

Charms, Incorporated
Twenty-first Biennial Conclave

CHARM OF THE YEAR
2008 AWARDS LUNCHEON



Saturday, July 26, 2008

Radisson Cross Keys Hotel
Baltimore, Maryland

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PROGRAMME

Presiding, Charm Kay Tillman
President, Baltimore Chapter

WELCOME Charm Sarah Elias, *Chairperson*
21st Biennial Conclave

INVOCATION Charm Annie Jackson
National Chaplain

LUNCHEON
Fruit Medley
Trio Salad Plate
(tuna, chicken, and shrimp salads on a bed of field greens)
Strawberry Short Cake
Coffee & Tea



PRESENTATION OF 2008 NATIONAL PROJECT

Charm Cheryl Smith
National President, Charms, Incorporated
to recipient

MIDATLANTIC LUPUS FOUNDATION

Coleen Bertsch, M.S.N.
Vice-Chair, 2008 Board of Directors

SPEAKER Rev. Richard Adams



PRESENTATION OF 2008 AWARDS

Charm Cheryl Smith
National President, Charms, Inc.

TRAILBLAZER AWARD COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS CHARM OF THE YEAR (COTY) AWARDS

NATIONAL SONG All Charms

ATLANTA CHAPTER COTY



The Atlanta Chapter, Charms, Incorporated, proudly presents its 2008 Charm of the Year (COTY) recipient, **Charm Pearl Johnson Logan**. Charm Logan joined the Atlanta Chapter on September 8, 2001. She has served on various committees and was elected to serve as Recording Secretary for two consecutive terms beginning in 2004. In September, she will begin a two-year term as Financial Secretary. Her contributions to the Chapter include working on the Planning Committee and serving as Chairperson of the Saturday night semi-formal dance for during the 2007 Executive Board Meeting in Atlanta.

Charm Logan was educated in the Atlanta Public Schools. She retains a Bachelor of Arts degree from Spelman College (1960), and a Master of Arts degree from Atlanta University (1967), both in Atlanta, Georgia. Her education includes further studies at Georgia State University where she received certification in Interrelated Education for Special Needs Children.

Charm Logan enjoyed a rewarding career of over thirty-five years of service with the Atlanta Public School System and has been retired for twelve years. In 2002, she was honored by the Program for Exceptional Children for continued involvement, and in 2007, she received a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Community Partnership from the Easter Seals Society of North Georgia.

Her other activities include membership in Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Epsilon Zeta Chapter, where she currently serves as Chairperson of the February Hostess Month. At various times she has also served the sorority as program chair for Finer Womanhood Month; as chair of the 80th Anniversary Celebration of the Chapter; as chair of the Chapter's Hungry Club Forum; and as a delegate for local, regional, and national meetings. Her ongoing volunteer involvement includes collecting, donating, and assembling layette packets for new born babies at Grady Hospital; collecting and donating school supplies for Kids-in-Need; and participating in the BINGO-RAMA and supplying care packets at Epworth Towers Senior Residence, Atlanta, Georgia. Since 1962, she has been a member of the Les Debonnaires Bridge and Social Club in which she has at various times served in every office within the organization and presently serves as Secretary.

Since 1975, Charm Logan has been an active member of Ben Hill United Methodist Church where she has served as a Sunday School teacher; as a Board Member of the Ben Hill United Methodist Church Christian Academy; and as Co-Captain of Servants of Christ Usher Team.

For forty-four years, Charm Logan has been married to Benjamin Logan, Sr., who retired in 1997 from a position as Senior Accountant with General Motors Corporation. They are the very proud of their two sons and two grandsons.

Charm Logan's attitude exemplifies a spirit that is a lesson for all Charms: "I am always open to and I welcome constructive input that relates to growth to make me a more informed Charm."

BALTIMORE CHAPTER COTY



Charm Cynthia Harvey Murray is a charter member of the Baltimore Chapter of Charms, Incorporated. She has held the offices of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Membership Chairperson. She has attended Conclaves and Board Meetings in Pittsburgh, Houston, Miami, and Washington. Cynthia resides in Baltimore and Tobago.

Cynthia was born and educated in Baltimore, Maryland. She attended West Virginia State and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics. She continued her education at Johns Hopkins and later earned a Master of Science Degree in Computer Science.

Her career began with the United States government, and then moved to the corporate sector with Westinghouse. She became a professor of Computer Science at Morgan State University where she served as President of the Faculty Senate. She has also served as Provost at Tobago College and professor of Computer Science. Cynthia is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; the Alpha Wives (Auxiliary to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity); and the Morgan Women of Morgan State University. Cynthia is also a member of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History and has been an active member of the Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society.

The Baltimore Chapter notes that, “Cynthia has consistently supported the Chapter from its beginning to the present time.”



BENTON HARBOR CHAPTER COTY



The Benton Harbor Chapter proudly presents its COTY award recipient, **Charm Edwina F. McCree**.

Charm McCree was installed into Charms (formerly Squaws) in 1972. Edwina is a native of Camden, Arkansas. She received her B.S. degree from Arkansas A.M. & N. College (now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) and her M.S. degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. She has done additional graduate work at Western Michigan University.

Edwina taught Language Arts for thirty-seven years and served as department chairperson for seventeen years at Benton Harbor High School. During those years, she volunteered to work with many student related activities. She was yearbook advisor for fourteen years, class advisor for twelve years, and advisor to a championship quiz bowl team. She was also active with the Benton Harbor Teachers Union for over thirty years as a building representative and as Director-at-Large.

As a member of Second Baptist Church since 1968, Edwina has served as organist/pianist for twenty-three years, and as music director for Vacation Bible School. For quite a few years, she taught the teenage class of Vacation Bible School. She has also served as Chairperson of the Church Directory Committee for several years.

She has served on numerous civic organizations and is presently on the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Center of Southwest Michigan. She is chairperson of the scholarship committee for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – Rho Chapter. Edwina is also co-chairperson of the hospitality committee of the Berrien County Association of Retired School Personnel.

Edwina has served in many offices of the Benton Harbor Chapter. Presently, she is beginning her second term as President. She has previously served as Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Chaplain.

Edwina loves animals--especially cats and dogs--and she enjoys reading, sewing, visiting with family and watching television. Charm McCree has one daughter, Elizabeth, of Decatur, Georgia.

“She has been a member of Charms for thirty-six years, and has been a dedicated and efficient member. We truly feel that she is truly deserving of the Charm of the Year Award.”

CHARLOTTE CHAPTER COTY



It is an honor for the Charlotte Chapter to present its COTY Award recipient, **Charm Delores Sanders.**

Charm Sanders is an outstanding Chapter member and a community leader. She works with health organizations in the community and advocates for health in the African-American and the Native American populations. She has studied these groups successfully assessing and working with each to identify needs and resources.

Charm Sanders has become an advocate for adult students in nursing for retention, particularly women of color on campus. She demonstrates her commitment to the success of these students time through her personal outreach to each and every one on a consistent basis. Consequently, she serves as a key mentor to help students overcome the challenges that they face on campus and in the community.

Charm Sanders continues to be involved with African-Americans with AIDS through the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN). She serves as a Board Member of the Arthritis Service of Charlotte. Charm Sanders has established support groups for African-American women with Breast Cancer. She has conducted research and published on African American Women with Breast Cancer.

