

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

LIFE Newsletter

THE CHI STATE LEARNING IS FOR EVERYONE FOUNDATION

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Fund Raising Made Easy

What does The Chi State LIFE Foundation have in common with the ASPCA, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and the World Wildlife Fund? We are all charities receiving funds from GoodSearch. You can help LIFE simply by using GoodSearch as your search engine when looking for something on the internet. It's powered by Yahoo, and there's nothing to register nor is any personal information needed to participate. Just go to GoodSearch.com and list The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation as your charity. Then explore the internet as you would if you were using Yahoo or any other search engine such as Google. The Foundation gets a penny for every search.

Do you shop on-line? Many, many on-line merchants participate in GoodShop, which is accessed on the GoodSearch homepage. When you on-line shop through GoodShop with LIFE as your designated charity, we will get a percentage of the purchase as a donation. And those pennies and percentages add up! The ASPCA has gotten over \$40,000 from GoodSearch. Let's see how much can be raised by Chi State DKG members!

And you never know...you might get to see Marilee Platke, Mary Thomas, or me smiling at you from the GoodSearch page. We've all "liked" GoodSearch on Facebook! Like that old TV ad used to say, "Try it. You'll like it!"

Suzan Reiner, President
The Chi State LIFE Foundation



Diane Postler and several North Broadway Elementary School Broncos say "Thank you, LIFE Foundation!"

In Your Own Words

The LIFE Foundation often is sent "thank you" notes from grant recipients. No one better expresses what kind of impact this financial assistance has than those who have received funds from LIFE, so here are a few excerpts from correspondence that has been mailed to us:

From Rose Morgan, President of Epsilon Beta Chapter, who writes about a successful elementary school speech meet: "The literacy event supported second language learners in their quest for learning English... Your support has made it possible for us to enrich so many students' learning experiences..."

From Dorothy Nishioka of Tau Chapter: "We know that literacy is a major issue throughout our country, state, and especially in our community. Our Books for Babes project is on a listing of literacy programs in San Joaquin County. Thank you again for your LIFE grant to Tau Chapter and for all the Chapters you help and have helped in the area of LITERACY for so many years. What a difference you have made!"

From Nancy Weiss, co-president of Gamma Omega Chapter: "Words cannot begin to show the appreciation of your gift to Gamma Omega for our "Gift of Reading Project" project. Every dollar received helps put a book in the hands of an underprivileged child. As teachers, literacy is the greatest gift that we can offer in a young life."

From Diane Postler, Reading Specialist at North Broadway School, Escondido, commenting on a read-at-home book project: "It was especially encouraging to see these reluctant readers engaged in reading...The students are so excited to have access to wonderful books that are at their individual reading levels."

And now it is our turn to thank all of you, the amazing members of Chi State, who have unstintingly supported The Chi State LIFE Foundation throughout its existence. Without your financial and moral support, we would never have been able to accomplish what we have done so far. Please remember that when you help us, we can help you. These comments from grant recipients prove that point perfectly.

Suzan Reiner, President
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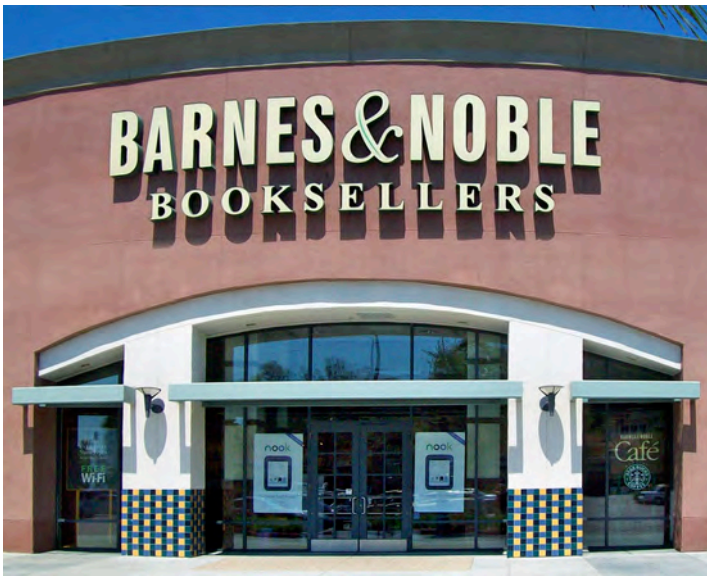
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Read Across Chi State

