



*2025 Annual Report*

## President's Reflection

As I reflect on this year of service with the Pearl Foundation, I am filled with gratitude, pride, and renewed purpose. Serving as President has been both an honor and a responsibility I hold with deep commitment. This year, our work truly embodied the heart of our mission — uplifting youth, investing in education, and strengthening our community through intentional and transformative service. Together, we honored our legacy while expanding our reach, deepening our impact, and learning strategic lessons that will guide our future growth.

## Our Mission in Action

The Pearl Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to educational advancement, leadership development, and community empowerment. Throughout the year, our initiatives focused on equipping young people with the tools, resources, and confidence to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

## Scholarships & Educational Support

In 2025, we proudly awarded 38 scholarships totaling \$64,500. \$53,500 awarded to high school students. \$11,000 awarded to college students. These scholarships represent investments in potential, perseverance, and promise.



## Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack (CHIPP)

The Pearl Foundation received a \$10,000 WingStop Grant to support our CHIPP Program. Through this funding, we provided weekend meals, holiday food support, and school snack distributions. Over \$8,000 supported breakfast, lunch, and snack item distribution for the 2025 academic year. Over 100 families at SES received meals and gift cards through partnerships with the Black Student Achievement Program and a local Black-owned catering business.



## *YEP! Grant*

The Pearl Foundation was honored to receive a \$25,000 grant to support our Youth Leadership Institute, a comprehensive program centered on social-emotional learning, leadership development, and personal growth.

Through this initiative, students participated in interactive and reflective experiences, including:

- Social awareness discussions
- Goal-setting and entrepreneurial thinking workshops
- Public speaking and communication development

*Experiential opportunities included:*

- A visit to the Maryland State House and a meeting with Delegate Terri Hill
- College campus tours, including labs and dining experiences
- Etiquette training and professional development
- Community service through care kit assembly

The program concluded with a celebratory Pins and Pearls Bowling tournament, fostering connection and friendly competition!



## *11th Annual Youth Leadership Summit*

We welcomed over 25 middle and high school students from Howard County. Focus areas included mental wellness, conflict resolution, life skills, and critical awareness. The return of Project SHUG (Supporting Homeless Underserved Girls and Guys) inspired significant community donations and reinforced empathy and service.



## *20 Pearls in a Glamorous World: Style & Stiletto Showcase*

The Iota Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., in collaboration with The Pearl Foundation, Inc., once again brought unparalleled elegance to the runway with their annual 20 Pearls in a Glamorous World: Style & Stiletto Showcase event. Held at Martin's West, this signature fundraiser successfully blended high fashion with the sorority's commitment to service and education.

The show highlighted a dazzling, curated collection of style and sophistication, featuring stunning looks that celebrated grace, poise, and resilience. As a premier event, it attracted fashion enthusiasts and community leaders, providing a glamorous atmosphere to support the Pearl Foundation's mission of raising funds for scholarships and community programs.

In preparation for the "20 Pearls in a Glamorous World: Style & Stiletto Showcase", we demonstrated the power of our collective impact! An internal 1908 Campaign was launched exclusively for our chapter members. Pearl Foundation Members gave a symbolic \$19.08 to bolster our scholarship fund. It's a small gift that makes a massive statement about our commitment to Service to All Mankind and the legacy of our Founders.



## *Pearls on the Green - Third Annual Golf Tournament*

The Pearl Foundation, Incorporated, in partnership with Iota Lambda Omega Chapter, hosted its Third Annual Pearls on the Green Golf Tournament and Day Par-Tee with a Purpose Scholarship Fundraiser. Over 100 golfers attended this event, with a sold-out PGA/LPGA professional-led golf clinic. 37 sponsors, 11 in-kind donors, and 98 Day Par-Tee attendees!

The event successfully blended philanthropy and fellowship on the fairway. Thanks in part to the generous support from Soror Cheryl Glover, Title Sponsor and owner of Destiny Wings, LLC (dba Wingstop Glen Burnie, Laurel, Hanover, Dundalk, and Severna Park, Maryland), the event fueled support for the scholarship fund of Pearl Foundation, Inc.



## Community Engagement & Outreach

In partnership with Uplift Our Families and the Columbia Association, the Pearl Foundation participated in countywide events. These high-visibility, family-centered events provided strategic opportunities to increase awareness of our programs, scholarships, and youth initiatives.



## Gratitude & Appreciation

To our members, partners, Howard County, WingStop, donors, board members, and volunteers, thank you. Your dedication, generosity, and belief in our mission make this work possible. Every contribution strengthens our ability to serve and uplift our community.

## Looking Ahead

As we move forward, the Pearl Foundation remains committed to expanding scholarship opportunities, strengthening youth leadership initiatives, refining fundraising strategies, and increasing measurable impact. We will continue to lead with intention, transparency, and purpose.

## In closing

The 2025 program year has been a testament to what is possible when vision, service, and community align.

We have celebrated growth, expanded opportunity, and deepened our impact across Howard County and beyond. This year reaffirmed an important truth: when we invest in young people, families, and education, we invest in the future of our community.

Together, we are igniting change and initiating hope.

With gratitude and purpose,

-Angela

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