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Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter

Emerald Splendor

A Celebratory Luncheon

30th
Anniversary

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

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Welcome
to
Emerald Splendor!



President

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to *Emerald Splendor*, our 30th Anniversary Celebration. Your presence today is a beautiful reminder of the ongoing commitment so many have provided to our great organization since our chapter's chartering on March 2, 1996.

We recognize that this milestone is a true testament to the dedication and service that have defined our chapter's work over the past three decades. It is because of you—our friends and supporters—that we have created a legacy extending far beyond Fort Bend County. As members, our hearts are full. We are deeply grateful for the privilege of growing together in friendship while serving our community and beyond over the past 30 years.



Throughout the years, our chapter has remained steadfast in offering meaningful programs and outreach initiatives. We are intentional about investing in youth and education through programs such as Dr. ME, NSBE Jr., and our chapter scholarships. We prioritize the health and wellness of others by cohosting the annual Black Family Wellness Expo and partnering with organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Alzheimer's Association. We raise awareness and celebrate the arts through collaborations with institutions like the Houston Grand Opera. We align with national initiatives by promoting voter education and empowerment and by hosting an annual job fair. Our impact also extends internationally through programs such as Education Across the Miles and STEM Across the Commonwealth. These efforts—and many others—allow us to touch lives within our community while reaching those in need around the world.

Today's celebration is not only an opportunity to reflect on all that has been accomplished over the past 30 years but also a moment to honor the friends and supporters we've gained along the way. The success of our work would not be possible without our members, sponsors, community partners, and loved ones who continue to believe in the mission of The Links, Incorporated.

As we celebrate, we look toward the future with excitement and renewed commitment. Together, we will build upon the strong foundation established by our twenty-five remarkable Charter Members three decades ago and remain devoted to advancing the vision of our beloved organization.

Thank you for joining us in commemorating this special occasion. We are truly honored to celebrate with you and look forward to many more years of friendship and service.

In gratitude....

Sonya Taylor Stevenson

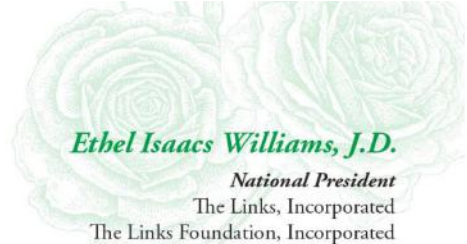
President (2022-2026)

Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter

The Links, Incorporated



National President



Ethel Isaacs Williams, J.D.

National President

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Office of the National President

April 26, 2026

Greetings Sister Links and Guests:

As National President of The Links, Incorporated and The Links Foundation, Incorporated, it is my honor to extend greetings on behalf of more than 17,500 members across 303 chapters to the **Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter** on your **30th Chapter Anniversary – Emerald Splendor**. A heartfelt ***Congratulations!*** to the chapter officers, members, family, and friends as you celebrate this milestone year.



The Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, chartered on March 2, 1996, was established under the leadership of six trailblazing women—Jackie Chaney, Artice Hedgemon, Shyrl Lawrence, Patricia Scott, Jean Thompson, and Terri Woodson. As you celebrate three decades of excellence, service, and sisterhood, you honor a legacy built on purpose and continue to inspire through your unwavering commitment to transforming communities.

The Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter has made a profound and measurable impact in its community through innovative programming, strategic partnerships, and a steadfast commitment to service. Through its robust scholarship program, the chapter has awarded over \$105,500 to 68 students, empowering young scholars to pursue higher education across 38 colleges and universities, including strong representation at HBCUs. The chapter's reach extends globally through your participation in Links National STEM Across the Commonwealth program, delivering STEM education to students in Grenada. Through these efforts, and so many more across our five programming Facets, the chapter continues to uplift, educate, and transform lives—locally and beyond—living out its mission with excellence and intentional impact.

As you commemorate this special occasion, I commend and salute Chapter President Sonya Stevenson for her outstanding leadership on the local and National level, and a special ***Thank You*** to the Chapter Officers and the 30th Anniversary Chairs and Committee who made this day meaningful and memorable. Thank you also to the sponsors, supporters and community partners whose investments have fueled the work. Finally, to the Members of the Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter, ***Thank You*** for your enduring commitment to uplift communities and advance the mission of The Links, Incorporated with distinction and grace.