The Chi State LIFE Foundation challenges every DKG member, chapter and area to participate in a spring reading FUNdraiser supporting LIFE literacy and learning programs in California. The LIFE Foundation will hold a state-wide reading/literacy "book fair" from March 1-March 15 at local Barnes and Noble stores and at barnes&noble.com, a participating GoodShop merchant. A generous percent of any money spent using the "book fair" code number during these dates will be returned by Barnes and Noble to The LIFE Foundation to fund innovative literacy and learning projects in our state. The title of the Read Across Chi State book will be announced as the actual time of March 1-March 15 draws closer, but you can think about events that might tie in with this FUNdraiser. They could include planning Area functions, DKG chapter and multi-chapter meetings held in Barnes and Noble stores from March 1- March 15, 2012; hosting a Dr. Seuss birthday event in the children's reading room of a Barnes and Noble store; and, of course, purchasing the Read Across Chi State book during the "book fair" in March. While the fundraising opportunity ends March 15, this literacy celebration will culminate in Irvine with a Read Across Chi State 2012 book talk discussion. Look for more information, including the title of the Read Across Chi State book title and the FUNdraiser code number, as we get closer to March!

Kathy Ellis

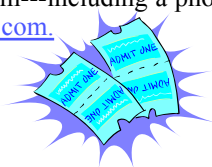
Raffle Review

A great, big "Thank You!" to all who helped support our LIFE raffle at the Chi State Convention in Sacramento. Due to your generosity, this year's raffle brought in more than \$6,000!!! That money, which came from ticket sales and outright donations, will go far in helping us fund even more grants next spring.

Your generosity even extended to bringing items to be raffled. Unfortunately, due to time and space constraints, we were not able to include those items. But, never fear, they will be making an appearance at the 2012 convention in Irvine. If you, or your chapter, want to donate a prize to our raffle, please let us know ahead of time, so I will be sure to make room for it. Please send your name and chapter, along with a description of the item---including a photo would be great---to me at literatemary@yahoo.com.

I look forward to seeing you in Irvine.

Mary Thomas
LIFE Vice President



The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation 2010-2011 Finance Report

The following report reflects the financial operations of The LIFE Foundation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

INCOME	PROPOSED	ACTUAL
Donations	\$10,200.00	\$11,016.00
Fund Raising	\$7,000.00	\$7,152.55
Interest	\$300.00	\$183.37
Miscellaneous	\$575.00	\$450.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$17,875.00	\$18,801.92

EXPENSES

Operating Expenses

Board Meetings		
Hotel	\$3,500.00	\$3,757.53
Travel	\$3,000.00	\$3,104.45
Postage	\$300.00	\$131.78
Printing	\$500.00	\$121.37
Supplies	\$200.00	\$152.35
Audit/Review of Books	\$50.00	\$ 57.56
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$120.26
Total Operating Expenses	\$7,650.00	\$7,445.30

Fund Raising Expenses

State Raffle Fee	\$20.00	\$20.00
Printing	\$150.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$100.00	\$315.40
Other/Prizes	\$350.00	\$61.52
Total Fund Raising Expenses	\$620.00	\$396.92
TOTAL Operating and Fundraising Expenses	\$8,270.00	\$7,842.22

BALANCE \$18,801.92 - \$7,842.22 = \$10,959.70

	PROPOSED	ACTUAL
GRANTS AWARDED	\$10,000.00	\$14,675.14

(Includes Helene Going Green awards)

BALANCE (Income - Grants Awarded) = **(\$3,715.44)** *

*Deficit taken from Reserve Accounts

The LIFE Foundation books were reviewed by an audit committee, composed of Mary Marchi, Dorothy Becker, and Mickey Miyamoto, Delta Lambda Chapter, Area V, in October 2010. Two modifications in accounting were recommended and corrected. Suggestions for maximizing investment income and recordkeeping were made by the audit committee.

The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation

Annual Report

Fiscal year July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011

The mission of The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation is to promote and support special projects related to learning and literacy within the State of California.

FINANCE*

Donations this fiscal year :	\$11,452.00	Donations to date:	\$ 108,208.00
Fundraising this fiscal year:	\$ 7,152.55	Fundraising to date:	\$ 57,663.00
Grants this fiscal year:	\$13,891.00	Grants to date:	\$ 76,416.00
Helene Going Green Award	\$ 784.14	Helene Going Green Awards to date	\$854.14

TAX-EXEMPT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER/ MONETARY GRANTS

Since its inception, The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation has awarded one hundred ninety eight grants, and administered five "Helene Going Green" grants. One hundred three projects have received approval for the use of the 501 (c)(3) Tax-Exempt Identification Number since the Foundation began. The Tax-Exempt ID number, upon approval, may be used to seek funding from additional foundations and corporations.

