

About the Bradenton/Sarasota (FL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

The Bradenton/Sarasota (FL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is one of 288 chapters in 42 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and the United Kingdom. Though our parent organization was established more than 70 years ago, our chapter was chartered on February 10, 1996 with 22 members. We have 47 active members of the more than 15,000 total organizational membership which is one of the nation's oldest and largest women's volunteer service organizations.

The Links Organization is committed to enhancing, bolstering and safeguarding the culture and economic endurance of African Americans and persons of African ancestry. This is accomplished by our volunteer work in five facets/committees - The Arts, Health and Human Services, International Trends and Services, National Trends and Services and Services to Youth.

Some of the transformational and sustainable community service projects that we have provided in Manatee and Sarasota Counties and internationally include but are not limited to:

- Lincoln Memorial Academy/Palmetto: **"Mental Wellness Matters", "Obesity Prevention and Educational Awareness"** in collaboration with The Panda Foundation
- Booker Middle School/Sarasota: **"NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers) Jr.", DIVAS (Determined Individuals Visualizing Academic Success), "Bullying is No Joke"**
- Educational Consultants Consortium/Palmetto: **"Poster Art Competition - My Vision, My Future: Healthy and Happy Communities"**
- Booker Elementary School/Sarasota: **"Childhood Obesity Prevention - Can you Imagine Me"**
- Organized activities that escalate awareness breast cancer, heart disease, voter education and registration, and human trafficking
- Served as mentors for potential African American candidates to qualify and become Habitat for Humanity homeowners
- Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness

International efforts include:

- Financing tuition, uniforms and lunches for 13 elementary students for one school year in Lamothe, Haiti
- Global Delegations to Watford Hill Primary School, Hopewell (Hanover Parish) Jamaica, WI: "Transforming Lives" through classroom instruction regarding topics including anti-bullying, Etiquette, abuse prevention, art, CPR and oral health. Effective discipline tips were offered to adults who also learned about and implemented a small business enterprise making place mats and coasters
- Global Delegation/Education Across the Miles: South Africa - Financed construction of 5 elementary schools
- Collaborated with Humanity Working to End Genocide - Sarasota to heighten awareness about genocide and other global atrocities

The Bradenton/Sarasota (FL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated affirms that "One can never pay in gratitude; one can only pay 'in kind' somewhere else in life." an expression penned by Anne Morrow Lindgergh.

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