

# IMPACT REPORT 2023



**THE IVY  
CENTENNIAL  
FOUNDATION, INC.**

**WE ENGAGE**

**WE ENRICH**

**WE ENCOURAGE**



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**Dr.. Barbara Denson Trotter**  
**ICF President**



## Message From The President

**Our focus for 2023 was to address the most immediate needs of 'vulnerable populations'; the un-housed individuals, mental health & wellbeing, and alternate pathways to post-secondary education. We opened our doors to a few organizations that are leaders in these areas that we have aligned with in the last couple of years. We invited the African Public Health Coalition and Step Up to in-depth discussions. We listened to one another and identified common solutions that would be beneficial to all. We then shared this information with our community donors and supporters to show them the results of what 'inspired philanthropy' could yield right in our own backyards. ICF directors, members and supporters responded and embraced the invitation to participate in grand openings for new facilities to house 'vulnerable populations'.**

**Look at the images on the pages to follow. They speak to the human spirit. The images portray a message of love, caring, sharing, hope, appreciation, and thanksgiving all rolled into one. See what can happen when we Engage, Embrace, and Encourage our community.**

**- Director Barbara**





# 2023 ICF Board of Directors



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**President**



**Carolawyn Smith**  
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# 2023 ICF Board of Directors



**Carla Brown**  
Director



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Director



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Director

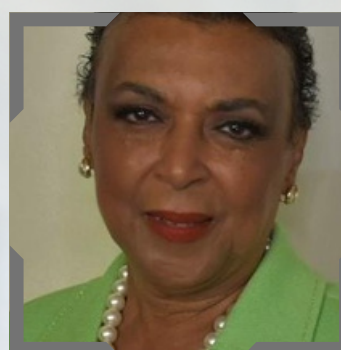


**Charmain Young**  
Director

# 2023 ICF Advisory Council



**Monique Hunter Dennis**  
Major Gifts Officer



**Olivette C. Sasser**  
Operations  
ICF President Emerita





## Mission and Purpose

**The Ivy Centennial Foundation, Incorporated (ICF) was conceived by a group of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority women in the Los Angeles County of California who were members of Mu Lambda Omega Chapter in the West Los Angeles/Culver City area. In 2014, these ladies set out to create a non-profit entity that would provide scholarships and educational benefits to high school seniors. By 2019 ICF members realized that there were other needs in addition to education and scholarships and so they expanded their focus. The Ivy Centennial Foundation, Inc. of today addresses education along with other community needs.**

**ICF is building a stronger community for all ages by encouraging and promoting physical and mental health, financial well-being, and fostering experiences and opportunities to transform the lives of vulnerable populations in our community and beyond.**

**ICF creates meaningful programs and projects aimed at improving the health and well-being of our community.**





**Community Philanthropy is the process of gaining the support of community members , to better address challenges or to improve the quality of life in a community.**

**\$10,000 and Above Donor Level**

The Maurice Amado Foundation  
Green Aaron Family Foundation

**\$1,000 to \$5,000 Donor Level**

Natalie Walters  
Jameeka Aaron  
Helen Clemmons  
Velma Marshall  
Denise Williams  
Martha Caldwell  
Bridge Builders Foundation  
Charter Heritage Fund

**\$25 - \$900 Donor Level**

Alison O'Quinn  
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Rita Bernard Harris  
Ruby Cannon  
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Sylmar Williams  
Tamara Loud  
Vera Stewart  
Yolonda Hamilton





The Ivy Centennial foundation deeply values the important role that our corporate and community supporters play in the achievement of mutually shared goals.

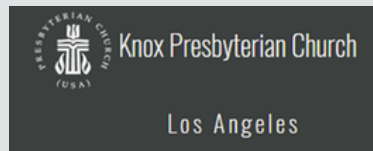
## Supporters and Donors



Maurice Amado Foundation



TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH



## Corporations







**Non-profits are the backbone of our community. Our monthly sustainers keep us on target to deliver our mission.**



**Marissa Calhoun  
Annetta Lawrence  
Mary Palmer  
Alison O'Quinn  
Carolawyn Smith**

# Community Inspired Philanthropy



The scholarship is given in memory of Velma C. Marshall's parents. Both were business oriented but did not have the benefit of a college education. Her father owned his own taxicab company, and her mother was an insurance agent for North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. They were successful and self-taught.

