# Layer Family Newsletter

December 2024







### **Greetings & Blessings Family**

### **Exciting Updates and Opportunities Ahead!**

Dear Family,

As we approach the end of the year, we're thrilled to share some exciting updates, new opportunities, and important information with you. Below, you'll find a summary of what's new and what's coming up.

## Introducing Our New Payment Portal and Payment Options



We're excited to announce the launch of our new payment portal, making it easier than ever to manage your family payments. Our new portal offers a range of payment options, including credit card, bank transfer, and automatic recurring payments. This update will allow us to process annual dues (\$30 per adult), donations, and fundraising more efficiently and provide a better user experience.

To access the new portal, please click on this link (or use the QR code). If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to



reach out to our administration team at <a href="mailto:layerfamily.org@gmail.com">layerfamily.org@gmail.com</a>.

Other payment methods include:

CASH APP: \$LayerFamily

Check by mail: To Be Announced

#### 2023 Financial Report





Our financial report for 2023 is now available for review. Thanks to the hard work and support of our family members, the 2023 Layer Family Reunion (LFR) is a huge success! As a reminder, your prompt annual dues payment will ensure that we can continue to offer the same level of quality event planning and activities for years to come.

Money Report		
Beginning 2020 Balance	\$2,869.77	
(+) 2023 Family Dues	\$4,708.20	
(+) 2023 T-Shirt Fundraiser	\$180	
(+) 2023 Donations	\$51	
(-) LFR 2023 Cost	\$6,392.83	
Current 2024 Operating	\$1,416.14	
Balance*	\$1,410.14	

<sup>\*</sup>Not including the scholarship fund total

# New Leadership Positions, Steering Committee and Organizational Chart

We're pleased to announce the appointment of several new leaders within our family organization. The new leadership team will work together to drive growth, innovation, and community engagement.

President: Marcus Layer

Vice President: Lana Brown

• Treasurer: Lynn Whiten

Financial Secretary: Danelle Williams

In addition, we are excited to announce the launch of our new Family Steering Committee (SC)! This committee is comprised of dedicated family members who will meet quarterly throughout the year to discuss and vote on important decisions that affect our family. The committee's goal is to ensure that every voice is heard, and every decision is made with the best interests of the family in mind.

The first SC meeting will take place on Q1 2025 (date TBA), and we encourage all family members to reach out to their representatives on the committee with any questions or concerns.

Below is our updated organizational chart.

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch with our new leaders, please don't hesitate to reach out at <a href="mailto:layerfamily.org@gmail.com">layerfamily.org@gmail.com</a>.

### Layer Family Memorial Scholarship (LFMS) Updates!



The Layer Family Memorial Scholarship (LFMS) supports family members pursuing higher education and training by providing financial assistance. By honoring our past loved ones who valued and

understood the power of education, the LFMS committee is dedicated to help recipients achieve their academic and career goals. This initiative also serves to recognize the significance of education and to support aspiring future generations.

The LFMS is a new committee that was started by Vernon Ambush, Shirley Ambush and our dear departed Marcia Layer-Howard. Marcia was a



profound educator of the sciences to the young and old. She was a literary author of children's books. She was a devoted servant of God; a prayer warrior; a loving wife,

mother, sister, cousin, and friend. We invite the extended family to support our LFMS in her honor by serving on the committee and/or by financially donating to the scholarship fund.

We are happy to inform you that our 1st recipients will be announced at the 2025 Layer Family Reunion! Further details will be forthcoming.

Layer Family Memorial		
Scholarship (LFMS) Fund		
(+) 2019 LFMS Donations	\$1,000.00	
(+) 2023 LFMS Donations	\$484.00	
(+) 2023 LFR Raffle Proceeds	\$155.00	
Total LFMS Funds	\$1,639.00	

We sincerely appreciate our family donors who gave to the LFMS at our 2023 Layer Family Reunion.

Pat Brazil Otis & Danelle Williams Scooter Brown **Brison Hopper** Shannon Negussie Jessica Brown-Layer Karleas Thompson Jerry Brown Tammye & Kip Layer Tyrae Layer Tammy & John Andrews Gary and Aleta Bell **Darwin Phillips** Samuel Layer Sean & Michelle Ambush Sonny Layer Pam Layer Asha Williams Shirley Ambush Whitney Ambush Toni & Davis Dorsey LaShawn & Randy Layer Ronald Howard Martin LaTrisheka & Salaig

To God Be the Glory,

Lana Brown

The Layer Family Memorial Scholarship Committee

### Stay Connected on our Website & Social Media









**Beverly Pannell** 

Join us online to stay up to date on the latest family news, events, and initiatives:

Website: <a href="https://layerfamily.org">https://layerfamily.org</a>

Linktree: <a href="https://linktr.ee/LayerFamily">https://linktr.ee/LayerFamily</a>

Facebook: Layer Family Reunion (private group)

Instagram: <u>@layer\_family</u>YouTube: <u>@layerfamilyreunion</u>

#### **Call for Artists: Family Crest Design Contest**



We're hosting a design contest to create a new family crest that represents our values and heritage. If you're an artist or know someone who is, please submit your design by April 1st, 2025, at <a href="mailto:layerfamily.org@gmail.com">layerfamily.org@gmail.com</a>. The winning design will be featured on upcoming family fundraising merchandise and communication materials.