In 2007-08, Charm Sanders established the Continued Education Focus (CEF) on top health issues for Charlotte Chapter of Charms, Incorporated. She wanted all chapter members to be informed especially on Lupus since it was a major focus, nationally. All Charms were provided handouts followed by discussions on the topic. The goal was to educate Charm members and their families. Charms shared the information with neighbors, neighbors shared the information with others throughout the community, and a chain reaction occurred. It is strongly believed that information shared in this mode inspired and empowered Charms and their families to take advantage of health care opportunities. The following topics were presented: Lupus, Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus (MRSA), Osteoporosis, and Osteoarthritis.

CLEVELAND CHAPTER COTY



Charm Darcel A. Arrington has been chosen as the 2008 COTY award recipient for the Cleveland Chapter of Charms, Incorporated.

Charm Arrington has been a member of the Cleveland Chapter since 1998. She has served in various capacities including President, Vice-President, and Secretary. She currently serves as National Parliamentarian and has attended most national functions since 2002.

She is an active member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church where she is a lay reader, a member of the Altar Guild, and a member of the Daughters of the King. Her ministries include conducting a weekly line dance class for a women's halfway house located near the church.

Charm Arrington has taught physical education in the Shaker Heights City School District for 32 years. She also umpires girls' field hockey and girls' lacrosse on the high school and college levels. Her achievements as an educator have been highly lauded. In 2006, she was honored as recipient of the "Best of the Best African-American Female Educators Award" conferred by Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, Gamma Rho Chapter.

Charm Darcel is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and of the NAACP. Her interests include gardening and dancing.

Charm Arrington is blessed to have a large family and many friends who support her life and her work.



COLUMBUS CHAPTER COTY



Congratulations to **Charm Rhonda J. Williams Evans** from the Columbus Chapter of Charms, Incorporated!

Charm, Dr. Rhonda J. Williams Evans, has worn many hats during the past two years in servicing the Columbus Chapter. As Vice-President, she assisted with ensuring that the operations of the various committees of our chapter ran efficiently. No matter what the needs of the chapter have been—from preparing roster labels, to mailing correspondence about Charms' business to members, to hosting meetings in the place of any local member—Rhonda has tirelessly and graciously assisted—always with a smile and with a kind and infectious demeanor.

The Columbus Chapter is preparing for Executive Board Meeting in 2011. Charm Rhonda is chairperson of the Exploratory Sub-Committee. Due to her legal and business expertise in negotiations and contracts, during the fall months of 2007, Charm Rhonda negotiated a fabulous contract with the hotel that will be the venue for our conference in Columbus, OH. Because of her negotiation skills, many of the amenities awarded, provisions included in the contract, and gratis offerings from the hotel saved our chapter thousands of dollars! This monumental task in itself is worthy of noting as a high contribution to organization, locally, as well as nationally. We anticipate that all who participate in Executive Board 2011 will have a great time!

In April 2008, Charm Rhonda was awarded a prestigious leadership award from Franklin County Children's Services for her contributions as Chairperson of the Board of its \$400 million organization and for her contributions to our community. Charm Rhonda's positive exposure in our community only further enhances the visibility of our great Charms, Incorporated, organization.

"It is with pride that we unanimously support Charm Rhonda as our COTY Award recipient for 2008-2010. Kudos to Charm Rhonda from your Columbus Chapter Charm sisters. You are deserving of this award; we are so proud of you!"

Charm Barbara Walker, President; Charm Janie E. Bailey, Charm Portia J. Bell, D.D.S., Charm Sharon Bowen, Charm Mackoline Brooks, Charm Betty Brown, Charm Lynn C. Chavers, Ph. D., Charm Janice Daniels, Charm Matilda Day, Fitz Charm Norma, Charm Bess Goode, Charm Lorita T. Myles, Charm Sandra K. Joseph, Charm Patricia Jones, Charm Carmel Austin Russell, Charm Aleta Sunico, and Charm Terri Springer Walker.

DALLAS CHAPTER COTY



Charm Mary Green believes in transforming lives by reaching out to others beyond the limits of her private life. She utilizes her resources, knowledge, and skills to assist others while striving to maintain harmony and unity.

Charm Green was installed as a member of the Dallas Chapter in 1981. At various times, she has diligently served as President, Vice-President, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and, currently serves as Chaplain. She has also served on various committees both locally and nationally. Her commitment and dedication to the organization for twenty-seven years is evidenced by her presence at local and national meetings. She always attends local meetings and participates in all Charm activities. Her attendance record at national events is exemplary: She has attended all national meetings and chapter installations except for two.

She enjoys working with the youth and the elderly. Her love for children is demonstrated daily. She is a member of the Special Education Team at Mata Elementary School and accepts only the best from her students. She visits the sick and shut-in; visits nursing homes; and runs errands for the elderly.

Charm Green's main goal is to maintain integrity and accountability to God through obedience, spiritual growth, and understanding of His Word. For the past 25 years she has been a member of Friendship West Baptist Church under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Frederick. D. Haynes, III. She is a member of the Hospitality Committee and works with the Scholarship Committee. She has been affiliated with Bible Study Fellowship International since 1986. Her leadership role affords her the opportunity to nurture, shepherd, and encourage women age 55 and over. She was recently selected to be a member of the Steering Committee of CareNet of Oakcliff which has as its mission to determine a location that would best address the needs of pregnant teenagers.

In addition to Charms, she is active in the community and in other organizations. For her tireless dedication and faithful service, she has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions.

She shares her life with her husband of thirty-seven years, James Green; their four children, Felicia, Millicent, Jammy, and Vernon; and nine grandchildren. Each of her daughters have been blessed with twin girls. The Dallas Chapter proudly endorses Charm Green as its COTY recipient because of her many years of dependable service. "She always serves wherever needed. She believes in being involved and works well both up front and behind the scenes. She is flexible and takes her chapter responsibilities seriously. She is also very involved with her community."

DETROIT CHAPTER COTY



Charm Casandra A. England, President of the Detroit Chapter for the 2006-08 biennium, has been re-elected for the 2008-10 term and is the Detroit Chapter recipient of the prestigious 2008 Coty Award. She participates in local Charm activities and has excellent attendance. She also participates at the National level and has attended Conclaves in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania (2006), and Miami, Florida (2004). She attended the 2007 Executive Board Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

Charm England has been and continues to be unyieldingly involved in the Detroit Community where she works with the youth. Working through the Scholarship Commission of Greater New Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, where she serves as Vice-President of the Commission, she has worked over the years to help raise some \$400,000 in scholarship money through the Benjamin L. Hooks Image Award Banquet. For over fifteen years, she has also worked with the Historically Black College Tour mentoring students; as a Youth Sunday School Teacher; and as a founder of “Seeds and Keys, Yield Roots and Wings”—a mentoring program for female Christian living. She encourages youth by example while she supports the efforts of the Commission to bring college students to the community, to support the colleges, and to expose youth to colleges.

Through the efforts of the Detroit Chapter, Charms, Incorporated, she has supported such activities as donating scarves to others; providing Coats for Kids; participating in the NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Dinner; and, providing stuffed animals and other toys for babies and youth.

Charm England is a member of the Pi Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Incorporated; a Silver Life Member of the NAACP; and recipient of the NAACP Life Plaque. She has also been honored with the City Council Spirit of Detroit Award; the Kellogg Leadership Training Award; the Detroit Public Schools Leadership Training Award; the Detroit Lions Dre Bly Community Service Award; the Faithful Servant Award; the GNMMBC Female Responsibility Mentoring Award; and numerous other awards in recognition of her outstanding leadership.

She was formerly employed by the Lugenia Fuell Day Care Center in New York City with which she traveled to expose youth to education through travel across the world. She also supports the Inside Out Arts Programs.