On behalf of the entire membership of The Links, Incorporated, I applaud the extraordinary accomplishments you have made together. May you continue to embody - *Friends Transforming Communities through Service*.

With admiration and gratitude,

Ethel Isaacs Williams, J.D.
National President

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Western Area Director



Dear Esteemed Members of the Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter:

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to extend warmest congratulations to you as you celebrate your 30th Anniversary- Emerald Splendor.

This remarkable milestone is a testament to three decades of unwavering commitment to friendship, service, and excellence. Your celebration not only marks the passage of time, but more importantly, it reflects the enduring legacy of visionary leadership and impactful service that defines your chapter.

We honor the bold vision of those sisters who, in 1991, came together with purpose and passion to create a service-oriented organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Fort Bend County. From that gathering of six dreamers to your chartering in 1996 under the leadership of our 11th National President Patricia Russell-McCloud, your chapter has grown into a dynamic force for good—grounded in sisterhood and driven by service.

Your legacy of excellence is evident in your outstanding programming and measurable impact. The Lawrence-Simon Scholarship program, which has awarded over \$100,000 to deserving students, stands as a powerful testament to your commitment to educational advancement. Your innovative STEM initiatives, including NSBE Jr.-The STEAM Works and your participation as a pilot chapter for STEM Across the Commonwealth, reflect a forward-thinking approach that prepares our youth for global leadership. Additionally, your impactful health initiatives—from the Black Family Wellness Expo to Alzheimer's awareness programming—demonstrate your dedication to improving the well-being of the communities you serve.

As Western Area Director, I am especially proud of how your chapter exemplifies the very essence of The Links, Incorporated by combining transformational service, strategic partnerships, and meaningful engagement with grace and distinction.

As you celebrate this Emerald Anniversary, may you take pride in your accomplishments, draw inspiration from your rich history, and look forward with renewed energy to the continued impact you will make in the years ahead.

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a truly memorable celebration. May your legacy of service and sisterhood continue to shine brightly for generations to come.

In Friendship and Service,

Karen Cole, M.D., MBA, PRP
Western Area Director
The Links, Incorporated

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Event Chair



Welcome to Emerald Splendor, our 30th Anniversary Luncheon. Today, we gather not only to celebrate a milestone but to honor a legacy of service, sisterhood, and impact that has shaped our community for three decades.

Serving as Event Chair for this milestone occasion has been both an honor and a deeply personal experience. This afternoon reflects not only what has been thoughtfully planned but also what has been built through years of connection, commitment, and a shared desire to serve with purpose.

As you take in this beautiful atmosphere, I hope you feel what I feel: pride, joy, and gratitude. Every detail of this luncheon was intentionally curated to reflect the beauty, elegance, and strength of this chapter. Today invites us to pause, celebrate, and fully embrace the significance of this moment.

What makes this gathering truly remarkable is not simply the milestone we celebrate, but the legacy it represents. Through our chapter's programs and scholarships, we have made meaningful investments in the lives of young people, strengthened families, and created opportunities that extend far beyond this moment. The impact of this work is both profound and enduring, shaping futures, opening doors, and expanding possibilities in ways that will be felt for years to come.

At the heart of this moment is each of you. Your presence, partnership, and continued support reflect a shared commitment to service and excellence. As a result, the Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated continues to grow, extend its reach, and sustain its legacy of excellence.

I extend my sincere gratitude to my sisters of the Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, for entrusting me with the opportunity to help lead this sacred celebration. Together, we have achieved meaningful and lasting impact, and we will continue to do so through our unwavering commitment to service within our communities.

This moment marks not only what has been accomplished but also affirms the enduring power of community and collective impact that will continue to shape our legacy for years to come. With gratitude,

Shawntell McWilliams

*Event Chair, Emerald Splendor
Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter
The Links, Incorporated*



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April 26, 2026

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Members of the Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated on 30 years of exemplary leadership and steadfast service to the community!

Since its founding, The Links, Incorporated, has embodied a legacy of service and sisterhood, standing as one of the nation’s largest volunteer organizations committed to enriching the lives of African Americans across the country.