Example provided by Shirley Ambush

# Committee Sign-Up Form and Roles & Responsibility Documents



We're seeking enthusiastic members to join our various committees. These committees will focus on different areas such as the reunion events, community outreach, and more. Please review the roles and responsibility documents linked below and sign up via this form.

Committee Member Roles & Responsibility Documents:

- Reunion Planning Committee (LFR)
- Layer Family Memorial Scholarship (LFMS)
- Family History & Genealogy Committee
- Steering Committee At-Large
- Junior Steering Committee
- Community Service & Outreach Committee

Get Involved and Make a Difference!

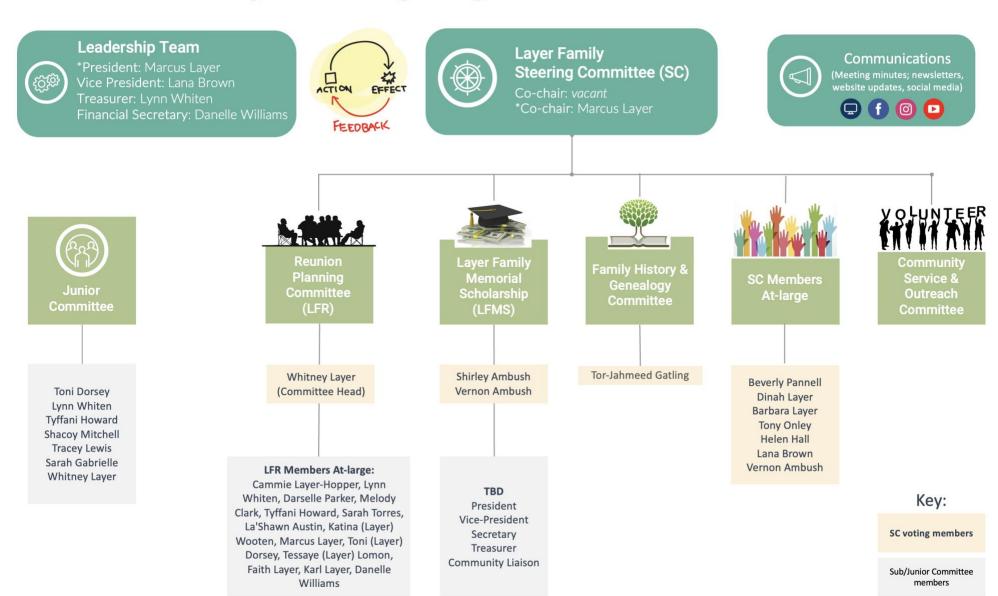
We're excited about the opportunities ahead and hope you'll join us in shaping the future of our family. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out at layerfamily.org@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars! The LFR is coming soon - Labor Day Weekend 2025. Let's all get excited as we work together to make LFR 2025 a SUCCESSFUL EVENT!



Thank you for your continued support and participation.

# **Layer Family Organizational Chart**



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### LFR Planning Committee Members

Maryla	and/Pennsylvania		New Jersey
Family Branch	Local State Representative - Name / Email	Family Branch	Local State Representative - Name / Email
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Mildred Onley	Lynn Whiten <u>DandLWhiten@gmail.com</u>	Donald Layer	Whitney Layer wilayer04@gmail.com
Samuel Layer	VOLUNTEER	Betty Brazil	Tyffani Howard <a href="mailto:howardtj4@gmail.com">howardtj4@gmail.com</a>
Minnie Leekins	VOLUNTEER	Roger Layer	Sarah Torres tink0213@gmail.com
Ada Ambush	Lana Brown lana.brown2@verizon.net	Jimmy Layer	La'Shawn Austin <u>Lashawnaustin26@yahoo.com</u>
David Layer	VOLUNTEER	<b>=</b>	Family State Representatives (Points of Contact)
Tessie Layer- Delauter	Darselle Parker darsellep@gmail.com	C	ny questions or concerns please reach out to your LOCAL committee member and/or family branch representative
N	orth Carolina		Florida
Family Branch	Local State Representative - Name / Email	Family Branch	Local State Representative - Name / Email
David Layer	Katina (Layer) Wooten  Msnurse1126@aol.com	Samuel Layer	Toni (Layer) Dorsey Tonidorsey6216@yahoo.com
Donald Layer	Marcus Layer  Marcus.layer@gmail.com  (Website Admin)	Donald Layer	Tessaye (Layer) Lomon tessyb13@gmail.com

If you are having any hardship with attending the upcoming reunion, please contact your state/family representative on the LFR Planning Committee