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## *Tenth District Achievement Week*

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# Welcome

Greetings Brothers,

International Achievement Week is a mandated program of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., that was originally designed to promote the study of African American life and history. National Achievement Week began at the 1920 Grand

Conclave in Nashville. Brother Carter G. Woodson inspired the overall idea. In 1927, at Brother Woodson's urging, the Fraternity made National Negro Achievement Week an annual observance. In 1976, this commemoration evolved into Black History Month. The Achievement Week Program recognizes those individuals at the local and national levels who have made significant contributions toward improving the quality of life for African Americans.

This week is significant because we celebrate the accomplishments of the youth and our mature achievers. With two of our mandated programs, the essay contest and the talent hunt, these two are used in order to seek out and give uplift for our future leaders. We utilize the Citizen Award, Superior Service Award, Founder's Awards and Omega Man of the Year Awards in order to acknowledge their contributions to the community, district and national levels. The week is important because it gives us an opportunity to recognize and commend those individuals that have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Yours In Omega,

Darren Benton

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*Achievement  
Week*

# Achievement Week

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## *Achievement is What We Serve*

On November 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma held their annual Achievement week celebration and banquet, the brothers gathered together to enjoy fellowship with each other and celebrate our history. The event was full of excitement and fun. Brothers were treated to a worthy poetic piece by and aspiring artist. In addition, we awarded our essay contest scholarship winner with a 500 dollar check for college. Moreover, the brothers announced their award winners for Omega Man of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Manhood award, Scholarship Award, Perseverance award, and Uplift Award. The winners of those awards were Bro Battieste, Bro Fleming, Bro. Teverbaugh, and Bro. McGraw. How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together.

## *Worship with the Men of Omega*

On Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma came together as part of Achievement Week and worshiped at Greater Pleasant MB Church in Morgan Park. It was a wonderful service and uplift to those whose spirit was in need. The services were led by our own...Bro Coney, the senior pastor of the church. How good and pleasant it is when brethren dwell together in unity. In addition, the brothers of the chapter were blessed with a special prayer over our newly installed chapter officers. It is good to know that wherever the Lord dwells, so shall I be. The brothers that attended this event were Bros. Benton, Jones, McEwen, Cottrell, Ousley, Marshall, White, Demming, Leflore Jr., Hoyles, Fleming, Lovelace, Ketchens, Grandberry, Davis, Jefferson and McGraw.



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*Scholarship  
Initiatives*

# Scholarship Initiatives

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## *Opening Doors at Higgins Open House*



On July 18th, 2015, Rho Gamma Gamma @ Higgins Academy held a read to children day 4 brothers participated, on the same day held it's Achievement Week event to honor scholarship winner and citizen of year, chapter awards were also given 30 brothers attended this event at Hibatchi Grill.

On Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma assisted in the Higgins academy open house for the students, parents, and staff. We were able to interface with the families and develop our relationships regarding the programs and initiatives that we offer. We provided the male presence that had been lacking for the students in the program support. The brothers that participated in this event were Bro. Jones, Annang, Wilson, Phillips, and McGraw. We are ensuring that a community is raising the children.



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## *Scholarship at its Best*



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On July 18, 2015, the Rho Gamma Gamma Chapter Scholarship Committee proudly acknowledged the winners of its annual Rho Gamma Gamma Memorial and Corneal A. Davis Scholarships. The six stellar awardees and their families were invited to participate in a recognition reception, hosted at the Rho Gamma Gamma Center, in their honor. They were able to meet and fellowship with each other and the men of Omega in attendance. After each of them stood and gave a brief autobiographical introduction and shared their projected colleges and majors, The Scholarship Committee surprised them with personalized commemorative checks which were theirs to keep. They posed holding their actual and ceremonial checks as all in attendance witnessed their smiles, laughs, and uplifted spirits.

The Scholarship Committee has maintained contact with them and continues to have good reason to be proud of them. More than 40 young people submitted applications for the six available scholarship awards. They were standouts among a host of deserving applicants and their collective efforts in secondary school earned them many accolades. Rho Gamma Gamma was and is happy to support their collegiate endeavors. Both scholarships total \$1,000 and are awarded in two installments of \$500. On this day, the winners received the first of the two installments with the second to come in January of the new year and after they have successfully completed their first semester of college.

