

Tucson Alumnae Chapter Donates \$10,000 to The University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center

October 13, 2012 approximately 30 Sorors from the Tucson Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. attended the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center's 7th annual "The Heart of the Matter" educational luncheon on heart disease in women. Farwest Regional Director Sandra Phillips Johnson joined the Chapter President, Lorraine Richardson, as the Sorors presented a \$10,000 check to the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center to establish the Delta Sigma Theta Women of Color Endowment for heart disease research in women of color. In raising funds for research and raising community awareness of the risks and causes of cardiovascular disease in African American women, the Sorors of Tucson Alumnae Chapter demonstrated their commitment to the priorities of the National Health Task force of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Soror Wanda Moore presented the Mary Anne Fay Women's Heart Health Advocate of the Year Award to the National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Cynthia M. A. Butler McIntyre. Soror Johnson accepted the award on behalf of President Butler McIntyre and stated, "I am excited to see how the Tucson Alumnae Chapter has partnered with an excellent community organization and that we are maximizing the impact of our physical and mental health efforts."

The director of the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center, Dr. Gordon A. Ewy, moderated the event for about 300 attendees who listened to presentations by Dr. Lorraine Mackstaller - "How Heart Disease Affects Women Differently than Men", Dr. Betsy Dokken - "Controlling Diabetes in the Midst of an Epidemic", and Dr. Leslie Ritter - "What We're Learning About Stroke, Gender and Ethnicity". Dr. Ritter stated, "Without educational events like this one, we have little chance of reducing stroke and heart disease in the community. It's in the community that education starts."

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