Charm England’s designation of this award is supported by her chapter: “The Detroit Chapter of Charms, Incorporated, voted unanimously for her to receive this honor. We heartily endorse her as the recipient of the 2008 COTY Award.”

DURHAM CHAPTER COTY



The 2008 COTY Award recipient from the Durham Chapter is **Charm LaQuinta Parker Perry**.

Since May 1989, LaQuinta has been a member of the Durham Chapter, and actively involved on the local and national levels. She currently serves as Chaplain of the Durham Chapter. Her previous local positions include: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. She has served on the national level as Parliamentarian; as Recording Secretary; as Corresponding Secretary, and as Chair of the National Project, Tax, and Grievance Committees.

LaQuinta's involvements include membership at St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church where she has served on the Courtesy Guild, Scholarship Committee, and the Steward Board. She is currently the President of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and is advisor to the Kappa Omicron Chapter at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Among the programs of her chapter in which LaQuinta is actively involved are Feed the Homeless, Adolescent Parenting/Teen Pregnancy, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, American Red Cross Blood Drive, and Habitat for Humanity.

Educational involvement includes tutor for the EOG (End of Grade) test for 3rd grade students at W.G. Pearson Elementary School. She also volunteers at Pearsontown Year-Round Elementary School working with the Book Fair annually, providing refreshments and treats for the students and chaperoning students on field trips. She has served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Durham Symphony and co-chaired the United Way campaign for her company.

LaQuinta was honored by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta at the Durham Chapter of Charms Mad Hatters' Luncheon for First Ladies. She also received recognition from the National Council of Negro Women for her leadership of her sorority chapter.

LaQuinta is married to Eric Perry and upon her marriage she became the proud mother of Mia S. Perry (11 years old) and Evan C. Perry (10 years old). She is the daughter of Charm Omega and Charmer J. Quinton Parker of the Durham Chapter.

FORT WORTH CHAPTER COTY



Charm Patricia Robinson became a member of the organization in the year 2002. At the local level, Patricia has served as the Corresponding Secretary for the Fort Worth Chapter from 2004 to the present. At the national level, she has served as Treasurer from 2006 to the present.

Patricia supports various organizations including Disabled Veterans, the Salvation Army, and Good Will Industries. She has been instrumental in the donation drives for food baskets during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, and she supports the Christmas Tree Drive for needy families.

Patricia is employed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as an Investigator for Civil Rights.

Patricia received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Maryland in Aviano, Italy, and received her Master of Liberal Arts from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas. While living in Aviano, Patricia and her family traveled throughout Europe visiting nine different countries.

Patricia has traveled extensively. She has visited approximately forty of the fifty States including Alaska and Hawaii. She has taken approximately fifteen (15) cruises which have included excursions to the Eastern Caribbean Islands; to the Western Caribbean Islands; to the Panama Canal; to the Honduras, Belize, Jamaica, and South America, cruising from Buenos Aires, Argentina, around the Cape Horn to Santiago, Chile. Patricia revisited Italy when she and her husband cruised the Mediterranean in 2006.

Patricia and her family have attended Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, under the tutelage of Pastor A.E. Chew, since moving to Fort Worth, Texas, in 1977. Patricia serves as a Deaconess and an Usher and she has traveled to other cities in North Texas as an Usher Representative. Patricia attends Sunday School faithfully and she is the class Secretary. She has attended Bible Study Classes and has served on various auxiliaries.

Patricia is married to Charmer Roger Robinson; they have two children and three grandchildren.

Patricia is affectionately called “Pat” by her family and friends. Since you are her Charm Sisters, you are therefore her family, too. Patricia says, “I am so honored to be a Charm.”

HOUSTON CHAPTER COTY



Patricia Ann Mayfield Gregory is a native of Beaumont, Texas. Upon graduation from Hebert High School, she attended Prairie View A and M University, where she received the BS degree (Biology/Chemistry). She also received the MBA from University of Houston (Marketing/Organization, Behavior and Management).

Her career of more than three decades was varied with experience in bacteriology, cereal science, pharmacology and geochemistry. She retired from Exxon Upstream Research after completing more than twenty-eight years of service.

Mrs. Gregory has also been an active member of her community, having served on the governing boards of Crisis Intervention of Houston and of the Houston Homeowners Association. An avid arts lover, she was the founding President of the African American Art Association of the Museum of Fine Arts Houston and served on the advisory boards of Blaffer Gallery (the Art Museum of The University of Houston) and The Ensemble Theater. Arts organizations board memberships include Midtown Art Center and The Contemporary Art Museum. Most recently, she served as the President of Friends of Houston Ebony Opera Guild and as a vice-president of the Board of Houston Ebony Music Society.

Charm Gregory's family includes Charm Gerjuan Gregory who was installed in May 2008 as a member of the Houston Chapter.



MIAMI CHAPTER COTY



The Miami Chapter proudly endorses **Charm Porta R. Thompson** as its COTY Award Recipient for 2008.

Charm Thompson is a loyal, enthusiastic, and committed charter member of the Miami Chapter, Charms, Incorporated, since installation in November 1989. She was the first member to twice hold the office of Chapter President (2002-04 and 1992-94); and has been elected for a third time to hold this office beginning in the fall of 2008. Her service to the Chapter also includes service as Vice-President for three terms; as Recording Secretary; as Corresponding Secretary, and as chairperson of numerous committees. She has demonstrated leadership abilities during her membership and, especially in 2004 when the Miami Chapter hosted the 19th Biennial Conclave of Charms, Incorporated, aboard the Enchantment of the Seas cruise ship. During the several weeks immediately preceding the Conclave, Charm Porta hosted weekly meetings at her home. She has repeatedly opened the doors of her home for Chapter social activities.

Nationally, she currently serves as Co-Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Her previous service includes work as a member of the National Organizing Committee and of the ad hoc Committee on Name Change Protocol.

Charm Porta continues to be very active in the community most notably with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Miami. She served as a board member for five years; worked with various committees for thirteen years; mentored youth as a big sister for ten years; and was recognized nationally as Big Sister of the Year in Miami-Dade County during that time. Currently she is a member of the Women's Committee. Although the match through the agency ended once her little sister graduated from high school, Charm Porta continues the relationship with her "little sister" who is now a medical student at Barry University and the mother of a five year old daughter. Charm Porta has received several plaques and certificates from the organization commending her outstanding services.

Additionally, she is a member of Allen Chapel AME Church; CARATS, INCORPORATED, Miami Chapter; the NAACP; National Association of Social Workers; the Academy of Certified Social Workers; and the Miami-Dade Chapter of Social Workers. She has rendered volunteer services in several political campaigns.

The Miami Chapter enthusiastically contends that, "Charm Porta Thompson's dedication to Charms, Incorporated, has been invaluable. She lends her time and energy to whatever cause or function that is being held. She is highly respected professionally, in the community, and among her Charm sisters."

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER COTY



Charm Editha Pugh is the honored recipient of the Charms, Incorporated, 2008 COTY Award from the Philadelphia Chapter.

Charm Pugh has been an avid supporter of Charms, Incorporated, prior to 1997, when the organization was known as “Squaws.” In September 2003, she was officially installed as a part of our illustrious sisterhood.

Since her induction, Charm Pugh has served as Recording Secretary for two years; as member of the Ways and Means Committee; and has been actively involved in a variety of fundraisers. Charm Pugh is the quintessential hostess during our theatre trips to New York City. She always manages to delightfully entertain our guests making the bus ride most enjoyable.