*Year of Service*



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*Memorial  
Service*

# Memorial Service

The brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma participated in the Chicagoland Joint Memorial Service which was held on Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 at Beth Eden Baptist Church. The extraordinary event was to honor all of those brothers who entered into Omega chapter. The Grand Chaplain, Bro. Staccato Powell gave a tremendous sermon to honor those brothers and provided uplift to their families as well. Over 100 brothers from various Chicagoland chapters attended the event. The sounds of the melodic choir filled the room as well. This is the time of reflection and honor, and the brothers ensured that goal was reached. It is not what's in a man's head, rather his heart.

## *Chicagoland Omega Psi Phi Joint Memorial*



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*Social Action*

# Social Action

Rho Gamma Gamma participated and organized numerous programs for the year including clothe and toy drives, feeding the hungry, and healthy heart awareness events just to name a few.

## *Thanksgiving News Feed....*

### *The Ques Still Making a Difference*



The brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma on November 21<sup>st</sup> 2014 made a way out of no way for the members of Greater Pleasant MB Church, located at 1557 W 115<sup>th</sup> street, by providing 54 turkeys to the congregation for distribution to needy families from the surrounding area. The brothers trekked across town to secure, pickup, and deliver the holiday

birds to the sanctuary. The brothers that participated in this event were Bro. Hoyles, and Bro. McGraw.

On November 27<sup>th</sup> 2014, Rho Gamma Gamma, Iota, and Quinn Chapel AME Church partnered together. They spearheaded an effort to prepare and distribute 500 meals to those in need. This partnership began over 4 years ago and has grown every year. Rho Gamma Gamma and Iota collectively set an aggressive goal of 600 meals for this year, 2014. As expected, the brothers came through with a tremendous effort. Brothers from all over the Chicagoland area chapters and afar provided service and assistance. It is also of note that the sororities of Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta, and Sigma Gamma Rho worked in concert to make the day a success. In addition, the other fraternal organizations of Phi Beta Sigma, and Alpha Phi Alpha delivered contributions as well.

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The majority of the Divine Nine teamed to make outstanding teamwork. This was an opportunity to not only serve, but fellowship and bond with those who are men of Omega. More than 75 brothers participated in the event. The outreach of effort is immeasurable. We can say that 610 meals were distributed to seniors and those recovering from issues. Somebody said that it couldn't be done, but he with a chuckle replied.....and the next thing you knew WE HAD DONE IT!!!!!! Thanks to all who participated in this wonderful day of service.



*Santa Ques*



The brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma and Chi Lambda Lambda partnered with New Faith Baptist Church to hold its annual Angel Tree event. On December 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 the men of Omega got together to organize, sort load and personally distribute gifts to those children whose parent or parents are incarcerated and

cannot provide gifts to their children. We all know the power of support and providing that support to children who through no fault of their own are disenfranchised from the joyous moment of being showered with gifts. The brothers each took several gifts and personally delivered said items to various families throughout the Chicagoland area. Over 300 children received gifts through our combined efforts. Trying to ensure uplift stays in the forefront of what we do. Bros. Jefferson, McNeil, Benton, Teverbaugh, McGraw, Long, Griffin, Cornelius, and Ward participated in the project.

*Making a Wish Come True... The Ques Can!!!*



On December 19<sup>th</sup> 2014, the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma took the day to spend at La Rabida Hospital and deliver toys to the residents of the facility. The children in this hospital have a variety of illnesses and challenges, some even terminal. With such blight on futures of those whose futures should be limitless, you can imagine the despair that routinely creeps into the walls of the institution. If a small ray of hope and some sort of joy can be provided to those children then it is a

victory for everyone. We provided numerous gifts to the hospital to be distributed to the children in the hospital. To see their faces...Priceless!!! The brothers gave over 100 toys to the children that day. I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day. Bros. Jefferson, Lane, Fleming, and Flynn participated in the event.

