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**Kids Matter During Delta Sigma Theta Founders Day Celebration**

***Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter Uses New Founders Day Gala to Celebrate Years of Service***

**MILWAUKEE, WI** — The Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated focuses on helping teens and hosts its first ever Founders Day Gala to celebrate the Sorority’s history. Themed “Reclaiming Our Time: Faith, Family & Community,” this year’s celebration follows the chapter’s second annual Advocacy Training, incorporates assembling care packages for teens, and presents a weekend of activities February 8 – 10 featuring an appearance by Delta’s National First Vice President, and live entertainment by local favorite band *Cigarette Break*.

“This is our way of not only celebrating our Founders, but our faith, family and community through the events and service projects we’ve planned,” says Mary Smith, President of the Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. “Our organization was actually founded on January 13, 1913, so our Advocacy Training kicks things off on January 12 and we culminate our celebration a month later with our new Founders Day Gala.”

Back by popular demand, Advocacy Training 2019 takes place on **Saturday, January 12 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at The New Center, 1234 Main Street in Milwaukee.** Training participants will learn to become more socially active and politically aware so they can promote better outcomes in their communities, effectively participate in discussions with elected officials, and increase their understanding of what advocacy is, and how it works. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter’s new Founders Day Gala replaces its traditional Founders Day Luncheon. It takes place **Saturday, February 9th at the Hilton Milwaukee 1234 99th Avenue in Milwaukee**. The after-five affair begins with a social hour from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., followed by dinner and a program featuring Hickmon, awards presentations, and dancing from 7:00 p.m. – midnight. Tickets, which include all weekend activities, are $85 for general admission. Discounts are available for students and senior Deltas. Purchase tickets by visiting [www.dstchapter.com](http://www.dstchapter.com).

Finally, members will assemble “Fostering Hope” packages for teenagers placed in the foster care system. *Kids Matter, Inc*., whose mission is to help abused and neglected children heal and thrive, will be the beneficiary of the chapter’s service. Chapter members will be attending Holy Cross Church on Sunday, February 10 to wrap up Founders Day weekend.

*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities. Today Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has over 300,000 initiated members and more than 1000 chapters worldwide, including seven in Wisconsin. The Sorority uses its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to create its national and local programs.*

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