Beyond Charm Pugh’s association with Charms, Incorporated, she has been a contributor in the Philadelphia community through business and personal activities. Among these have been her involvement with minority Chambers of Commerce including the Philadelphia African-American and Hispanic Chambers. She also serves as a board member for a local performing arts program for children, and as a member of a committee which includes city officials working to restore the Black Soldiers Memorial statue in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Charm Pugh is the mother of a son, Stephen, and a daughter, Mary Laura; she has two beautiful grandchildren, Miela and David.

Charm Pugh is “Charmingly gracious” to be the recipient of the 2008 COTY Award.



PITTSBURGH CHAPTER COTY



The Pittsburgh Chapter Charms, Incorporated, is proud to present **Charm Jacqueline Williams** as our candidate for 2008 Charm of the Year.

Charm Williams is always willing to help with all chapter projects, whatever they are, to make sure they are successful. She is committed to the success of the chapter and has continually demonstrated that by the excellent way she has performed the duties of the offices and chairmanships held in the chapter. She has held the offices of Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Vice-President; has served as Membership Chairperson; and has served as chairperson of several fundraising events.

Charm Williams is a lifelong member of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church. She is an active member of the Missionary ministry. Through this ministry Charm Williams has continually helped the children, teens and young adults develop and obtain their goals, and realize that God should be the head of their life. In addition, she also helps with the day care unit of the church. "I found that I have been blessed, inspired, and uplifted the most."

Charm Williams and her mother, the late Charm Josephine Bagley, became the first mother-daughter members of the Pittsburgh Chapter.



SAVANNAH CHAPTER COTY



Charm Valarie Frazier West has been a member of the Savannah Chapter of Charms, Incorporated, since 2001. Since her installation in the Chapter, she has been very active serving two terms as Recording Secretary under the Presidency of Charm Leona B. Williams. She currently serves on the Nominating Committee, the Auditing Committee, and the Publicity Committee.

Valarie is a member of the St. James Community Church of Christ H.U. T. L. in Midway, Georgia, where she currently serves as the Secretary of the Sunday School, and as a member of the Pastor's Aide Committee; she has formerly served as a Teacher at Vacation Bible School.

She is a 1982 graduate of Savannah State College (now, Savannah State University) where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics with a minor in Computer Science. She has completed courses in Basic Tax, Intermediate Tax, Level I Tax, Retired Taxpayers, Partnerships & Corporation, and Sole Proprietorships, among others. Valarie is currently working on her Masters Degree in Business Administration.

She has been employed with the International Longshoreman's Association (ILA)—Employers Welfare Fund for the past 24 years, holding several positions during such time. She was also employed with the H&R Block Tax Services as a Tax Preparer and Financial Manager from January 1990 – April 2005. Charm Valarie now has a home-based tax business.

Valarie is a member of the Beta Kappa Chi National Honor Society and the Newtonian Honor Society. She has served as President of the Tompkins Middle School PTSA, President of the Ester F. Garrison elementary PTSA, President of the Wesley Community Center PTSA, and Secretary of the Board of Directors of ILA Local #1414 Federal Credit Union.

Valarie is married to Charmer Elijah West, Jr. and is the mother of Toiwanne S. Williams and Elijah West, III. She enjoys reading, cruising, and organizing events.

“It is truly an honor for the Savannah Chapter of Charms, Incorporated, to present Charm Valarie West as COTY Award Recipient. Valarie has been an active, committed, resourceful, and valuable member of our Chapter since 2001.”

TOLEDO CHAPTER COTY



Charm Lenora Barry is the Toledo Chapter's honored recipient of the Charms, Incorporated, 2008 COTY Award.

She became a member of the Toledo Chapter, Charms, Incorporated, in 2000, and has remained fully committed to its mission. Charm Barry served on various committees before becoming Chapter President in 2006. She is dedicated to keeping the memories of our deceased Charms and Charmers alive with a renewed focus on volunteerism, increased charitable giving, and increased Charm/Charmer social gatherings.

Born and reared in Bessemer, Alabama, Charm Barry graduated from Wenonah High School and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Miles College in Birmingham, Alabama. Charm Barry relocated to Toledo, Ohio, and subsequently received a Master of Social Work Degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Charm Barry has an extensive background in the Criminal Justice System. She retired from the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, after a thirty year career. She served as Deputy Chief Probation Officer for eighteen years prior to her retirement. Charm Barry traveled throughout the Federal System as a trainer and District Team Review Member. Presently, she serves as a Juvenile Court Mediator as well as Coordinator of an Offender Re-Entry Collaborative.

Charm Barry is a committed believer in God and tries to demonstrate her faith in every facet of her life. She is dedicated to service to mankind through volunteerism. Charm Barry is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Charm Sorority.

Barry is married to Charmer Earl F. Barry and they have three adult children and four beautiful granddaughters.

TULSA CHAPTER COTY



The Tulsa Chapter, Charms, Incorporated, proudly salutes **Charm Arvelia Sullivan** as recipient of the 2008 COTY Award.

Charm Sullivan presently serves as the Corresponding Secretary and as the Social Chair for the Tulsa Chapter. The chapter commends her for her outstanding fundraising efforts during its Annual Western Fling Dance and with its projects for the local Laura Deter Shelter.

She retains a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Arkansas State University. Her professional career includes work with the Public School System as a Special School Education Teacher at Cherry Valley Elementary School and as a tutor at Jarmon Elementary School. Her volunteer efforts include work with the Union Sixth and Seventh Grade Center PTA and with the “Feed the Homeless” outreach program at the Salvation Army.

At Antioch Baptist Church, Charm Sullivan serves as Financial secretary and as a member of the Finance Committee. She teaches Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and works with the Antioch Summer Camp.

Charm Arvelia and Charmer, Dr. Ronnie Sullivan, are the proud parents to two sons: Ronny is a Junior at the University of Central Oklahoma, and Taurean, is a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma.

The Tulsa Chapter notes that, “Chapter Sullivan exhibits outstanding character attributes and serves as an exceptional mentor an ‘active’ member of this Chapter.”

WASHINGTON, D.C., CHAPTER COTY



The Washington, D.C. Chapter, Charms, Incorporated, proudly presents **Charm Monique Cameron** as Charm of the Year Recipient for 2008.

Charm Monique has earned two undergraduate degrees from Strayer University: An Associate of Arts Degree in Acquisitions and Contracts and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration. She is currently enrolled at Strayer and is enrolled in courses leading to a Master's Degree.

Monique enjoys a federal career that has spanned some eighteen years. She is currently employed with the United States General Services Administration (GSA) as a Contract Specialist.

Her affiliation as member of Charms, Incorporated, began in 2003 when she was installed into the Washington DC Chapter. Since joining the Chapter she has held two offices: Financial Secretary, Historian. She has also served as a Member-at-Large.

Charm Monique is an active and involved member of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church in Camp Springs, Maryland, and also volunteers at several civic organizations.

She is married and is the mother of three gems: Destinee, Tia, and Treva. She is the daughter of Charm Eileen Bland, also a member of the D.C. Chapter.

As a true believer in the Charms Philosophy, Monique anticipates many more years of active membership.

ATLANTA CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



The Atlanta Chapter Charms, Incorporated, proudly salutes its 2008 Community Service recipient, **Charm Delores K. Green.**

Charm Green was installed as a member of the Atlanta Chapter in September, 1999. She has previously served as the Chapter's Parliamentarian and is scheduled to begin a term as the Vice President for the 2008-10 biennium. Her contributions to the Chapter have also included service on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, on the Membership Committee, on the Nominating Committee, and on various event planning committees.