*It is Nice to Have Big Brother and Big Sister too*



On Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2015, the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma and Sigma Omega partnered to participate in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowling event supporting needy families. The brothers formed a joint team to raise funds to contribute to the

various causes the organization tackles. It was nice to see so many organizations supporting such a worthy cause. All the brothers brought their best to ensure the men of Omega were represented well. The brothers that participated in this event were Bros Calhoun, Bridges, Clemmons, Watson, Pittman, McGraw, Browning, and Sledge. It's not just action....It's Social Action!!!

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*Year of Service*



*2014-2015*

*And a Child Shall Lead them... So the Ques will March for them*



On Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma volunteered to assist with the logistics of the March of Dimes March for Babies walk. The brothers worked tirelessly to coordinate the needs of the race officials. The brothers set up check point stations, loaded and unloaded goods for race participants, and provided safety security to ensure runners and

walkers were not colliding with cyclist. They also provide moral support and assistance to those who found the course challenging and daunting. In addition the brothers made financial contributions to the organization to ensure a cure can be continuously pursued. The brothers that participated in this event were Bros. Luster, Jefferson, Barsh, Flowers, Bates, Annang, Ousley, Deming, Howard, Townsend, McGraw, Leflore, Veazy, and Youngblood, and Benton.

*:The Men of Omega Stomping Out Multiple Sclerosis*

On Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma banded together to walk for a cure of MS. These brothers made a commitment to trek the 5k course from start to finish supporting the efforts to find a cure for this debilitating and sometimes fatal disease. We know that this strikes our community and people very hard and the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma are diligently putting their efforts towards assisting the organization in any way it can. As our feet hit the ground, so shall another have the opportunity to continue to make their own? The brothers that participated in this event were Bros. Hoyles, Jefferson, Fleming, and McGraw. Moving mountains by moving feet... priceless!!!!



## *Ques Fighting Against the Unseen... Lupus*

The brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma and Omicron Mu Mu collaborated to participate in the South Suburban Lupus walk on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Olympia Fields, Illinois. The brothers are standing tall and upright as they band together to help uproot this vicious disease that attacks every part of the immune system. Black lives matter and so does Black health. The brothers are committed to ensuring that they fight to the finish to help those who need it. They walk with those who may be stricken and or suffering from this ailment. The brothers that participated in this event are Bros Ward, Rempson, Chadwell, Youngblood, Fleming, Muhammad, and McGraw. It's not just action....It's social action!!!



*In the Land their Shall Not be Famine...*

*If the Ques Have Anything to Say About It*

On Friday June the 10<sup>th</sup> 2015 the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma participated in the Feed my children event on the south side of Chicago Led by Bro. Ladar Jones, the bothers packed food and sorted items to be delivered and distributed to the needy children that live in Ethiopia. This is an important endeavor. We well know the importance of having basic necessities to survive. Those in other countries are experiencing famine in the worst way, especially our brethren in Ethiopia. With that said the brothers jumped into action and did their part to ensure that hunger no longer can wield its ugly head. Making a difference, we can change lives. No borders no boundaries. We are saving the world one child at a time.



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On Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 2015 the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma got together with their friends, family, and various other supporters to walk to fight against hunger. The brothers know that every registered walker contributes to feed a family for 6 months. With this in mind the brothers were determined to get out as many walkers as possible. An additional benefit is that each registered walker contributes to the Rho Gamma Gamma food pantry and the food credits it has to help in the purchase of food items for distribution to the public. The brothers had over 60 walkers registered for the event and walked. Thanks to all of the brothers that participated in this wondrous event to ensure everyone eats and there is no grumble from hunger



*Morgan Park Business Clean & Green*



On Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma got together to improve the area around the businesses in the Morgan Park community. The brothers took rakes, shovels, brooms, trimmers and spades to spruce the curbside appeal of the businesses in the area. In addition, the brothers went a step beyond by providing the same efforts to

the nearby residence's parkways as well. They transformed what was once an area of plight into a new source of pride for the residents and community. It is vitally important to make sure the community knows that the men of Omega Psi Phi are a lasting presence in the community and are here to serve and uplift those in need. The Brothers that participated were Thompson, Fleming, Barnes, Jones, Ousley, Parrott, White, Townsend, McEwen, Johnson, Wilson, Flowers, Bates, Frederick, and McGraw

