, MS Provisional Project is "Get Back in Bed". Our provisionals joined the Chapter in October 2016. We have 11 ladies in our provisional class. The
Provisional Class meets once a month for approximately 1-2 hours with board members to learn about Junior Auxiliary and plan their yearly project. Additionally they meet with actives for regular chapter meetings. Our provisionals are in training for active status and working on their project from October until April. The “Get Back in Bed” project was first established for our provisionals in 2015-2016 after the provisionals read an article about how many children do not have a bed to sleep in at night. With the help of the Department of Human Services we are able to assist a family that is unable to provide beds for their children. The provisional project is allotted money in the budget yearly. However given the size and need for the families the amount has been increased. Additionally multiple people in the community donate items to the chapter to assist in providing for the family. The entire provisional class participated in the project by participating in a donation drive for money, furniture, and other items from community members and businesses. Actives and provisionals participate the day of the furniture move in with the family or families. This year our Child Welfare Child, 4 actives, 1 life member, and 7 provisionals attended the move in. Between the planning, shopping, collecting of items, delivery and set up there is approximately 98 hours collectively turned in for service hours. This year the family served is a young woman with her three children, ages 1, 5, 13. She became homeless and lost her children to the state. When we went to meet her she was getting her children back the next week. She had located a government funded apartment and a job. Unfortunately she did not have any furniture other than 1 twin mattress and a baby mattress. The mother herself only owned two pairs of underwear and 1 pair of socks. She did not have dishes, silverware, cookware, towels or any toiletries. With the help of the community we were able to provide beds, dressers, school uniforms, kitchen table and chairs, microwave, kitchen wares and some toys to the children. We were also able to provide some basic clothing for the mother. The first project is so important for the provisionals. This project helped them to see the true gravity of need in our community. There are tears of joy and sadness shed during our provisional project. No one walks away without being truly grateful that more children have a
bed and pillow to lay their head on at night. The Chapter has therefore decided to keep this as our provisional project.

May submit updates (final data) by April 10

IT IS UNNECESSARY TO SUBMIT ANY SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL. THE AWARD WILL BE JUDGED ON THE NARRATIVE ONLY.