For three decades, the Fort Bend County Chapter has carried this mission forward with intention and impact, leaving an indelible mark across the community it so faithfully serves.

Through your work advancing educational equity, promoting health and wellness, and strengthening civic engagement, your chapter continues to set the standard for excellence and service in Fort Bend County and beyond.

Thirty years is a remarkable milestone. The legacy you have built is reflected in the lives you have touched, the students you have supported, and the communities you continue to strengthen each and every day.

I am proud to recognize the Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated and President Sonya Stevenson on this anniversary and grateful for your continued commitment to service and impact.

Sincerely,

Christian D. Menefee
Member of Congress



Texas House of Representatives



RON REYNOLDS

State Representative-District 27-Fort Bend County

April 26, 2026

GREETINGS!

"THE FORT BEND COUNTY (TX) CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED"

As your State Representative, I extend a heartfelt welcome to the Fort Bend County, Texas Chapter of the Links, Incorporated on your "Emerald Splendor" luncheon celebrating 30 years of legacy, friendship, and service! Your dedication and professionalism exemplify black excellence, enriching our community and inspiring future generations.

Maya Angelou's words echo in celebration of the phenomenal women among us today. Your strength, resilience, and unwavering commitment embody her spirit. As you embark on this journey, find strength in sisterhood and the support of fellow members. Your presence enriches us, ensuring a lasting impact.

Congratulations once again. May your ceremony be filled with joy, camaraderie, and sisterhood spirit.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Reynolds".

State Representative Ron Reynolds



COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
Fort Bend County, Texas



Grady Prestage
Commissioner

April 26, 2026

To the Members of the Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated,

On behalf of Fort Bend County and the residents of Precinct 2, I extend my sincere congratulations to the Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in recognition of your 30th Anniversary of service, friendship, and impact within the community.

For three decades, your chapter has exemplified a strong commitment to service through programs and initiatives that uplift families, support youth, and strengthen the overall well-being of our community. The collective efforts of your members have helped foster meaningful connections, expand opportunities, and address critical needs across Fort Bend County. Your work reflects not only a spirit of volunteerism, but also a deep and sustained investment in the people you serve.

The impact of your organization is evident in the lives touched through your outreach, partnerships, and dedication to civic engagement. Your ability to bring together leaders, volunteers, and community stakeholders continues to play an important role in advancing initiatives that promote education, health, and economic empowerment.

I also commend your chapter as you celebrate this milestone with your anniversary luncheon, themed "Emerald Splendor." This occasion serves as a fitting tribute to the legacy you have built over the past thirty years and provides an opportunity to reflect on your achievements while looking ahead to continued service and growth.

As you mark this significant anniversary, please accept my appreciation for your contributions and my best wishes for continued success. Fort Bend County is strengthened by organizations like yours, and I look forward to the continued impact of your work in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Grady Prestage
Precinct 2 Commissioners

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COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
Fort Bend County, Texas

Dexter L. McCoy
Commissioner



April 17, 2026

Dear All Member of The Links, Incorporated,

On behalf of the residents of Fort Bend County, I, Commissioner Dexter L. McCoy, extend my warmest congratulations to your distinguished organization as your chapter celebrates 30 years of dedicated service to the residents of Fort Bend County and beyond.

For three decades, your members have exemplified leadership, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to uplifting the community. Through your impactful programs in education, health awareness, cultural enrichment, and civic engagement, you have helped strengthen families, empower young people, and create meaningful opportunities for growth and success throughout Fort Bend County.

Milestones such as this are not only a celebration of longevity, but a testament to the vision, resilience, and collective effort of your members past and present. Your work continues to inspire others to serve and reminds us all of the power of community-centered leadership.

As you commemorate this remarkable anniversary, please accept my sincere appreciation for your contributions and my best wishes for continued success in the years ahead. I look forward to witnessing the lasting impact your organization will continue to make in our communities.

Congratulations once again on 30 years of excellence and service.

Sincerely,

Dexter L. McCoy
Commissioner Precinct 4
Fort Bend County, Texas

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Mistress of Ceremony



CHELSEA EDWARDS

Chelsea Edwards is “Daytime’s NEW Bestie,” launching her daytime talk show *Chattin’ with Chelsea*, which airs Monday through Friday at 12:30 PM on Fox 26 and nationally at 4:30 PM CST on Fox Soul. A true homegrown talent, Chelsea was born in Houston and raised in Missouri City. She graduated from Hightower High School and Texas Southern University, magna cum laude.

