

RECENT AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 2015 – Third Place, Southern Area Program Display for JAMS (Joining Artists and Music in the Schools) program
- 2014 – National First Place Award, International Trends & Services program, *Linking With Liberia*
- 2014 - National Best Practice Award for our JAMS (Joining Artists and Music in the Schools) program
- 2013 - First Place - Southern Area, The Arts Facet for JAMS program
- 2013 - Second Place - National Trends and Services Facet for the *Teens Guide to Dollars and Sense* program
- 2012 - National Best Practices Award, *Childhood Obesity Awareness and Prevention Program*
- 2011 - First Place, Southern Area, Display for *Kiss the Cook: The Link to a Healthy Life*
- 2011 - Honorable Mention, Southern Area, *Healthy Life Choices - Avoiding Obesity Program*
- 2010- National Best Practices Award, *Childhood Obesity Awareness and Prevention Program*
- 2009- 2nd Place Program Award for National Trends and Services – *Hope for the Homeless Program*

PARTNERS

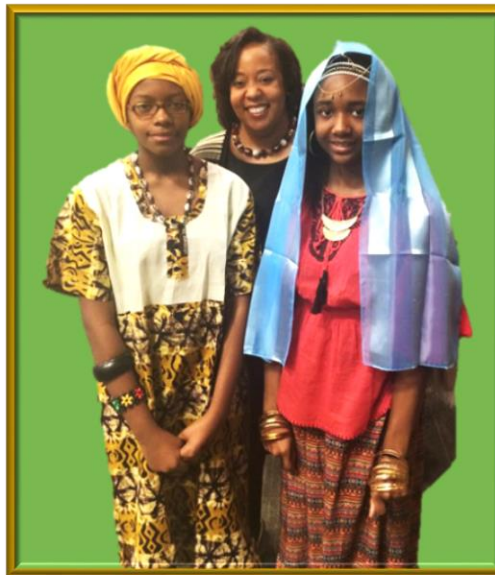
The Birmingham Museum of Art
 St. Vincent's Health System
 The Crisis Center
 Alabama Organ Center
 Miles College
 Susan G. Komen for the Cure
 A G Gaston Boys and Girls Club
 Alys Stephens Center Artplay Program
 Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Future
 UAB Vision
 Eyesight Foundation of Alabama
 Birmingham Public Library
 Our Lady of Fatima School
 Inglenook K-8 School
 AH Parker High School
 John Herbert Phillips Academy
 UAB Center for the Advancement of Youth Health
 UAB Center for Urban Education

The Birmingham (AL) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated embodies the highest principles of friendship and service. Those ideals are transferred to its positive community impact of improving lives in the community

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ABOUT US

The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946. The membership consists of 12,000 professional women of color in 276 chapters located in 42 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. The organization was founded in Philadelphia, PA, on November 9, 1946, from a group of women known as the Philadelphia Club to focus on civic, cultural, and educational endeavors.

The Birmingham (AL) Chapter, Alabama's first chapter, began with a core group of eight social and civic-minded women: **Hattie Calloway, Columbia Clayborne, Madeline Davis, Mayo Forniss, Minnie Gardner Gaston, Theodora Shores, Bernice Sterling** and **Essie Taggart**. Southern Area Director, **Georgia Schank**, installed the charter members of the Birmingham Chapter on February 4, 1956.

The Birmingham Chapter continues to be a leading organization in the community in the areas of service and philanthropy. Our membership consists of women who are highly regarded in the community and serve the organization through projects and initiatives around its five facets:

- **Services to Youth**
- **National Trends and Services**
- **International Trends and Services**
- **The Arts**
- **Health and Human Services**

Each year members of the Birmingham Chapter provide a wide array of local, national and international service projects and broad-scale program initiatives. The Birmingham Chapter partners with other organizations and our combined efforts have resulted in programs and activities that have greatly benefited the community.

FOUNDED FEBRUARY 4, 1956



HIGHLIGHTS

- Joining Artists and Music in the Schools (JAMS) is an initiative designed to instill the importance of music education by exposing elementary school students to various musical genres and enriching educational programs.
- Launched a Life Skills Series in an after school program for students ages 12 to 17 years that introduced relevant topics, skills training and subject matter experts who are able to impart knowledge, skills and information to help the participating students achieve personal and academic success.
- Junior United Nations of Alabama (JUNA), a program for middle school students, increases their knowledge of how the United Nations works while exposing them to cultures from around the world. JUNA helps students identify issues affecting countries and helps them to formulate solutions. The Birmingham Chapter assists the students with costumes, resolution writing, and presentations and helps them to interact with students from other countries.
- Created an integrated program for elementary school students where they are exposed to healthy lifestyle lessons by healthcare professionals and they receive art lessons in a studio setting. The students compete in a national art contest with a health oriented theme.
- Established a Robotics Team for high school students as a fun and interactive way to introduce them to engineering and software programming and ignite their interest in STEM related education and careers. Professionals provide students with STEM career presentations.
- Provided free blood pressure screening, blood pressure referrals and information on healthy eating to the residents of the Smithfield Community during the month of February in conjunction with Heart Awareness Month.