Charm Green, a native of Atlanta, is well-known for her community involvement and volunteer service. She has served as a Board Member of organizations including the Georgia Division of the American Cancer Society; Quality Living Services, Incorporated; Grady Memorial Hospital Teen Clinic; and the Fulton County Health Department Teen Services Program.

Within the past five years, she has provided "healthy feet care" and blood pressure checks at high rise residences for senior citizens; participated in clothing collection and sorting for Hurricane Katrina victims; and coordinated two community health fairs at her church.

During the 2006-2008 biennium, Charm Green has worked in various community efforts. She participated in the Sisters by Choice, Incorporated, "Pink Ribbon Walk" for breast cancer detection and prevention. She managed an information health booth and took blood pressures during the National Black Catholic Congress. For six weeks, she served as a workshop facilitator at weekly sessions on "Healthy Living," sponsored by Stanford University and the Georgia Division of Aging. She checked blood pressures at the annual health fair of the Atlanta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and participated at the station of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated, in the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life."

BALTIMORE CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



Charm Sarah Davis Elias is a charter member of the Baltimore Chapter, Charms, Incorporated, which was installed in 1999. She has devoted her time to the Urban League, the NAACP, Morgan Women, Delta Sigma Theta Celebrity Read and has received an award from Walbrook S.H.S. for raising funds and collecting books for its library. She has worked with the Johns Hopkins Tutorial Project as a resource person and with the Mayor's Task Force on Equal Opportunity in Education.

She was born and educated in Chicago, Illinois. She received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Roosevelt University in Chicago, Illinois; a Master of Science degree in history from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland, and a Master of Science Degree in Education from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Sarah has taught elementary through high school, and at the college level; she has been an adjunct history professor and lecturer at Coppin State University and Morgan state University in Baltimore. Sarah has also been a guest lecturer at a number of other institutions in her home city of Chicago, Illinois; in Palo Alto, California; and in Baltimore. In addition to teaching history and lecturing, Sarah has served as academic advisor at Morgan State University and as supervising teacher with Coppin State University. Sarah received a fellowship to Cornell University in Ithica, New York, at the New York State School of Industrial Relations which led her to serve as a negotiator with the Baltimore Teacher's Union.

Sarah was a consultant to Harcourt Brace and Janowich Publishing Company and served as Department Head in Reading and as a Television Script Writer. She is the author of *Recalling Longview*, social studies and reading guides for Baltimore Public Schools.

Sarah's honors include *Who's Who of American Women* (1987), special recognition from Walbrook Senior High School in Baltimore, and the Board of Directors for Chums, Incorporated, American Federation of Teachers in New York, NY; the Council of Teachers of Social Studies in Philadelphia, PA, and the Economic Symposium of Morgan State University. She is a lifetime member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; the NAACP; and the Morgan State University Alumni Association. She is a member of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, the Alpha Wives, the Maryland Historical Society, the Herbert Frisby Society, and the Morgan Women.

BENTON HARBOR CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



The Benton Harbor Chapter of Charms, Incorporated, has chosen **Charm Renee R. Williams** as the 2008 Community Service Awardee.

Charm Renee Williams pursued her professional career as an educator in her beloved home town. Her service to the Benton Harbor Area Schools spans 34 years culminating in the position of Superintendent of Schools. Prior to her retirement, the YMCA selected Charm Renee as the recipient of the 2002 Women of Achievement Award for Berrien Country. The school system also lauded Williams in 2003 by dedicating a new transportation facility named in her honor.

Believing that a great education is the best investment one can make, Charm Renee continues to serve her community by helping to improve the literacy rate of its residents. She has volunteered as a tutor and consultant for secondary students enrolled in extended day and/or summer school programs. As an actively involved member of the conference planning committee of the Family Literacy Center, Charm Renee assists each year with the Annual Celebrate Literacy Conference.

For the past fourteen years, Charm Renee has greatly enjoyed being a member of the Board of Trustees of Lake Michigan College which she attended. A few years ago, she was honored by the college when she was chosen as the recipient of the Clarence A. Beckwith Distinguished Alumni Award. To assist adult learners in achieving educational success, Charm Renee has established an endowed scholarship at Lake Michigan College which annually benefits deserving college students.

Involvement in organizations focused on transforming the community is important to Charm Renee. These civic and professional organizations include Iota Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Krasl Arts Center and the Rho Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society Internationale. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Council for World-Class Communities which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the social and economic growth of the city.

Since her induction into Charms, Incorporated, Charm Renee has worked hard to assist her Chapter in accomplishing local projects and national goals. She enjoys serving on the Nominating and High Tea Committees and is excited about meeting other Charm sisters when she attends the upcoming National Conclave.

CHARLOTTE CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



Charm Christine Roseboro Bowser is a volunteer at her neighborhood Service Center. She is a Board member of the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County. She serves a Chairperson of Precinct #25, poll worker, canvasser for voter registration. She is also a Democratic State Executive Committee Member, Member of the Selective Service System, Local Board #48. She assists senior citizens of her community and worked as a volunteer with the Hillary Clinton Campaign.

Charm Bowser is a member of the following organizations: Charlotte Chapter, Charms, Incorporated; NEA; AKA Sorority; Democratic state Executive Committee; Black Political Caucus; Charlotte-Mecklenburg Retired School Personnel; NAACP; and her neighborhood association.

She has received the State Award from the Democratic Women of North Carolina; Democratic of the Month Award; COTY Award, Charlotte Chapter; Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Teacher of the Year, First Ward Elementary School.

Charm Christine Bowser is a hard-working individual who gives much time and effort in serving her local community and her state.



CLEVELAND CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



Affectionately known as “Miss Billie”, **Charm Billie Morgan** has personally made it her responsibility to make sure that all the children with whom she comes in contact are successful in school.

Charm Billie is the Coordinator of Achievement Programs at Lomond Elementary School. She operates several programs that help the students including a Saturday Scholars Program, an early Morning Program, and a computerized small group discussion of morning math. She was instrumental in getting the tutorial program started at Lomond Elementary and at other schools in the district. Her achievement programs have gained the attention of schools outside of the district and are routinely visited by representatives wanting to set up similar programs in their schools. The Saturday Scholars Program is a proactive experience that brings together sixty fourth-graders who might need assistance passing the proficiency tests. If students are not present for the sessions, Miss Billie immediately gives the parents a call and provides a ride, if necessary. She serves on a multitude of committees designed to improve teachers and their teaching skills, and to closed the racial achievements gap.

Each year, she makes sure that needy families in the community are fed. In conjunction with others, she coordinated a gift-giving project for students at Lomond. She is an active member of the Metropolitan Cleveland Alliance of Black Educators. She completed the Shaker Heights Citizen Police Academy, and was first in her class. She is also a member of Drifters, Incorporated.

“Miss Billie” has been asked to speak to students at Cleveland State University on topics dealing with parents, working with parents, and helping students succeed in passing the OAT test. An April 24, 2008, article in the Sun Press highlighted Charm Billie and her achievements. It notes that she is a resident of Shaker Heights; that she has 548 children (all at school); that her favorite food is pasta; that her favorite TV show is “Seinfeld;” and that her favorite book is “Who Moved My Cheese?” by Spencer Johnson.

Charm Billie has five adult children: Malcolm Rhonda, Carlene, Daniel and Jamal all of whom completed public school in Shaker Heights and thereafter, completed college. She also has four grandchildren. She is a member of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, Akron Chapter. She was the 2007 Mother of the Year Award and the Caring Award.