Chelsea began her media career as a video editor for a local news station. She spent nearly seven years working behind the scenes while also running after-school programs in underserved areas around Houston through a local nonprofit.

Encouraged by her late godmother, Alma Newsom—one of Houston’s first Black female anchors—Chelsea transitioned to on-camera work, landing her first on-air job as a multimedia journalist at KWTX-TV in Waco and Killeen. She spent two years covering military, crime, and community stories before returning home to Houston in 2019 to work at Fox 26 as a morning news reporter. Chelsea later became a regular anchor on *Houston’s Morning Show*.

As a trusted voice in the Houston community, Chelsea has delivered impactful stories, educated viewers on critical issues, and provided a platform for diverse voices.

Her new show, *Chattin’ with Chelsea*, empowers modern-day women as she and her guests discuss trending topics, share helpful tips and tricks, and enjoy plenty of laughs along the way. As a busy, single mom to a four-year-old, Chelsea is always looking for ways to balance life’s demands—an important theme of her talk show.

Chelsea has received several accolades for her work and recognition from local organizations for her dedication to her profession. She is well-known for her positive spirit, bubbly personality, and infectious smile.

Tune in at 12:30 PM every weekday on Fox 26 and the Fox Local app for your midday pick-me-up with your new daytime bestie!



Chapter History

IN THE BEGINNING

Energized by the vision of creating a service oriented organization focused on improving the quality of life through multiple facets and the power of friendship, six dreamers including Jackie Chaney, Artice Hedgemon, Shyrl Lawrence, Patricia Scott, Jean Thompson and Terri Woodson informally gathered on the evening of June 5, 1991 and conceptualized the framework of what would later develop into a dynamic assembly of women destined to create a compelling positive presence in the communities of Fort Bend County, Texas. In their conceptualization, the galvanizing six envisioned the union of a strong network of friends and acquaintances of stated commonalities, bonding under the umbrella of community service enhanced by sisterhood. For the purpose of providing organizational leadership, Artice Hedgemon and Jackie Chaney were unanimously selected to serve as president and first vice president, respectively.

Embracing the dynamics of the nineties, the Fort Bend County Chapter-Elect of The Links, Inc, previously known as the Southwestern Ladies of Equipoise emerged as a viable community service entity. The summer of 1991, the twenty-five member body, progressively evolved as a strong network of friends committed to providing services to youth, support the arts and a keen desire to augment the level of awareness of national and international trends and impact the lives of Americans of African heritage.

The twenty-five Texan women became the charter members of the Fort Bend County (TX) Links on March 2, 1996 at the 266th chapter of The Links, Inc at the Doubletree Hotel at Post Oak in Houston, TX with Algenia H. Thompson as the chartering president. Since establishment, the chapter's service programs have been unique, interesting and of high quality, through the use of the Umbrella approach to programming.

OUR CHARTERING

On March 2, 1996, the chartering of the Fort Bend County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was officiated by then National President Patricia Russell-McCloud and then Vice President and Chapter Establishment / Membership Chairperson, Barbara Simpkins at the Doubletree Hotel at Post Oak in Houston, TX.

Twenty-five talented women of Fort Bend County were inducted into The Links, Inc. following an entire weekend of chartering activities. Edwina Higgins is recognized as a guiding light in leading the chapter towards chartering.



Chapter Members

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 KIDADA GILBERT-LEWIS
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Chapter Officers

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SHERISE MARSHALL - *FINANCIAL SECRETARY*
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 TONI WALLACE - *PARLIAMENTARIAN*
 NICOLE MCZEAL WALTERS - *IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT*
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Mrs. Jessica Spurling



Charter Members

Algenia Thompson – *Chartering President*
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Vernon Chambers – *Chartering Second Vice President*
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Elaine Jones	Sara Simon
Cynthia Knox	Margaret Washington
Arita Nicholas	Terri Woodson

Past Presidents

Algenia Thompson	Kimberly Mayfield
Artice Hedgemon	Carolyn Grovey-Stevens
Vernon Chambers	Dr. Lillian Poats
Jeanette Anderson	Elaine Mosely
Dr. Nicole McZeal Walters	



Emerald Impact Programming

36,000+ LIVES IMPACTED. ONE ENDURING LEGACY.

