



# 2023 Friends For Life, Inc.

# Annual Report

**The Mission of Friends For Life Foundation, Inc. is to support quality of life improvements for the disadvantaged in North Fulton, Georgia.**



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# 2023 FFL Board of Directors

Since its inception, Friends For Life Foundation, Inc. (FFL) has raised money for charitable giving through fundraisers such as:

- Friends on the Greens Golf Tournament
- Breakfast with Santa
- Stay at Home Ball
- Dillard's Shopping Events
- Kendra Scott Jewelry Sales
- California Pizza Kitchen Event
- Heart of Giving Vice President's Appeal

FFL's fundraising and sponsor support has allowed the organization to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships, grants and community donations.

Thank you to all donors, sponsors, and stakeholders for your continued support!

**Vanessa J. Payne**

FFL President

## 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# About FFL

FFL was established in 2004 by Phi Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. as a 501(c)(3) to support quality of life improvement for the disadvantaged, and financially assist individuals and organizations that enhance education, family, health, economic empowerment and the arts

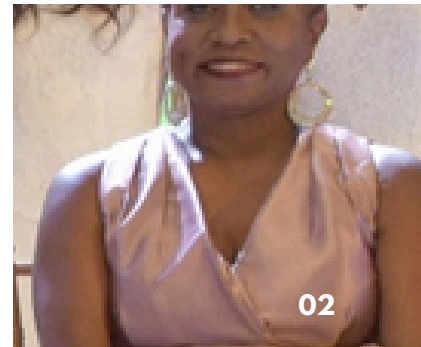
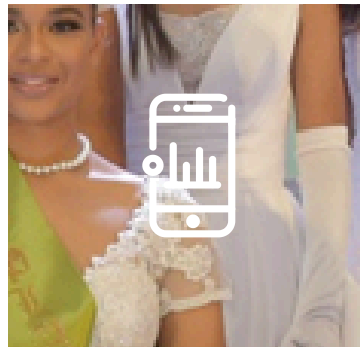
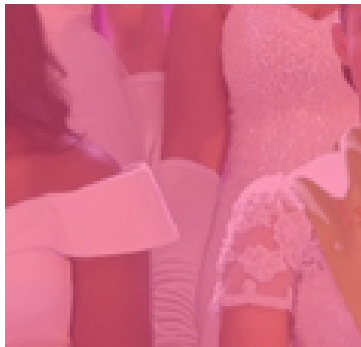
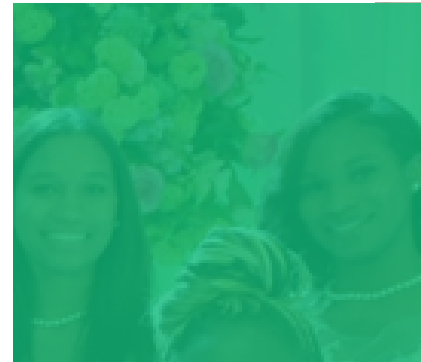
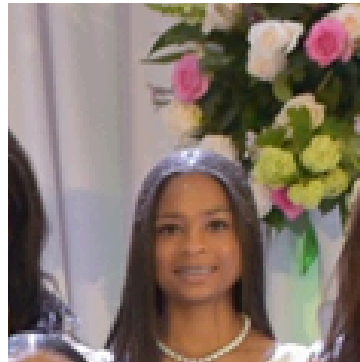
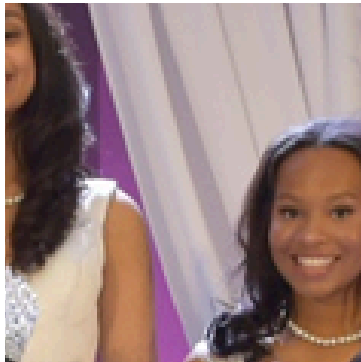
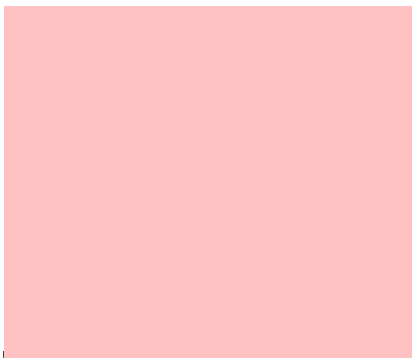
FFL hosts the biennial Strands of Elegance Cotillion, and launched its signature program, RISE, in 2019. RISE stands for Reaching and Impacting Scholars for Excellence.