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*We Only Have One Planet... Omega Doing  
its Part to Save it*



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The brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma on Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 held its annual E-waste event to help the community become more eco-friendly. The brothers got together with VetTechUS and the Keeling foundation to sponsor the efforts to keep the planet clean. All too often general use items go disposed improperly, specifically in the African-American and underserved communities. These items contain so many components that if combined with natural resources could be extremely harmful to the public health. We want to ensure that potential health risks are reduced and our planet is as healthy as it can possibly be. The brothers collected over two and a half pallets of 6x6x4 boxes of items. Those items included fax machines, printers, fans, cell phones, scanners, laptops, and various other items. Moreover, our E-waste program has a dual purpose. The items are not only disposed of properly, they are also used to train veterans in technology repair to provide a viable skill for future endeavors. The brothers that participated were Phillips, Jones, Fleming, McGraw, and Leflore. It's not just action....It's Social Action!!!!

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*2014-2015*

*Making Good On Our Promise...*  
*Working in the Community*

On Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 the men of Rho Gamma Gamma partnered with Greater Pleasant MB Church to hold a back to school jamboree. The festivities included many different activities for community residents to participate in. In addition, there were clothes giveaways, school supplies distributed, and family fun. The brothers that participated in this event were Bros Summerrise, Fleming, Marseilles, and McGraw



*May god Rest the Souls of Our Community...*  
*Through Peace*



On Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 the men of Omega stood together with the community to say enough!!! We will not stand for the senseless killing of our youth. With that as the theme, Greater Pleasant MB Church organized the inaugural peace rally for the Morgan Park community. A full scale community outreach was on display. People were on every corner with

signs asking for peace, requesting residents to stand up with us and fight against the perils that plague our community. The brothers that participated in this event were Bros. Coney, Boyd, Moses, and McGraw

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*Kings and Queens Keeping the  
Crowns and Removing the Trowns*

On Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma held a powerful seminar on the subject of domestic violence. Lynne Parrott was the keynote speaker delivering the chilling message surrounding domestic violence. Ms. Parrott has a unique perspective that lends her to an extraordinary perspective surrounding this topic. She not only has been a twenty plus year advocate against domestic violence and national spokesperson on this topic. In addition, she has been a tragic victim of a horrid domestic violence issue. Yes, she has lost a child to this violence. The brothers and community were impacted by the tools used by Ms. Parrott to make you aware of the signs of domestic violence. She also armed the participants with the various methods used by those who perpetrate this particular type of violence. Moreover, and most importantly she conveyed the signs of how you yourself can be overcome by subtle things that are domestic violence triggers and indicators. You left this session with a greater understanding of how to identify, combat and prevent domestic violence situations. This could help you save a life; I know we understand what it costs; now we have more to pay that cost for someone else we love. The brothers that participated in this event were Bros. Wilson, Fleming, Benton, Youngblood, Wade, Whitehead, Granberry, Townsend, Ousley, McGraw, Elridge, and Johnson

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*Talent Hunt*

# Talent Hunt

March 20th 2015 Rho Gamma Gamma held its Talent Hunt event at the Cordell Reed Rotundra Chicago State Campus. Fifty brothers participated in this event

## *Rho Gamma Gamma Ques Got Talent*



On Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2015 the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma held their annual Talent Hunt competition at the Chicago State University Cordell Reed Student Union Rotunda. The event was a grand success with six participants showcasing their individual talents for all to see. We were treated to original musical pieces, outstanding vocal renditions of operatic sonnets, and beautiful jazz arrangements. It was great to

have such incredible young talent on display for all to hear. The contestants and their families were supported by a tremendous showing of over 50 brothers who attended the event. The arts are alive and well and the men of Omega will ensure that they never take their last breath.