For three decades, the Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has been a driving force for transformational change—serving our community through education, health equity, civic engagement, and the arts.

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS (2022–2026):

- Community Reach:
 - 36,110+ Individuals Served (2024–2026)
 - 7,597 Individuals Served (2023–2025)
 - 4,295 Individuals Served (2022–2024)
 - 47,000+ Total Lives Impacted

Volunteer service hours reported for our chapter:

- 2024–2025 Program Year: 7,425 hours
- 2025–2026 Projected Hours: 8,000 hours

Service & Commitment:

- 7,425+ Volunteer Hours (2025–2026)
- 5,757+ Volunteer Hours (2024–2025)
- 3,857+ Volunteer Hours (2023–2024)
 - 17,000+ Hours of Service

Community Investment:

- \$59,498 Invested (2024–2026)
- \$70,982 Invested (2023–2025)
- \$66,823 Invested (2022–2024)
 - \$197,000+ Invested in Programming

Scholarship & Education Impact:

- 19 Scholarships | \$29,500 (2024–2026)
- 12 Scholarships | \$24,000 (2023–2025)
- 10 Scholarships | \$20,000 (2022–2024)
- 41 Scholarships Awarded
- \$73,500+ Invested in Scholarships
- Multiple HBCUs Supported Across Reporting Periods

Our programming reaches a diverse, multi-generational population across Fort Bend County:

- Children, teens, young adults, adults, and seniors
- Strong engagement with youth and families
- Focus on historically underserved and underrepresented communities
- Continued impact in households earning under \$50,000 annually

PROGRAMMATIC EXCELLENCE

Our chapter delivers sustained, high-impact programming across all five facets, aligned with national priorities and local needs:

Youth, STEM & College Readiness:

- 7+ years of STEMREADY programming
- 7+ years of mentoring (Linked Up Initiative)
- HBCU awareness and college readiness initiatives



Emerald Impact Programming

Health & Human Services:

- 12 years of Alzheimer's/Dementia programming
- 6+ years of Mental Health initiatives
- Black Family Wellness Expo (multi-year impact)
- Linkages to Life, Heart Health, Oral Health, and Maternal Health programming

Civic Engagement & Social Action:

- Voter registration, education, and mobilization
- Public forums connecting communities and elected officials
- Sustained social justice and advocacy engagement

Arts & Culture:

- Longstanding participation in national arts programming
- Expanded access to cultural and artistic experiences

International Impact:

- Education Across the Miles (Jamaica) initiative

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Our impact is strengthened through meaningful collaboration with community and institutional partners, including:

- The Pinnacle Center
- Prairie View A&M University
- Houston Grand Opera
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Hunters Glen Elementary School

As well as national and local organizations such as:

- Dress for Success
- Girls, Inc.
- National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
- Alzheimer's Association

CHAPTER STRENGTH:

- 66 Active Members
- 14 New Members Inducted (2024)
- Diverse leadership across healthcare, law, STEM, corporate, entrepreneurship, and public service
- Strong commitment to intergenerational engagement and sisterhood

CLOSING STATEMENT:

“For 30 years, we have not only served—we have transformed lives, strengthened communities, and created a lasting Emerald Impact in Fort Bend County.”



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Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter



Congratulations
on your 30th Anniversary!

Jacquelyn Christopher, Celia Fenceroy Harrison, Rachelle Carter, Jackie Ward, Andrea Hollingsworth, Kimberly Phillips, Ahmesha Graham, Luvenia Taylor-Brown, Taffney Battle, Bridgette Smith-Lawson, Jonnae Atkinson, Erin Mosley, Kemi Nurudeen, Shelley Adams

Celebrating 2 Years As Members



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Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter

Congratulations to the Fort Bend County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated on your Emerald Splendor 30th Anniversary Celebration.

The phenomenal women of the 2013 member induction class continue to lead, serve, and elevate. This moment reflects enduring friendship, strength, and impact.

We are honored to be part of a chapter that genuinely embodies excellence, service, and sisterhood.

