



DAUGHTERS OF NEW YORK'S SUBWAY HERO TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA'S EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION

Wesley Autrey, Sr. and Daughters to Attend Check Presentation on Friday, July 20

New Orleans, LA. – July 19, 2007 - The daughters of Wesley Autrey, Sr.—who risked his life to save a fellow New Yorker by jumping under a subway train—will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship toward their college education from Alpha Kappa Alpha's Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF). The presentation will take place during the organization's Jazz Brunch on Friday, July 20 from 12:30PM to 3PM in the Napoleon Room of the Hilton Riverside Hotel at Two Poydras Street, New Orleans.

EAF is Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's scholarship arm and its mission is "to provide financial support to individuals and organizations engaged in lifelong learning." Within this spirit, Barbara A. McKinzie, EAF's president and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's international president, and EAF's executive secretary, Deborah Dangerfield, will present a \$5,000 scholarship to Shuqui Autrey, seven years old; and a \$5,000 scholarship to Syshe Autrey, five years old. They were with their dad on January 2, 2007 when he risked his life to save a fellow citizen who had fallen onto the tracks while suffering an epileptic seizure. Autrey saved the stricken man from a for-certain death by covering him while trains passed over them. Autrey was hailed worldwide for his extraordinary bravery. However, his first concern after his heroic act was his daughters' well being. Indeed, moments after he made his "leap of faith," and even while under the tracks, he yelled out to assure Shuqui and Syshe that he was "all right."

In making the announcement, McKinzie declared, "As the world's oldest and largest Sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha is founded on a bedrock of education. The Educational Advancement Foundation is the conduit through which we award grants. As an extension of EAF's education mission, we are delighted to present a \$5,000 check to Shuqui and to Syshe Autrey. "

During the event, EAF will bestow a total of \$150,000 in scholarships to worthy individuals and organizations. The awarding of scholarships to the 'hero daughters' will take place near the culmination of the luncheon.

ABOUT EAF:

Founded in 1980, by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF) is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization. It was created to fill a void in education funding and is the method by which Alpha Kappa Alpha ensures that there will always be support for education, its oldest program of service. EAF's mission is to provide financial support to individuals and organizations engaged in lifelong learning. As one of the few such organizations administered by African American women, it has a unique approach to philanthropy that allows it to meet the diverse needs of a complex society. EAF funds are leveraged in a manner that does the most good for the most people. It supports

some 100 people and projects each year—ranging from the best and the brightest college students to those who have overcome great obstacles to achieve their goals. Its beneficiaries have included everything from mentoring programs that give at-risk teens survival skills to programs for gifted middle schoolers. Since its inception, EAF has awarded millions of dollars in scholarships to thousands. For more information log on to www.akaef.org

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