The Cleveland Chapter appreciates the participation and support of Charm Morgan. “Billie is always ready to lend a helping hand at chapter meetings, at school, and in the community.”

COLUMBUS CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



For the past five years, **Charm Barbara Gaines Walker** has been working with the Ivy Reading Academy, a volunteer program sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in which students in a local elementary school are tutored once a week. Barbara is currently working with the African-American Partnership Committee to assist students in the public schools who have an incarcerated parent.

Barbara has been a solicitor for Easter Seals, Children's Hospital, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. She collects and donates clothing for needy families. Barbara has enjoyed a successful career as an educator and retired after thirty-five years of service as a Speech and Language Pathologist of which thirty years were with the Columbus Public School system. She is currently serving in her profession in a part time capacity at a Charter school.

Barbra worked with the Barack Obama campaign for the Ohio primary. In describing the experience, she says that, "This was enlightening, inspiring, and just plain fun. It is so wonderful to have even a small part in what is certain to be an historical election!" Barbara has been a poll worker for many years and plans to serve in this capacity in the years to come.

Barbara started with Charms, Incorporated, as a Charter member of the Chapter in 1989. Over the years, she has served in the offices of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and Parliamentarian. She has been re-elected as Chapter President for 2008-10. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Sigma Omega Chapter and a member of the Church of Christ of the Apostolic Faith where she serves on the Usherboard, as a member of the Minister's Wives Auxiliary, and as Treasurer for her Sunday School Class. She is a former member of Jack and Jill of America; of the community organization Building Responsibility, Equity and Dignity (BREAD); of the National Education Association (NEA); fo the Columbus Education Association Retired (CEA-R); and a life member of the Ohio Speech-Language-Hearing Association (OSLHA). Her awards and recognitions include the 1998 COTY Award. She retains a Silver Star and is a Life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Barbara is married to Charmer Ernest Walker and they are blessed to have six adult children and ten grandchildren. The Columbus Chapter comments that this award is well-deserved because, "Charm Barbara has done exemplary community service."

DALLAS CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



Charm Lila Bradley is a charter member of the Dallas Chapter of Charms, Incorporated, and through the years, she has been involved in every aspect of the organization.

Community service is her passion. She is a volunteer dance instructor for Active Older Adults (AOA) at the YMCA. She has secured funds for Promise House, a facility for youth in crises; spearheaded First Tee, a golf program for students at St. Anthony's School; and involved her Chapter members in a 5K walkathon to support the homeless in Dallas. Lila is a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church where she serves on the Pastoral Council and works in various ministries.

The Dallas Chapter salutes Charm Bradley on her many accomplishments and is proud to sponsor her as its recipient of the Community Service Award.

Her organization affiliations include the Dallas Chapter Southern University Alumnae Association; the Black Academy of Arts and Letters and the Moorland Branch of the YMCA.

The Dallas Chapter of Charms, Incorporated, is proud to sponsor Charm Lila Bradley—a concerned, caring, and compassionate person who is focused, task-oriented, and involved in community service.



DETROIT CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



Charm Patricia S. Johnson is the Founder and President of Homo Sapiens' Refuge, Inc., a nonprofit, humanitarian organization. The major focus of this group is to mainstream persons recently released from incarceration back into society and to enable them to become self-sufficient. The purpose of this organization is to uplift mankind during such trying years. Humanitarian services—including counseling, tutoring, and financial assistance—are provided. Future goals of Homo Sapiens' Refuge are to provide additional services of interim lodging, employability skill development, and transportation to and from job interviews.

Charm Johnson also participates in a prison ministry by visiting and mentoring incarcerated persons in local jails. The incarcerated persons are associated with the members of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church.

As Project Manager for the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Program for Michigan Technical Assistance Project at the Michigan Department of Education, she volunteers extra time assisting the Human Resource Directors and Principals in understanding legislation, and by providing additional technical assistance to ensure the Highly Qualified statuses of teachers of Core Academic classes, thereby ensuring quality for all Michigan children.

As a “Distinguished Member of the International Society of Poets,” she has completed a book of inspirational poems, prose, and short stories, pending publication. The proceeds of the book will be used to help finance some of the activities of Homo Sapiens' Refuge.

Charm Johnson is the Immediate Past National President of Charms, Incorporated. Her accomplishments during her two terms as National President (2004-06 and 2006-08) are legendary. She designed and oversaw the construction of the National Charms' website; balanced the national budget; revitalized the use of the National Advisors; presided over the Nineteenth Biennial Conclave on a cruise via the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line; and co-established the Charm Laureate Award.

At the local level, she served as Chairperson of the Chapter's 40th Anniversary Gala; as Parliamentarian; as Fundraising Chairperson; as Audit Chairperson; as First Vice-President; and as Treasurer for the last two fiscal years. She is also a past president of the chapter.

In addition to her activities with Charms, Incorporated, Charm Johnson is a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated – Lansing Alumnae Chapter; an active member of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church; and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, International; a Charter member of the Benton Harbor Chapter and a past chapter president; and founder of the Mr. Benton Harbor Contest.

Charm Johnson has been recognized in the International Who's Who of Professionals. She has received the International Poet of Merit Award and Editor's Choice Awards; Kiwanis Club International Citizen of the Year; the Squaw of the Year Award (1978); and the Charm of the Year Award (2000).

FORT WORTH CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



The Fort Worth Chapter is honored to present **Charm Mary Roberson** as its 2008 Community Service Award recipient.

Charm Roberson is a charter member of the Fort Worth Chapter of Charms, Incorporated, and was installed in 1975. She has served numerous times as Financial Secretary and as Treasurer. Mary has also served on the Scholarship, Conclave, and Project Committees and on the Executive Board.

Charm Roberson retired from Fort Worth ISD after several years of service. She graduated from Wiley College, “The Home of the Great Debaters.” Presently, Mary is a member of the Hearing Committee of Student Appeals for Student Placement and the Discipline Department of FWISD. For the past fifteen years, Mary has served as a registration coordinator for high school students who she enjoys mentoring. She is an active member of St. Simon of Cyrene Episcopal Church where she serve as Financial Secretary of Episcopal Church Women and is a member of the Society of Mary. Charm Roberson is also a member of the National Wiley College Alumni Association, the Fort Worth Wiley Club, Fort Worth Retired Employees Association and the Texas Teacher Association. Her community services includes Aids Outreach, the Salvation Army, United Community Centers, Inc., and Search—an organization that provides food, clothing, and funds for the needy.

Her organization affiliations include membership in the Fort Worth Chapter of Charms, Incorporated; lifetime membership in the Parent Teachers Association; and membership on the Board of Directors for the Billy W. Sills Archives of the Fort Worth ISD.

Charm Roberson has received numerous awards. She is the first recipient of the Harriet Griffin Human Relations Award. She received the University of Texas – Texas Excellence Award honoring Outstanding High School teachers; the United Negro College Fund Award for Distinguished Leadership; and the Pioneer Award of St. Simon of Cyrene Episcopal Church.

Charm Roberson is married to Charmer Samuel Roberson. They have one son, Samuel Roberson (Alfreda) and two grandsons.

HOUSTON CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



Charm Helen Cashaw tells her own story in the following words:

“I am a charter member of the Houston Chapter of Charms, Incorporated. Since the chapter was chartered in 1975, I’ve served at various times in the offices of President, of Vice-President, of Treasurer, and of Chaplain.

