

International Awareness and Involvement Committee
Current and Future Initiatives

Projection project dates: December 1, 2020, National HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
Collaborate with Sacred Heart, Health Department
support efforts for free/confidential testing

World AIDS Day:

World AIDS Day is commemorated each year on December 1. Our committee would like to coordinate a program with community partners, such as Sacred Heart Counseling Services, Health Department, and SCCMH Authority, focused on advocacy and awareness of HIV/AIDS, and resources for those impacted by the disease. Workshops, Facebook Live panel discussions, free testing, and supporting for advocacy campaigns. Guest speakers, including health care professionals, community leaders, resource providers, and persons living with HIV, can provide valuable information and statistics regarding HIV/AIDS and the impact of these diseases within our communities, particularly among young African Americans.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Month: January 2021

Continue collaborating with Delta G.E.M.S. and their advisors following the National Modules
Introduce IPV-Intimate Partner Violence Jan. 2021

Clean Water Awareness Month: April 2021

DELTA HOUSE:

Dedicated in 2002, the Delta House is a home for children who became orphans due to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. It is located in what is now known as Vashti Village, in Mbabane, Swaziland along with two similar structures. Built to accommodate 12 children and a housemother, the home was made possible with funds contributed by Delta Soror's at the 45th and 46th National Conventions held in Chicago (2000) and Atlanta (2002). Situated in a picturesque valley, an expansive vegetable garden flourishes behind the Delta House where residents (most of whom are adolescents) grow some of their own food. The village is still a work in progress with an office complex, conference center, church and apartments envisioned for the future. **(clean water and how it related to education)**

Pen Pal Project: 4 Letters (one each quarter)

Objective/Focus: A pen pal relationship is often used to practice reading and writing to improve [literacy](#), to learn more about other countries culture and life-styles, and to make friendships. As with any friendships in life, some people remain pen pals for only a short time, while others continue to exchange letters and presents for life.

Theme: “Laughter is the Best Medicine”

Initial communication letter to go out in September 2020: “All About Me”
Picture and a poem to your pen pal. Include something to laugh about.

December 2020:

Christmas (holiday) Celebrations

Include something to laugh about.

March/April 2021:

Spring Break

Include something to laugh about.

June 2021:

End of the school year

Do they go to school all year round? What is it like? Why is laughter good for the soul?