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RE: Invitation to Join Pretty in Pink at 75 Host Committee

VIA Electronic Mail

Dear Gamma Psi Alumnae Chapter Sister,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Alicia Hughes, and I am chairing an initiative, Pretty in Pink at 75, preliminarily a fundraising brunch complete with a souvenir journal, for our 75th Charter Anniversary Weekend. The objective is to seed an endowment through the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Educational Advancement Foundation for the benefit of undergraduate sorority sisters initiated at Texas Southern University. Soror Regina Carrington has graciously agreed to co-chair the initiative, and she joins me in hoping you will agree to serve on the host committee for the jazz brunch benefit. Our activity will be complete with tickets and ads for sale, sponsorship levels, and an invitation to friends, family, and supporters in the Houston-area community. In the spirit of old-fashioned camaraderie, we will be honoring past Miss TSUs, Golden and Pearl Sorors, while recognizing TSU SGA Past Presidents and Gamma Psi Past Presidents at the Omni Houston Galleria on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 1:00 pm. All revenue generated will go to seed the endowment.

Please know the mission and activity of the Pretty in Pink at 75 Alumnae Committee has been cleared by South Central Regional Director Shawn Simmons. If she is back in time from a cluster meeting, she will join us. We feel privileged that Dr. Cherry Ross Gooden is on the host committee, along with geographic and decade diverse Gamma Psi alumnae. However, the host committee will not be complete without you.

We are asking each host committee member to do a "get or give" (really interested in the get) of \$500, to circulate the word to our lines, those closely situated to our lines, and community supporters. Brunch ticket prices are \$75 each. We will have draft solicitation letters ready as early as October 13, 2025, along with a pay mechanism. To seed the endowment, we need to raise at least \$5,000. Our goal is the vesting amount of \$25,000 by May 31 to ensure an announcement at the EAF luncheon during Boule. Thereafter, we can begin dispersing scholarships. Ideally, we want an endowment of at least \$75,000 to \$100,000 so we can generate \$5,000 to award annually. Working together as alumnae chapter sisters, I know that we can.

While we start with a community brunch-raiser, I trust our work will evolve into an alumnae association specific to our chapter so we can more easily and readily organize and raise moving forward, in a manner similar to other well-organized alumnae from undergraduate chapters and guide our giving efforts with greater ease. We are trailblazers, being the first undergraduate chapter to contribute \$1,000 to the AKA Corporate Office Improvement Plan. As a results, we are listed first on the Ivy Wall of Fame at international headquarters. We have Soror Regina Carrington, who was my Graduate Advisor when that happened in the nineties, to thank for that honor. Let's make history again with legacy giving that will last in perpetuity for our 75th birthday. Thanks in advance for your yes, and

Warmest regards,

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