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Oklahoma City Chums Celebrate 15 Years of Service and Sisterhood

(Oklahoma City, Oklahoma) The Oklahoma City Chums celebrated their annual Founders' Day February 12, 2022 with a virtual program that honored the three friends, Mary Barnes, Joyce Tate Brown and Theodora Jackson Cora who founded Chums, Inc. The program also featured a video of the six charter members who are still active in the chapter: Karen Carter, Marsha Ingersoll, Marsha Lyons, Cheryl Pennington, Renita Crump and Susan Townsend.

The Oklahoma Chapter, chartered in 2007, is celebrating 15 years of Service and Sisterhood in the Oklahoma City community. Most notably, the chapter has awarded more than 20 Dr. Karen M. Clark Scholarships to minority youth who pursue post high school education.

"Helping children and serving our community are the essence of our organization," Oklahoma City Chapter President Karen Carter said.

The chapter has a lengthy history of service in the Oklahoma City metro area including giving a \$2,000 grant to Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary school purchase uniforms for children, adoption of the Deborah Rothe Group for teenage girls, donating funds donating books, personal hygiene products and reading to children in Oklahoma City Public elementary schools. During the 2020 Presidential election, OKC Chums provided coffee and donuts to people who were waiting in the cold to vote. Donating clothing and personal hygiene items and volunteering at local non-profit organizations that support women and children are some of their other service projects.

The OKC Chapter will host a recruitment event “Chum Chat” on March 17, 2022, at The W OKC. Women interested in learning about Chums should visit our website, www.chumsokc.org for more information.

Chums, Inc., founded in 1946, is a national non-profit 501c3 organization of professional women dedicated to enriching the lives of children through community service, involvement and engagement.

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