



Alpha Phi Alpha Foundation of Manasota, Inc.

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Dear Friends and Corporate Supporters,

For the 21st year, the Alpha Phi Alpha Foundation of Manasota, Inc. is presenting our annual **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Benefit Dinner Dance**. This fundraising event is designed to celebrate the memory of Dr. King's legacy of service and provide ongoing support for the Foundation. The event will be held at the **Lakewood Ranch Country Club on Saturday, January 13th 2024**. The affair will feature a speaker, an excellent meal served by wait staff, and a souvenir booklet. This booklet will highlight the support of friends and businesses through sponsorships, ads, and acknowledgements. This is a great opportunity to reach active, culturally aware members of the community. We are asking you to join our mission through purchasing an ad and/or becoming a sponsor.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Foundation of Manasota, Inc. is a 501 c (3) non-profit organization founded by the members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. to advance their mission of community service, mentorship, male responsibility, scholarship and higher learning. **Our Motto is: "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All."**

Like Dr. King, our speaker for the evening is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha. Brother Dr. Ervin V. Gilliam, Sr. is President Emeritus of the Halifax Community College (Weldon, NC) and was the first African American to serve in this capacity. He was the founding President of West Virginia State Community and Technical College, Institute, West Virginia. President Emeritus Griffin was also the first African American professor and administrator at Southwest Virginia Community College in Richards, Virginia. His career in higher education spans over 40 years.

This event raises funds used to support the foundation's county wide mentoring programs and to provide scholarships targeting African American and Hispanic males in underserved areas of Manatee and Sarasota Counties. The main focus of our efforts is to improve our community by preparing our youths for the future.

Thank you for supporting our foundation's programs in Sarasota and Manatee counties and Keeping Alpha Phi Alpha as a vital part of our community.

Michael K. Suarez President,
Alpha Phi Alpha Foundation of Manasota, Inc.