Help the NAJA Foundation “Pay it Forward”

Have you paid it forward in 2017? The NAJA Foundation is happy to provide you with an outlet to do so! By contributing to our Annual Fund, you help us raise money to assist with the educational, charitable, and service activities of the volunteer members of NAJA.

How does your contribution help? The NAJA Foundation offers grants to assist Chapters who need our support with their National Service and National Focus Projects. Our Annual Education Conference (AEC) grant provides registration costs for up to three Chapter members. In fact, the Foundation has provided $15,400 to 154 members from 43 Chapters to attend AEC in the past 13 years. In addition to grants, the NAJA Foundation also underwrites AEC speakers and workshops and also helps to provide other Association-wide Chapter resources, such as the newly launched NAJA website.

With your donation, you ensure that our Chapters have the necessary tools to serve the children in their communities and the resources to support them. Your tax-deductible gift matters, regardless of the amount. If you are considering making an end-of-year donation, we hope you will keep the NAJA Foundation in mind. Contributions can be mailed using the Foundation Donation Form to:

NAJA Foundation; PO Box 1873; Greenville, MS 38702-1873.

You can also donate online using Paypal.

We thank you for continuing to make a difference in the lives of the children whom we serve! We hope you’ll consider paying it forward today.

Marian Chancellor, Foundation Trustee

Are You Looking for Ways to engage your Chapter?

If you are finishing up Provisional Training with a class, providing Education hours for your Chapter, or having a Chapter social, Kahoot.com will bring lots of laughter. Kahoot! is a game-based learning platform that brings fun and engagement to training sessions, events, and classrooms. You can create a learning game, e.g., a quiz, on any topic. When you play a Kahoot in a group setting, questions appear on a shared screen and players answer on their own devices. Using Kahoot is a way to engage members to answer questions, take polls, or encourage teamwork. You can create games and share them among members and other Chapters. The game may be played in a large group or you can send it out as a challenge through social media. The best part is that it is absolutely free. Play, learn, have fun and celebrate together.

Heather Crowson, Education Committee Member

AEC Speaker Highlights

As we are actively in the planning stages for AEC Mobile, we wanted to begin sharing information related to our invited speakers. You may have already heard that our Plenary Speaker on Friday is Kim Gravel. We are excited to have her joining us, but we are equally as excited for our three invited speakers on Saturday. We will be spending an hour with Haley Kilpatrick, Founder and Executive Director of Girl Talk, Inc., an international non-profit peer-to-peer mentoring program. We will then have an hour with Jessica Lahey, author of the “Gift of Failure: How to Let Go So Your Children Can Succeed.” We will then end our Saturday of education with a humorous hour led by Jane Jenkins Herlong, author of “Bury Me with My Pearls” and “Rhinestone on My Flip Flops.” These are speakers that we feel ladies in all membership classes of Junior Auxiliary will benefit from hearing.

Plan now to join us in April! We are excited and know you are too!

Emily Johnson, Second VP

Volunteer in the New Year!

Calling all dedicated NAJA volunteers to run for a NAJA office! Applications are due January 30, 2018 to Headquarters in Greenville. Please go to our website to complete the forms. A letter of recommendation is required from your home Chapter, as well. I encourage anyone willing to serve to join the team! It is our volunteers with diverse Chapter experiences that keep our organization strong! Merry Christmas to all, and be a VOLUNTEER for NAJA in the New Year!

Jeanne Hildebrandt, NAJA Ex-Officio

Headquarters will close December 15th at end of day and reopen on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. Staff will check emails periodically, but for immediate attention, you may contact Merrill Greenlee at 662-820-9465. Wishing each of you a safe and Merry Christmas.