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## ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY DONATES \$500,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LIBERIAN GLOBAL MARKET VILLAGE

Donation will restore hope to market women and boost nation's economy



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**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's then-international president Barbara A. McKinzie presents Liberia President Johnson Sirleaf with a symbolic \$500,000 check that will help jumpstart efforts to rebuild the nation.**

Chicago, Illinois - July 23, 2010 - Keeping its promise to uplift humankind worldwide, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. presented Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf a symbolic \$500,000 check on July 11, during the opening session of its biennial conference, recently held in St. Louis. The sorority's then International President Barbara A. McKinzie said the sorority's \$500,000 donation will help jumpstart efforts to rebuild the nation, which has been wracked with sectarian violence for decades.

Specifically, the funds will be used to build a global market village that will give women a permanent space to sell food, goods and other items sold at a market. Because the market is

located in an area adjacent to the Omega Tower in Wehn Town, Alpha Kappa Alpha adopted the name the Omega Market Project.

Sirleaf, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, thanked McKinzie and sorority members for the generous contribution. She said the donation is a reminder of what happens when people unite to move from "tragedy to triumph."

"This gift will empower the women toward self-sufficiency and prosperity," Sirleaf said.

McKinzie declared that the donation is a dramatic illustration of how a small organization like Alpha Kappa Alpha can make such a tremendous contribution in uplifting the country and restoring hope to market women.

The sorority also announced the following other donations in the public celebratory session:

- \$50,000 to the MLK Memorial Foundation;
- \$100,000 to the United Negro College Fund;
- \$500,000 to the African American Museum of the Smithsonian Institution.

**About Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority**

*Headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, Alpha Kappa Alpha boasts a nucleus of more than 250,000 women in over 975 chapters in the United States, the Caribbean, Canada, Germany, Korea, Japan and in the continent of Africa who are dedicated to service. Attorney Carolyn House Stewart is the 28th International President and will serve from 2010 - 2014. Her administration's theme is "Global Leadership Through Timeless Service." For more information, log on to [www.aka1908.com](http://www.aka1908.com).*