“Houston is truly my home. I am my parents’ only child and I was born in Houston, Texas. I attended elementary, high school, and college in Houston. I earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education conferred by Texas Southern University.

“I began my career as classroom instructor in 1962, teaching second and third grade in Vanguard. During my teaching career, I’ve served as department coordinator and as director of adult education.

“In my community, I am affiliated with Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church where I have actively served as a member of the congregation and I am a charter member of the Deaconess Board.

“I work as a volunteer at Anna Dupree’s Senior Community Center and serve as a Board Member at the Blue Triangle Multi-Cultural Association.

“I am the proud mother of three children and five grandchildren.”

Her chapter commends her and tells us that, “Charm Cashaw is an exceptionally loyal, dedicated member and the Houston Chapter is proud of her accomplishments and of her valuable services to the community.”



MIAMI CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



The Miami Chapter of Charms, Incorporated, is honored to present **Charm Thelma Wilson** as recipient of the 2008 Community Service Award.

Charm Thelma is a charter member of the Miami Chapter. Through the years, she has served in various local positions including the offices of Recording Secretary, Corresponding secretary, Chaplain; as Chairperson of the Benevolence and of the Publicity Committees; and in various other capacities, as needed. She currently holds the office of Corresponding Secretary. She was honored in 1994 at recipient of this organization's former SOTY Award.

In the community, Charm Thelma works diligently with the Miami Rescue Mission which provides shelter for battered women and their children, and with the Jefferson Reaves House which provides residence and services to substance abused women.

Another community project in which she is actively involved with the senior citizens of Ward Towers, a mature adult residence. Each month, a schedule of activities is presented in which the residents are encouraged to participate. Charm Thelma also participates in activities for the black Family Committee of her sorority. This Committee's 2007 project was to assist Habitat for Humanity in building twelve homes in the community.

In addition to her affiliation with Charms, she is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Gamma Zeta Chapter, and a member of the Board of Directors of its W.I.S.H. Foundation; Kappa Delta Pi, an Honors in education Society; Order of the Easter Star P.H.A.; and, a Charter Member of the Church of the Open Door United Church of Christ Congregational Church.

Charm Thelma is a retired school teacher. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, and a Master of Science Degree from Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida.

The Miami Chapter commends her efforts stating that, "Charm Thelma Wilson renders her services to the Miami Chapter in an area that is much needed. She's always willing to lend a hand accompanied by a smile."

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



The Philadelphia Chapter of Charms, Incorporated, proudly salutes **Charm Lynada C. Martinez** as its 2008 Community Service Awardee.

Charm Martinez is a diligent and dedicated professional who manages to share her time and talents throughout the community while keeping her focus on family first.

Charm Martinez has been a member of the historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas since her youth where she serves on several committees. She has been an active member of the St. Thomas Women's Day Committee for the past five years and served as Co-chairperson of the 2005-06 Committee.

Charm Martinez has served Charms, Incorporated, at both the National and local levels. She presently serves as Vice-President of the Philadelphia Chapter and is the Membership Chairperson. She is always in search of social ventures that will raise money to support the Chapters service project. She has well represented the Philadelphia Chapter this year volunteering her time to assist at several local nursing home facilities for "spa days" and "bingo nights."

Charm Lynada served a four-year term on the Board of Directors of Taller Puertorriqueno, a local, non-profit, community arts and education organization. For many years, she has served as a volunteer at the Japanese House and Gardens in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park.

Charm Martinez also manages to find the time to coordinate fundraising activities for the Board of Directors of the Southwest Belmont Community Association, formerly, the Catherine Street YWCA which was the first YWCA established to serve African-American women in the United States. She is a member of the Black Education Alliance and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Charm Martinez is the daughter of Philadelphia Chapter charter member, Charm Doris Coleburn, and is the mother of Gem Dylan Coleburn.

Charm Martinez feels that this quote captures the spirit of what service means to her: "I've come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that's as unique as a fingerprint. And that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you." *Oprah Winfrey*

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



The Pittsburgh Chapter of Charms, Inc. is honored to present **Charm Rebecca M. Hairston** as our 2008 Community Service Awardee.

Charm Hairston has been a dedicated member and leader of the Pittsburgh Chapter and Charms, Incorporated, for over 30 years. Her commitment, dedication, and leadership have helped many young people attain their goals.

Charm Hairston has worked with a number of community service organizations. She was a delegate to the National PTA representing two schools, Elementary and High School. Reading and math tutor in the Pittsburgh Public School system. She served as education chairperson for the American Cancer Society visiting schools explaining the work of the society and the need for volunteers.

She was the first National President of Squaws, Incorporated, now known as Charms, Incorporated.

Charm Hairston is a member of Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church and has served as a crafts instructor (and teacher) in Vacation Bible School. She was church Treasurer for ten years and still serves as Chairperson of the Finance Ministry. Presently, she is serving as Treasurer of Woman Space East, a women and children's shelter.

Charm Hairston is a member of Delta Sigma Sorority; Omega Wives of Pittsburgh; local AARP chapter; Member of University of Pittsburgh Alumni Association; President's Circle-School of Social Work at University of Pittsburgh; and Charms, Incorporated.

She has received numerous awards for her unselfish service including the following:

- Annual Giving Fund for the University of Pittsburgh for telephone fund raising for the School of Social Work
- Recognition from Action Housing Authority having served on their Board for six (6) years
- Federal recognition as Caseworker Administrator for Western Pennsylvania in U. S. Senator Arlen Specter's Pittsburgh Office
- Recognized for work in the Homewood Brushton YMCA
- Recognized as Woman of the Year-Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church
- Recognized for her work on an election campaign in Harrisburg, PA
- Served as President of Point City Bridge Unit of the ABA

SAVANNAH CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



The Savannah Chapter is proud to present **Charm Sadie Patrick** as our Community Service Award nominee. Charm Patrick has been a member of our chapter since 1981 and presently serves as Historian. She is a retiree of the Beaufort County School System where she served as a guidance counselor for 32 years. In addition to her membership in Charms, Incorporated, she is affiliated with the following organizations: National Teachers Association (life member); Chatham County Retired Educators Association; South Carolina State University National Alumni Association (life member); Savannah Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., (life member); Long-Tisdell Foundation; and The One Hundred (benefitting George and Marie Backus

Children's Hospital at Memorial University Medical Center).

Sadie has worked as a dedicated and devoted volunteer of Backus Children's Hospital for over twelve years. She always greets families with a smile and goes above and beyond to make sure that each patient is satisfied. She participates in special reading celebrations such as the "Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration" and "Reading with the Champions Day." Charm Sadie initiated and implemented a program that gives new mothers needed information to care for their new born. She was named "Volunteer of the Month" for January 2008.

A native of Bluffton, South Carolina, Sadie also volunteers with the Bluffton Self-Help Program which provides short-term emergency assistance to individuals while encouraging them to become self-reliant. She also plants flowers such as pansies and day lilies around public areas in the City of Bluffton and in the City Parks of Thunderbolt, Georgia, her present home.

In addition, Sadie volunteers with the American Heart Association and Delta Sigma Theta's May Week Activity in two public schools teaching good nutrition and self-respect. She is an active member of St. Matthews' Episcopal Church where she prepares meals for the elderly, and provides transportation for members to doctor's appointments and to pharmacies to pick up prescriptions.

Sadie is the widow of Dr. Nathaniel Patrick and the mother of three children: Iris Williams and her husband, Charles, of Corpus Christi, TX; Paula Patrick of Washington, DC; and Nathaniel Patrick, IV, of Houston, TX. Her family also includes grandson, Colin Williams and granddaughter, Christen Williams.