Celebrating 13 Years As Members



**Daphane
Carter**



**Dawana
Gholar Taylor**



**Shawntell
McWilliams**



**Carme
Williams**



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Congratulations!

30TH ANNIVERSARY

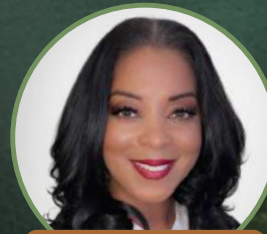
Our journey as members of The Links, Incorporated began in the Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter in 2017. We are forever linked together in friendship. We are grateful to the phenomenal women who laid the foundation for this chapter and we shall endeavor to deepen the legacy they began.



CRYSTAL CARTER



KEASIA DANIELS



STACEY FRANK



LACHELLE HARRIS



ANGELA LEE



ATHENA THOMAS



NEDRA WASHINGTON

Celebrating 9 Years As Members



*We are excited to celebrate
5 years of Friendship & Service
in The Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter
of The Links, Incorporated.*



*As we reflect on this milestone 30th anniversary,
we celebrate the women of The Fort Bend County (TX)
Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, the bonds that unite us,
and the impact we will continue to make together.*



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Celebrating 10 Years As Members

Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter of
The Links, Incorporated



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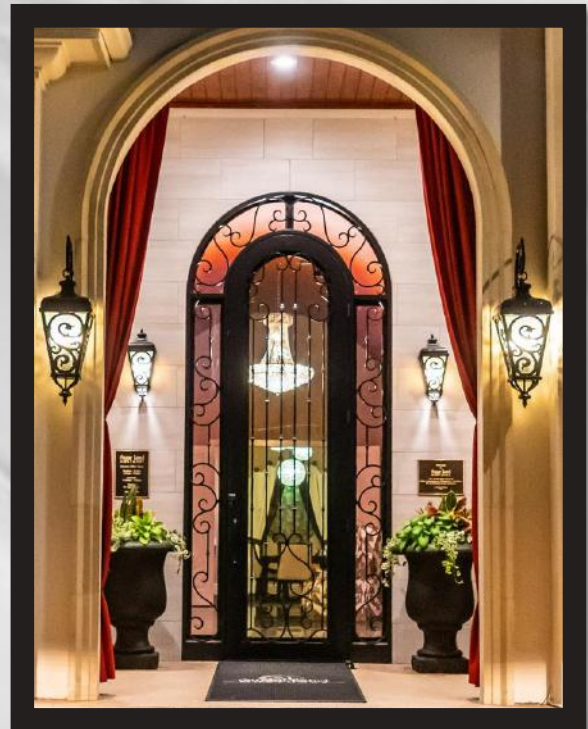
CONGRATULATIONS

Sonya Stevenson

& FORT BEND COUNTY (TX) CHAPTER
OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

on the chapter's 30 years of community service

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First Lady Sonya Taylor Stevenson