*"My parents worked hard to ensure that my sister and I had a quality education. I want to help as many students as I can to have opportunities for success."*

*-Velma C.Marshall*

## **WILLIE & ERMA CARR SCHOLARSHIP**

Donation

**\$5,000**

Area of Study

**BUSINESS  
FINANCE  
REAL ESTATE**



Bernice Small is a retired public-school teacher who immigrated from the Cayman Islands. She received her bachelor's degree in education from an HBCU, Bethune Cookman. This scholarship is given by her daughter to honor her mother.

*"I had the best teachers in my life. I want to honor my mother's ongoing legacy and help others who have chosen her important profession."*

*- Natalie S. Walters*

## **BERNICE SMALLS TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP**

Donation

**\$2,500**

Area of Study

**EDUCATORS**



# Community Inspired Philanthropy



The Caldwell Family has funded philanthropic endeavors for the past 45 years throughout Southern California in the field of education. The family desires to expand their support to include students pursuing studies in health related fields offered at Charles Drew University.

*"People helped me and I think it is our responsibility as educated Black women to help someone else."*

*-Martha Caldwell*

## CALDWELL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Donation

**\$3,000**

Area of Study

**HEALTH**



Pathways to Success is presented to students entering/matriculating in a STEM program (health-related technology, cybersecurity, physician assistant) at a trade school, community college, or Charles Drew University.

*"Our family wanted to extend support to scholars that take educational pathways that include trade schools, community college or Charles Drew University while pursuing careers in technology health, STEM and cybersecurity."*

*-Jameeka Aaron*

## PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Donation

**\$3,000**

Area of Study

**TECHNOLOGY  
HEALTH  
CYBER SECURITY**

# Community Inspired Philanthropy



The Charter Heritage Scholar Award was established in 2010 to increase the educational awards available to our community. Donations from charter members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Culver City Chapter and community donors fund this award. A qualifying young African American woman may be eligible for this multi-year award.

## CHARTER HERITAGE AWARD

Donation

**\$1,000**

Area of Study

**All Majors**

**"We are inspired to help young women of color on their journeys to pursue higher education."**

**- Jackie White**



**"I want to see it grow. It allows those of us who started together to carry on our purpose."**

**-Rita Bernard Harris**



# Community Engagement



## ICF supports the Grand Opening of a Home for Refugee Women

**Summer 2023:**

Community partner *African Communities Public Health Coalition* (African Coalition) founded a new and safe community shelter in a Los Angeles neighborhood to house recently arrived immigrant women of color stuck at the California/Mexico border. ICF coordinated the provision of bedding essentials to accommodate ten beds. Additional kitchen items (pots/pans/dishes/plates) and basic bathroom essentials were provided in time for a grand opening.