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Initiatives*

# Health Initiatives

*It All Start with the Heart*



On February 20<sup>th</sup> 2015, the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma and Iota partnered with the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta to collaborate on a Go Red Healthy Heart Awareness event. The event was held to deliver information and educate the general public as to information to help in the assessment, diagnosis, treatment, maintenance, and recovery for those who have experienced or may encounter heart issues. Heart disease is the number one killer in women and a top

five killer in men. Those numbers are even more disturbing when you factor in ethnicity. We felt it was imperative to bring this information forward to possibly help to save lives in our community. The event was held at Norman's Bistro to facilitate accessibility to as many participants as possible. The brothers that participated in this event were Bro. Parham, Bro. Jackson, Bro Henton, Bro. McGraw, Bro. Leflore II, and Bro. Keller.



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On Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma held its annual Dr. Charles R Drew blood drive and health fair at the Ray Kroc Center in Chicago. The brothers solicited Advocate Health Care to provide a plethora of health screening to the general public. As we know healthcare in the black community and other lower income areas is lacking to say the least. And a key component to future longevity is access to quality healthcare. The Ques

have come through and found a way to provide such care at no cost to the community. Screenings included Cholesterol screening, Diabetes screening, High blood pressure testing, HIV/AIDS testing , Pulmonary function testing, sleep apnea testing, Kidney screenings, and Hepatitis C testing. All of these are huge factors and detriments of the overall health of our community. In addition, we were able to provide blood donations through the Heartland blood bank. The brothers and patrons donated over 60 pints of blood. This was the largest output in years from this area according to Heartland Blood bank. I a time when we are only donating about 10 percent of the blood received, yet use about 70 percent of that same blood, it is vital we make this a priority and continue to meet those needs. Also, we were able to provide a naprapath and nutritionist for long term healthy living, again all at no cost. Somebody said it couldn't be done, But the Ques with a chuckle replied...



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*To Ensure the Ques See You...*

*We do the Sea Blue*



On Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma participated with other Chicagoland Omega men to walk for a cure for prostate cancer. This deadly disease affects men, specifically African-American men at such a high rate that it is imperative we do all we can to ensure the stop the tide. The brothers

donated to the cause by soliciting sponsors to support them on the 5k hike to win against prostate cancer. It is such a great opportunity to one day has been a contributor to ending this disease. The brothers that participated in this event were Brothers Jefferson, Parker, Veazy, Benton, Lang, Hill, and McGraw.

*Year of Service*



*2013-2014*

*Beta is more than a Chapter to the Ques... It's the  
Cells that Matter*



On Sunday September 20th 2015, the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma got together to participate in the Walk against Diabetes to help rid our community of this deadly disease. They trekked 3.5 miles in the sloppiest of conditions around Lincoln Park to support the cause. By participating in the walk, money is raised to help fund research to find a cure. We all know someone that is near and dear to us who

have suffered from this killer. We have to stop it as soon as we can. The Brothers are doing their part by working with the event organizers to bring awareness to those who may not be informed. The brothers that participated in the event were Bros. Benton, Thomas, Jackson, Davis, and McGraw.

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*Community  
Based Activities*

# Community Based Activities

## *Our Voices Will Be Heard*

The brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma and Epsilon Eta partnered at Chicago State University on November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 at the Cordell Reed student union center. The brothers implored and encouraged a variety of students, visitors and employees to register to vote. It is apparent that we must make changes at the local levels and



all other levels of government to ensure that our voices and concerns are heard. This is the first step to doing it voting strength equals voting power. The men of Omega are out front making sure this happens. We were able to register fourteen people to now have the ability to vote. The brothers that participated were Bro. Davis, Bro. McGraw, Bro. Sharief, and Bro. Duncan. Voting is job one.

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On February 18<sup>th</sup> 2015, the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma did a major get out the vote campaign. On that day the brothers went to over 50 precincts in various wards to man the polling places and encourage citizens to vote in the Democratic Primary Mayoral election in Chicago. Many of the brothers manned these stations handing out information to voters, becoming polling place judges, and even assisting disabled voters in getting to the polling places. This effort was well appreciated and needed to ensure our communities are staffed to ensure voters are not disenfranchised or prohibited from voting. The brothers volunteered the entire day in various shifts from 6am until 7pm. How good and how pleasant it is when brethren dwell together. Over 100 brothers participated in various locations in this event.