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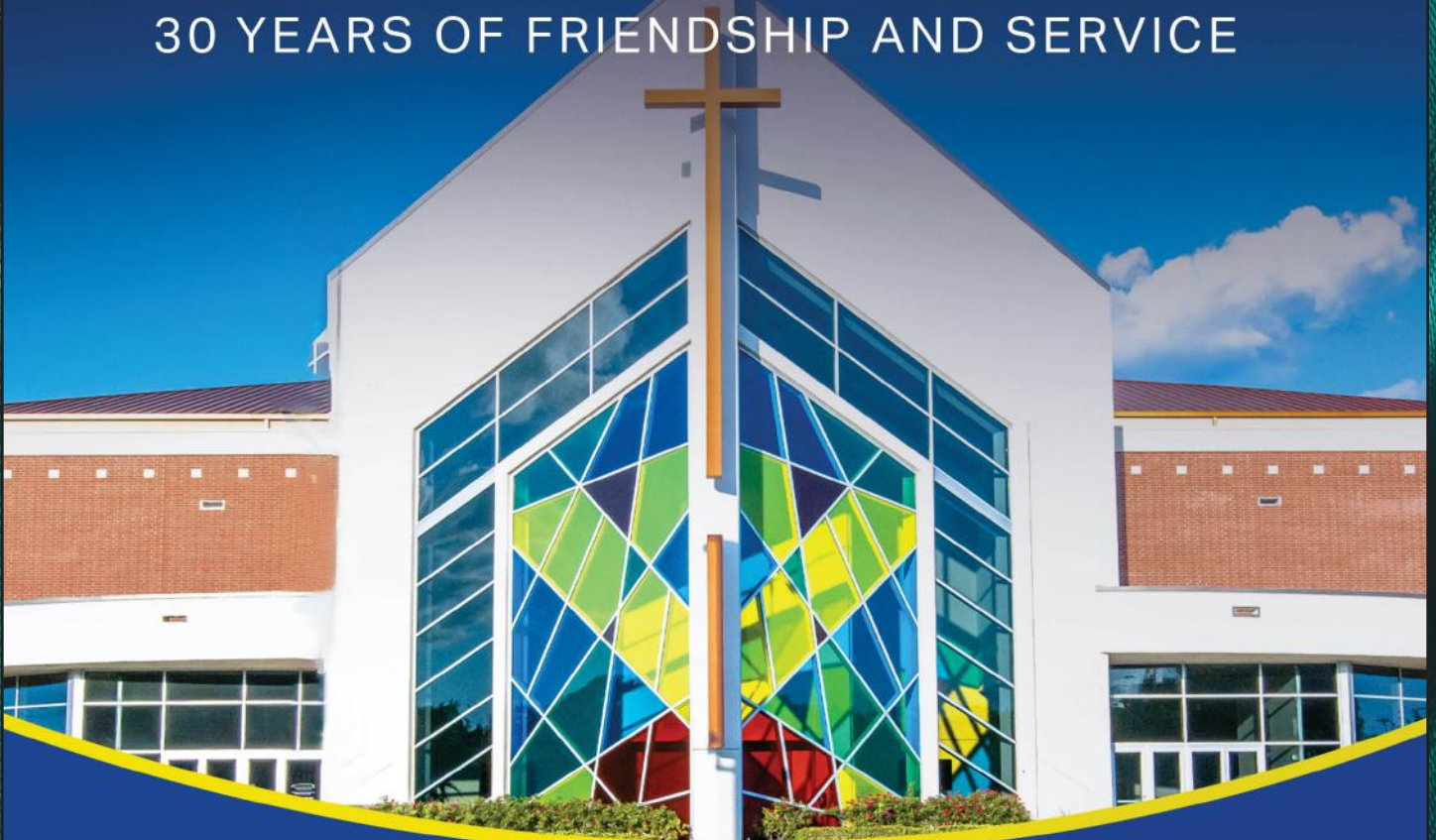
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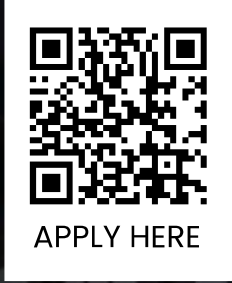
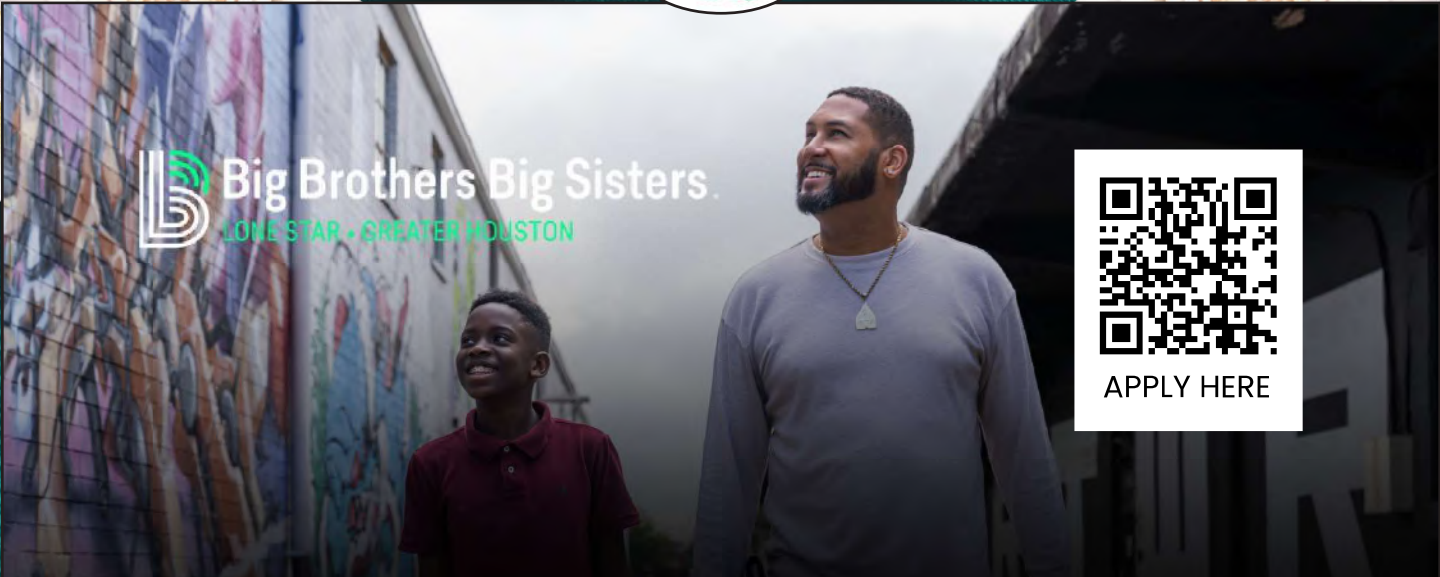
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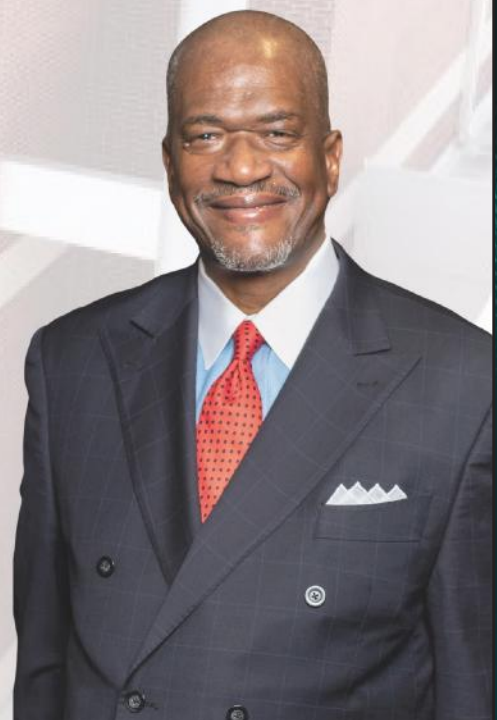
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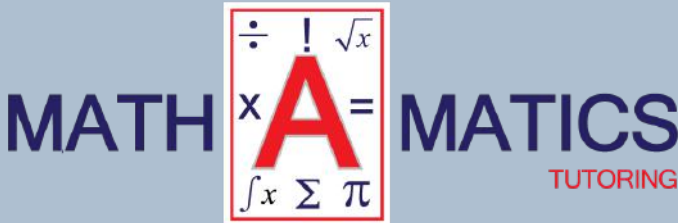
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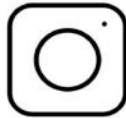
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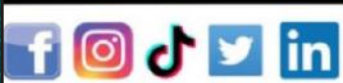
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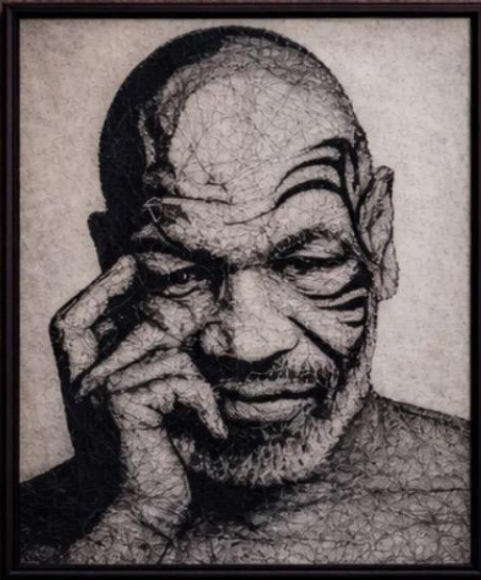
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