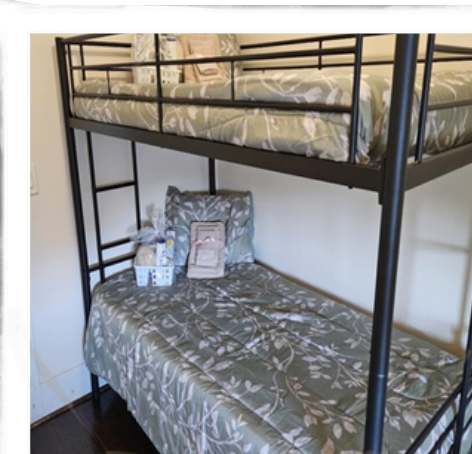
In-kind donations

**\$1.7K**

Bed/Bath /Kitchen Items

**300 ITEMS**





# Community Engagement

## Essentials for Women

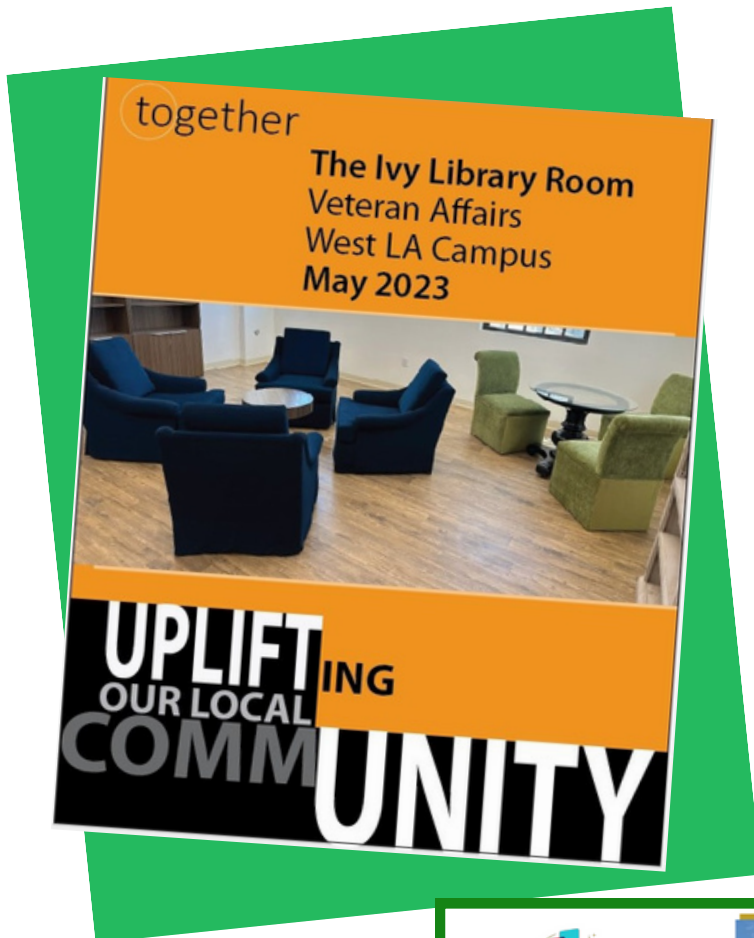
**Foundation Members prepared beds to receive women of color refugee/asylum seekers 'stuck' at the US/Mexico border.**





# Community Engagement

## ICF furnishes the Ivy Reading Room for the Grand Opening of Veterans Housing



**When Community Partner, Step Up /VASH, extended an invitation to ICF to participate in the Grand Opening of permanent supportive housing for Veterans, ICF said 'yes' to enhancing a room allocated for reading. The Ivy Library Room is located in Bldg 205 residential apartments for formerly unhoused veterans.**





# Community Engagement



## Educational Enrichment

 The Ivy Centennial Foundation, Inc.

### GREEN AARON STEM Mini-Grants for Teachers



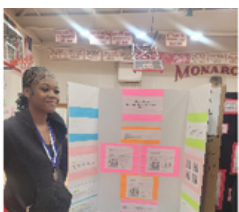
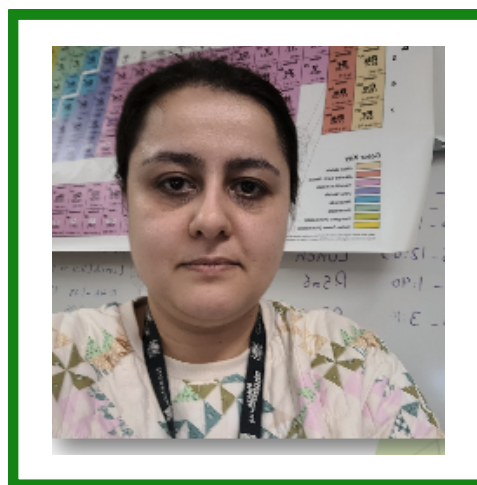
The Green Aaron Family Foundation STEM mini-grants for Educators provides teachers in Los Angeles County schools/districts with funds to increase the number of students taking and succeeding in advanced math and science courses in grades 7-11.

The maximum grant award per teacher is \$500. STEM mini grants can be used to fund:

- Curriculum materials and supplies
- Afterschool partnerships and programs
- Conference attendance and teacher or student experiences
- And more . . .