ACTIVITIES

The Board concentrated its work on the following activities:

Board Visibility and Outreach

- Board Members presented at Area Presidents' Meetings, Area Conferences, state and chapter meetings
- Published electronically and sent LIFE Foundation materials to Chapter Presidents, Area Directors, and other members of the Chi State Leadership Team
- Engaged the help of Chi State Area Directors to disseminate LIFE information
- Participated in the Members' Mall
- Held the Annual Meeting of Members at the 2010 Chi State Convention

LIFE Foundation Mission

- Revised and updated the LIFE Foundation grant application and form
- Provided information to chapters on how to apply for LIFE grants for their projects
- Awarded grants and the use of the Tax Exempt Identification Number

Board Communication

- Solicited recommendations for nominations for the elected positions on the Board
- Provided for the use of the LIFE Foundation CD/DVD
- Revised and updated all LIFE Foundation letters and forms
- Provided a LIFE Foundation donation enclosure card
- Published articles and information in the Chi State News
- Continued publication of *The LIFE Newsletter*, with electronic publication beginning in 2010
- Submitted LIFE web page revisions for Chi State website
- Added a donation form to the Chi State website
- Continued the position of Liaison Coordinator for communication with chapters

Fiscal Responsibility and Long Term Planning

- Researched methods of fundraising to increase The LIFE Foundation's income for grant and operational expenses
- Planned and participated in fundraising activities, including raffles, collections of used inkjet cartridges and cell phones for Life's recycling fundraiser, promoted the use of GoodSearch and GoodShop to raise funds through use of the internet and sale of LIFE pins
- Solicited donations to increase The LIFE Foundation's grant and operational income
- Provided for the 2009-2010 annual financial review of the books
- Continued to develop of a Strategic Plan for the future of The Foundation

Assisted in the process of selecting recipients of The Helene Going Green Award

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Directors recommends

Chapters include a donation to The Chi State LIFE Foundation in their annual budget

Members are urged to make an annual tax-deductible contribution

Members remember The Foundation when honoring or memorializing someone and also include The Foundation in estate planning

Chapters invite Board members to speak about The Foundation at meetings

Area Directors invite Board members to speak at Chapter Presidents' meetings

Members continue to collect used inkjet cartridges and cellphones to donate for extra funds for The Foundation

Members participate in searching through GoodSearch and shopping through GoodShop to raise funds for The Foundation

Members include The LIFE Foundation when planning their wills

Chapters and individuals make requests for financial support for learning and literacy projects by submitting an application to The Foundation Board of Directors

The 2010-2011 activities of The LIFE Foundation were motivated by the purpose of fulfilling our mission, which is to promote and support special projects related to learning and literacy within the State of California. The success of the past two years could not have been achieved without the participation and support of members throughout Chi State. The dedicated educators of Chi State are making a difference through special learning and literacy projects, and The Chi State LIFE Foundation plans to continue to assist these projects financially and through the use of its Tax-Exempt Identification number. The future success of our mission depends on continued involvement with The Foundation's projects and fundraising activities on the part of Delta Kappa Gamma members within Chi State. The Board of Directors invites every Chi State member and chapter to join in the exciting and rewarding experience of taking an active part in the work of The Chi State LIFE Foundation.

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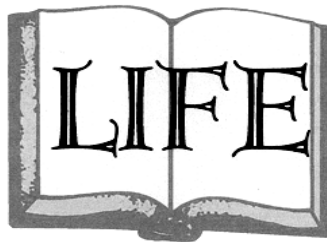
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Carol Rowley, Appointed Assistant Treasurer



The LIFE Foundation is happy to accept nominations for Board of Directors members who will be elected at the Annual Meeting of Members at the Chi State Convention in Irvine next spring. The nomination forms are available on the Chi State website on the LIFE link or you may contact Nominations Chair Ann Lundgren at noel3L@yahoo.com for more information.

Helene Going Green

The "Helene Going Green Award" is administered by The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation. These awards will be made to educators who are members of Delta Kappa Gamma and are willing to use the funds received to instill in our children the awareness and desire to be involved in personal actions that will lead to protecting our planet Earth by reducing, reusing and recycling items that would otherwise end up in our landfills. Application forms are available on the Chi State website. Click on the link for "Forms, Awards, & Deadlines" on the left side of the home page and then look at the month of March, where you will find links to the documents to apply for a grant. If you need any assistance or have questions, please contact Suzan Reiner at suzanreiner@hotmail.com or call 760.815.8206.

Thank You, Liaisons

You are that all-important link between LIFE and your chapter... and we would not be nearly as successful without you! Thank you so much for passing along the information I send to you. Be on the lookout for the next e-mail to be coming before the end of September.

Mary Thomas
LIFE Liaison Coordinator

Thank You LIFE Donors!

You make it possible for us to continue to inspire a lifelong love of learning and literacy in California*

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 Zeta Phi Chapter
 Zeta Psi Chapter
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 Area V Leadership Team
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* **This list reflects donations recorded from June 30, 2010 through June 30, 2011. We have made every effort to compile a complete and accurate list. Please contact The LIFE Foundation to indicate corrections. We will publish corrections in the next publication of a donor list.**