"Sadie is an outstanding member of our organization who goes above and beyond to serve the community."

TOLEDO CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



Charm Jeanette Bradley is a Charter Member of the Toledo Chapter of Charms, Incorporated. She has previously served as President, as Treasurer; she has worked on various location and national committees. Currently, she is serving as Chapter Vice-President.

Charm Bradley is an alumni of the University of Toledo. She retired from a position as a kindergarten teacher after having served for forty years. Charm Bradley has been recognized as a Martha Holder Jennings Scholar.

Charm Bradley's community involvement included volunteering at the Toledo Museum of Arts as a Museum Ambassador; serving on the Toledo Museum Committee for Cultural Diversity and on the Juneteenth Family Celebration Committee. She is very active in Christ Child Society and through her efforts several Charm members have actively volunteered in an effort to improve the quality of life for children. Charm Bradley is a member of the Study Hour Club and Sew-N-So's.

Charm Bradley is a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She is a member of Warren AME Church where she serves as a Sunday School Teacher, a member of the Christian Education Department, and as Vacation Bible School Teacher.

Charm Jeanette is married to Charmer Henry Bradley. They are very proud parents of a daughter, Michelle, and the grandparents of grandson, Courtney.



WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE



Charm Shirley Green is a native Washingtonian, educated in the public schools of Washington, D.C. She is married to Samuel J. Green and they reside in Temple Hills, Maryland. They are the proud parents of four adult children: Jacqueline, Ronald, Carolyn, and Denise. Their family also includes five adorable grandchildren and three beautiful great-grandchildren.

Shirley was installed in the D.C. Chapter of Charms, Incorporated, in 1999, and has held the following local offices: Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Chaplain.

She earned an associate degree in Biblical Studies and a bachelor's degree in Christian Counseling in June 2006 and June 2007, respectively, from the National Bible College and Seminary in Fort Washington, Maryland.

In 1997, she retired from federal service after forty-two years of employment. During the course of her employment, she held numerous clerical and administrative positions working her way through the ranks. At the time of her retirement, she held the position of Employee Development Specialist with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Shirley is an ordained minister, on staff, at the Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. In this capacity, she visits with the sick and shut in members and non-members in their homes, hospitals, nursing centers, and rehabilitation centers where she serves them the sacrament of Holy Communion. This community service consists of a brief church service with prayers, songs, scripture reading, and a mini-sermon. She also performs services at Martha's Table, a nonprofit organization helping to prepare food for the homeless.

Charm Green is also a class leader at Allen Chapel with over twenty members. She maintains a personal rapport with each member of the class and routinely reports to the pastor regarding the cares and concerns of each. She is an active member of the Women's Ministry and is presently involved in recruitment and registration although she is always available to serve wherever needed. Charm Green is looking forward to opportunities to facilitate sessions at others churches and at Allen Chapel's women's retreat within the next year.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE TRAILBLAZER AWARD

NOMINATION OF THE CHARLOTTE CHAPTER

Charm Delores Sanders established Continued Education Focus (CF) on top health issues for the Charlotte Chapter of Charms, Incorporated, during 2007-08. Charm Sanders wanted all chapter members to be informed especially on Lupus since it was a major focus nationally. All Charms were provided handouts followed by discussions on the topic. The goal was to educate Charm members and their families. Charms shared the information with neighbors, neighbors share with others in the that information disseminated in this mode inspired and empowered Charms and their families to take advantage of health preventive opportunities. The following topics were presented - Lupus, Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus (MRSA), Osteoporosis, and Osteoarthritis. Continued Education Focus Program will continue to be develop to include workshops and opportunities for community participation.

Good health is the most important asses for every person. It enables one to continue working, to function independently, and to maintain a reasonable standard of living. By educating families and communities about common health problems and resources available, public awareness campaigns can help overcome some health barriers while also promoting the kind of active and healthy lifestyle that can add quality to one's life.

NOMINATION OF THE HOUSTON CHAPTER

The Houston Chapter of the Charms, Incorporated, has rejuvenated interest in both the local and national organization by recruiting fifteen dynamic and energetic ladies who are ready to take the organization by storm. Several immediately registered to attend the 2008 Conclave while others began planning ways to make a difference. During the 2007-08 club year, the Houston Chapter helped the elderly by serving a Thanksgiving Dinner at the Anna Dupree Terrace and sponsored donations to benefit the youth at the Blue Triangle Educational & Recreational Center.

The newest project currently being launched is a program benefiting young women and young men, Leadership League and League of Leaders, respectively. The Program's mission is to mentor and to guide the participants to become exemplary citizens. During the year-long process, they are engaged in workshops and activities which mold their self-image, spiritual values, health habits, work ethics, leadership skills and community service. The culminating events are a Debutante Ball and a Beautillion. Throughout this endeavor, each Charm has a young man and a young woman with whom she communicates personally.

2008 NATIONAL PROJECT RECIPIENT

LUPUS MID-ATLANTIC

Lupus is a chronic, inflammatory disease in which the body's immune system fails to serve its normal protective functions and instead forms antibodies that attack healthy tissues and organs. You can think of it as your body being allergic to itself. The cause of lupus is unknown. While scientists believe there is a genetic predisposition to the disease, it is known that certain factors also play a critical role in triggering lupus. In a patient who is predisposed, the following factors may play a role in setting off the disease: infections, antibiotics (especially those in the sulfa group) or certain other medications, pregnancy, ultraviolet light, extreme stress.

Between 1.4 and 2 million people have been told by a doctor they have lupus, making it more common than AIDS, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, sickle-cell anemia and cystic fibrosis combined. Lupus can occur at any age and in either sex, although it appears at least 10 times more frequently among adult females than among adult males. The symptoms of the disease are the same in men and women. People of Hispanic, African, Native American and Asian origin are thought to develop lupus more frequently than Caucasians.

Lupus Mid-Atlantic is committed to providing educational and psychological support to lupus patients and their families, to increasing awareness and educating the general public and health professionals about lupus, and to funding clinical and basic scientific research on lupus.

Lupus Mid-Atlantic has a long and proud history of supporting research into the cause and cure of lupus. The organization has raised and distributed over \$900,000 to scientists in the past twenty years. It has supported both basic and clinical research, trying to help people live with lupus more comfortably while assisting in the search for a cure.

Continuing its role as a leading organization supporting lupus research, Lupus Mid-Atlantic is proud to be a member of the founding Board of the Lupus Research Institute (LRI). Lupus Mid-Atlantic is firmly committed to the goals of the LRI, which is raising millions of dollars to fund scientists "to think differently and bring us their best new ideas about this complex and baffling disease." To date, Lupus Mid-Atlantic has raised and donated \$150,000 to the work of the LRI, and plans to do much more.

Charms, Incorporated, salutes the success of Lupus Mid-Atlantic and wishes the organization continued success in promoting awareness, research, and funding.

NATIONAL SONG

Tune: "Close to You"
Lyrics by the Late Charm Helen Lothery

Why do Charms suddenly appear,
From everywhere, far and near?
Just like me, they long to see
UNITY.

Why doe stars illuminate the sky,
Everytime we walk by?
Just like me, they long to see
HARMONY.

On the day that we were born,
Pittsburgh got together,
And decided to create a dream come true.
So they gathered girls from all around,
Gave silver charms and feathers to us, too.

That is why all the Charmers in town,
Follow us all around.
Just like me, they long to see
UNITY/HARMONY.

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