**Applications Due - December 4, 2023, 11:59 PM**  
Winners notified - January 2024

*Thank you,  
ICF!*



**Inglewood High School Chemistry Class**

**“We went to the science fair of the school district. Two of my honor students received medals! It ONLY happened because of you. Without you, it was impossible even though it was the same me and the same students.”**

**Simaalsadat Masajedian  
Chemistry Teacher  
Inglewood High School  
Green Aaron Award Recipient**



**Denise M. Williams, MA**  
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist

## WELLNESS GRANT

## WELL PLAY COUNSELING & WELL BEING CENTER



The Wellness Grant supports women and families on their journey to becoming healthy, whether it be the individual, the woman with her partner, her children, or her community. We are here to support women of color in their mental wellness journey.

This grant provides sponsorships for ICF outreach projects, mental health, and well-being projects.



# Educational Scholarships and Community Awards



**Christie Weru**  
Alice R. Stephens Scholarship  
UC Irvine



**Crislynn Duncan**  
Eleanor Simmons Wallace Memorial  
Scholarship  
Portland State University



**Crystal Duncan**  
Maurice Amado Scholarship  
Howard University



**Elijah Ellis**  
Maurice Amado Scholarship  
UCLA



**Ayana Johnson**  
Maurice Amado Scholarship  
Howard University



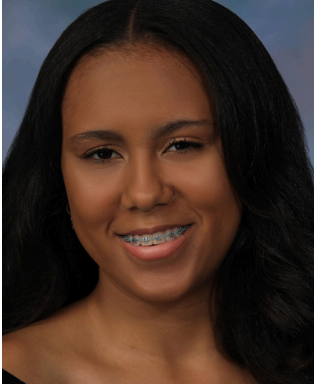
**Jalen Coleman**  
Willie & Erma Carr Memorial  
Scholarship  
Temple University



**Jerrell Sterling**  
ICF Scholarship  
UCLA



# Educational Scholarships and Community Awards



**Sarah Wheaton**  
Bernice Smalls Teaching Profession  
Scholarship  
UCLA



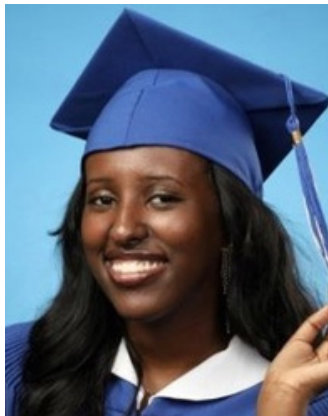
**Alana Matthews**  
ICF Scholarship  
George Washington Univ



**Jillian King**  
ICF Scholarship  
Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison



**Taylor Mah**  
ICF Scholarship  
UC Irvine



**Yasmin Kabir**  
CC Community Award  
UC San Diego



**Laila Anderson**  
Charter Heritage Award  
Loyola Marymount





# Educational Impact

**Scholarship Awards (13)**

**Community Achievement Awards (2)**

**Classroom Enrichment Award (1)**

**EAF/MLO Endowment Award (1)**

**Charles Drew University Award (1)**

**Together, with community partner,  
The Maurice Amado Foundation, our  
community scholars and award recipients  
have been able to attend Ivy League schools,  
HBCUs, University of California Schools  
and private institutions.**





# Financial Statement

## Fiscal Year 2023

### \* Revenue

Revenue received from:

• Contributions	\$21,000
• Grants	\$22,000
• Membership dues	\$3,000
• Board Member donations	\$2,000

## TOTAL

## \$48,000

### \* Expenses

Expenses:

• Education/Scholarships	\$38,000
• Programs	\$2,400
• Fundraising	\$2,400
• Operations	\$4,800

## TOTAL

## \$47,600



# ICF CELEBRATES TEN YEARS 2014-2024



## WAYS TO GIVE TO THE ANNIVERSARY FUND

In celebration of providing 10 years of scholarships and service to the community, ICF invites you to:

- Join the Monthly Giver's Circle (starting at \$25/month)
- Establish a "Pathway to Success Award" (starting at \$1,000)
- Establish a Legacy Scholarship
- Text "Give" to donate: (877) 737-3295

[Click here](#) to complete the ICF Charitable Giving Form.

[Click here](#) to donate electronically.

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