## *Rho Gamma Gamma Fatherhood Breakfast*

A cold and snowy Wednesday in December could not put a damper on the men of Rho Gamma Gamma from holding their Fatherhood breakfast at Pullman Presbyterian Church on December 24<sup>th</sup> 2014. This is a day where the brothers have decided to serve the community and its children. Men are encouraged to bring their children to partake in a breakfast as gratitude to all that they do. In addition, it is an opportunity for young boys and girls to see men come together and get along, bond and encourage each other and them as well. Inspiration means some much and does so much. Service is the most important, and at the root of that is to serve. That is what Rho Gamma Gamma does and we honor those fathers who are doing just that. Over 30 brothers participated in this event. Moreover, their families participated as well. Community at its finest;



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## *What the Future Hold Career Day*



The brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma participated in the Claremont Academy Career day on February 25<sup>th</sup> 2015. The brothers were more than happy to engage the students of this educational institution and speaking to them about careers and what is necessary to achieve those dreams. In addition the brothers spoke about how the experience they received in their educational lives is very important to the foundation of what will be a fruitful and successful career. We helped to emphasize education and how it all starts at an early age. Moreover, we encouraged the students to pursue their dreams and they could make them a reality. Finally, we participated in one on one conversation with the students answering an array of questions. It was great to see the impression we made on the students and hope we provided them via this encouragement. We can't wait to see our future leaders one day. The brothers that participated in this event were Bro. Ketchens, Ousley, Jones, White, Gray, and McGraw.

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*A Bright Start is a the Key to a Bright Future*

On Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma were on deck to do whatever was necessary to assist with inciting enthusiasm for the students of Higgins Academy to return to school at their back to school extravaganza. The brothers manned the game stations, worked the popcorn booth, and spent quality mentoring time with the children and staff. It is important to let the children know that the men of Rho Gamma Gamma are full supporters of their quest to achieve the most they possibly can. It is our duty to ensure that we uplift our youth and drive home the importance of education. It also was a time for the children to actually interact on a more informal basis with those that are their advocates. Making dreams a reality, with these children that are our aim. The brothers that were more than happy to give their time were Brothers Luke, Davis, Harris, Benton, McGraw, and Jones. “Raise a child up in the way they should go and when they become older they will not depart from it”.

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## *Food for Thought*



The brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma every Wednesday from November 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 until Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 held its weekly food pantry to serve the Morgan Park and Roseland community. Numerous brothers volunteered their time to assist with the weekly activities that include loading food parcels, unloading goods to be distributed, and manning each set of food stations to work with those that the pantry serves. On average 60 families per week visit the food pantry and receive various food goods for their personal consumption. That is 3000 families helped by the efforts of the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma in a year's time. Serving the community at its most basic need, that is what we aim to do.

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## *Omega Men "treating" the neighborhood children is no "trick"*

On October 30<sup>th</sup> 2015, the brothers of Rho Gamma Gamma wanted to make sure the children of Morgan Park and Roseland did not get tricked while trying to have fun getting treats. With this in mind the brothers held the inaugural "Haunted House Safe Haven"



at the RGG center. It was staged to look and appear just as any of the best haunted houses you could find. Goons, goblins, smoke filled rooms, haunting music and many other ghoulish tricks awaited the children from the local area. This was done to ensure the children's safety as they try to have some normalcy to an already stressful environment. And, to top things off, once the kids finished the tour of the house, they were all treated to their fill of candy that was so graciously donated by our partners, Target and Walgreens. The brothers that participated in this event were Bro. Tines, Johnson, Wilson, Flowers, Townsend, Fleming, McGraw, Leflore Jr., and Youngblood.



*Chapter Awards*  
&  
*Recognitions*

## *Who are the Chicago Defender Men of Excellence?*

They are men bound by a personal code of ethics that demands accountability and integrity. They are men who exercise self-control, demonstrate personal strength and courage, and possess power as well as grandeur. They are men who care more than others think is safe, dream more than others think is practical, and expect more than others think possible.

## *Who are the Chicago Defender Men of Excellence?*

These powerful men some quiet and under the radar, others bold, flying high are public and private figures. They are leaders, motivators and educators. They are entrepreneurs, corporate executives, civil servants, and other professionals. They are men who have made their mark in society and are reaching forward by reaching back to assist those who want to move ahead.



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