# ANNUAL REPORT



2013

20 Pearls Foundation, Inc.

Dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of Las Vegas and its surrounding communities through service in the areas of family and children, women's issues, and education.

## **Annual Report**

20 PEARLS FOUNDATION, INC.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

Dear Members:

As I look back on 2013, I am proud to say that this was the year that the 20 Pearls Foundation, Inc. formally introduced itself to the Las Vegas community. In January, we presented jazz violinist, Karen Briggs at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts. What an exciting performance! We thank our many sponsors (who are listed on another page) for making that event possible. Some of the proceeds from this event were used to present a check to the Her/She



Foundation, an organization dedicated to preparing girls in foster care to successfully transition from adolescence to adult independence.

Other fundraising activities during 2013, included: H&R Block Tax Prep Partnership, during the tax season and the Fellows Campaign held in the fall.

In March of 2013, the Foundation co-sponsored Theta Theta Omega's 10<sup>th</sup> Emerald Ball at the Eastside Cannery. We assisted the chapter in raising funds for scholarships and the chapter's community service programs.

May was the month for our scholarship activities. In addition to the presentation of ten \$300 and \$500 book awards, matched by our partner, the Ronald MacDonald House, the first Barbara Kirkland Scholarship for \$1500, was presented to a Clark County School District senior.

2013 was also the year in which we moved the Foundation to "the next level" by holding Spring Retreat Part I and Fall Retreat, Part II. These retreats focused on the Board setting and developing financial and operational goals for the next two years.

In November, 20 Pearls Foundation, Inc. was proud to present donations to and participate in the Thanksgiving Baskets Project held at the Doolittle Senior Center and at the Economic Summit for students held in December. We also found out that we had been granted an Educational Advancement Fund grant from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for a proposal submitted to them.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of 20 Pearls Foundation, Inc., we thank all of our supporters and partners during 2013 and look forward to continued relationships.

Barbara J. McCants-Hill Board Chairman

- The mission of the 20 Pearls Foundation Inc., is to enhance the quality of life in Las Vegas and its surrounding communities through service in the areas of family and children, women's issues and education.
- 20 Pearls Foundation Inc., a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, was established in 2007. It serves as a non-profit service organization for community involvement and scholastic achievement. This foundation; the charitable arm of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s, Theta Theta Omega Chapter, is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and philanthropic purposes. The Foundation provides support to Theta Theta Omega's scholarship. Educational, cultural, community and health service programs, as well as other selected projects for all segments of the Las Vegas community.
- 20 Pearls Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to providing service to the community. One very important way in which we strive to achieve this is through is by acting as a fiscal agent for the scholarship program and other chapter fundraisers. Proceeds from Theta Theta Omega's Annual Emerald Ball are used to fund scholarships for young men and women graduating from Clark County area high schools.
- The Foundation solicits contributions for Book Awards (\$300-\$500) and its own Twenty Pearls Foundation Scholarship. The **Fellows Campaign** is the main fundraiser for the Foundation. It occurs each year during the month of October.

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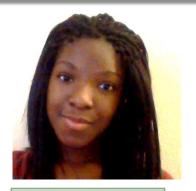
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20 Pearls Foundation Inc., partnered with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Theta Theta Omega chapter and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. in preparing and distribution Thanksgiving Baskets to needy senior citizens. 20 Pearls Foundation, Inc. was able to donate hams and a gift card toward the effort of ensuring disadvantaged families still enjoyed a good Thanksgiving.





## An Evening of Jazz with "Soul-O-Ist" Karen Briggs

In January 2013, the 20 Pearls Foundation, presented "An Evening of Jazz with Violin 'Soul-o-ist' Karen Briggs with special guest Freddie B," for a concert in support of the HerShe Group Foundation, Inc., an organization preparing girls in foster care for successful transition into adulthood. This was the foundation's inaugural foray into concert fundraising and were privileged to have held it at The Smith Center for The Performing Arts, Cabarret Jazz venue.

Karen Briggs is a highly sought after featured soloist whose musicianship is reflective of her exposure to countless music genres including jazz, gospel, Latin, classical, African and Middle Eastern. She is world renowned and has played Carnegie Hall, Royal Albert Hall, the Apollo Theater, and the Kennedy Center. Her nickname, "The Lady in Red" was given to her by her fans after extensively touring with Yanni. She was a part of his critically acclaimed and live multi-platinum recorded album Yanni Live at the

Acropolis (1993) which became "one of the best-selling PBS specials of all time and was broadcast in 65 countries."

Ms. Briggs began her professional career with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra after graduating from Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia. Several years later she released her self-titled debut album "Karen" (1992), her sophomore album "Amazing Grace" (1996), followed by "Soulchestral Groove" (2009). and has collaborated with many influential musicians including Wynton Marsalis, Swinging into the 21st (2012) and Selections from Swingin' into the 21st (2011); Ledisi, Lost & Found (2007); Kenny Loggins, More Songs from Pooh Corner (2000); Vertu', Stanley Clark, Lenny White and Richie Kotzen (1999); Diana Ross, Every Day Is a New Day (1999); and Kirk Franklin, Donnie McClurkin and Yolanda Adams, The Hopeville Tour/DVD (2009), to name a few and there are many to name.

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