## FFL FOUNDATION MISSION

Friends For Life (FFL) Foundation, Inc., is organized exclusively for the purposes of charitable, religious, educational and scientific endeavors. The purpose of this organization is:

- To support quality of life improvement for the disadvantaged;
- To financially assist individuals and organizations in our community which enhance education, family, health, economic empowerment and the arts.
- FFL is organized solely for non-profit purposes, as defined in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



# Friends On The Green Golf Charity Event

**FFL's Friends On The Green Golf Charity Event provides the organization with an opportunity to partner with corporate and community supporters that support our mission and vision. The event, which began in 2022, generates thousands of dollars annually. All proceeds from this event go back to the community through grants and donations given at annually at the Heart of Giving luncheon.**







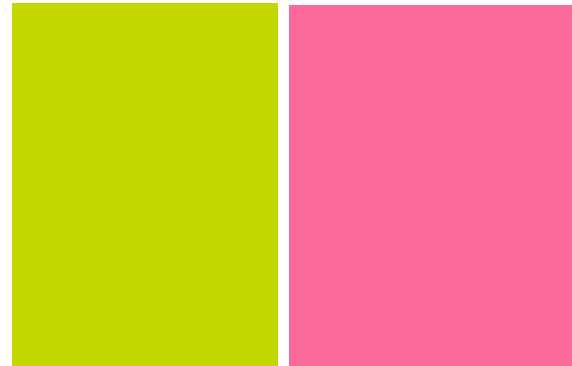
# Ruby Watts Campbell Award for Excellence in Reading

In 2023, FFL introduced the Ruby Watts Campbell Award for Excellence in Reading, which recognized elementary students who achieve reading milestones.

The inaugural award recipients were:

- **Journee Shavers: Kindergarten/1st Grade Winner**
- **Fortune Ayoka: 2nd / 3rd Grade Winner**
- **Zoey Allen: 4th / 5th Grade Winner**

Awards were presented to students during the annual Heart of Giving scholarships and community donations awards luncheon.



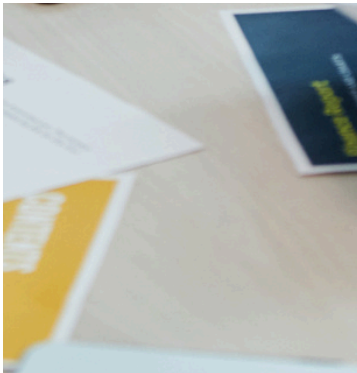
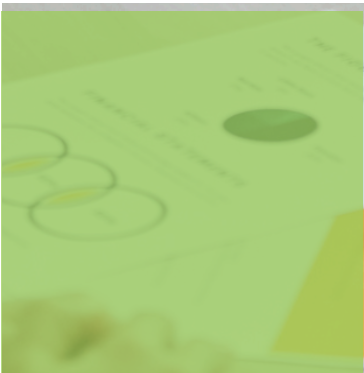
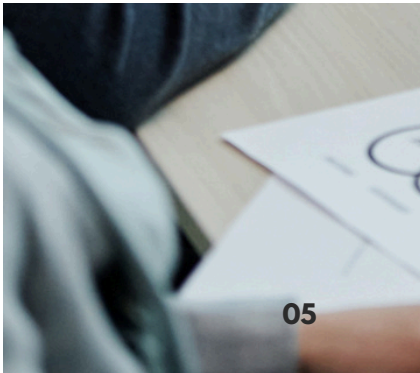
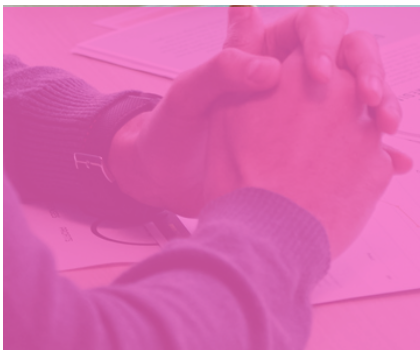
*Ruby Watts Campbell was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for more than 60 years, and was a longtime member of Phi Phi Omega Chapter and the Friends For Life Foundation.*

# 2023 Financial Highlights

GENERAL FUND



COMMUNITY FUND





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