

## HISTORY

The Links, Incorporated was founded in the immediate aftermath of World War II by the late Sarah S. Scott and the late Margaret R. Hawkins in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 9, 1946.

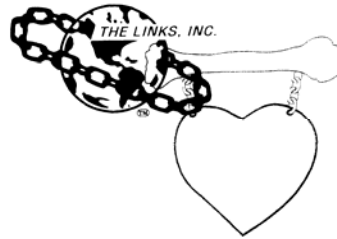
This international organization of over 12,000 members encompasses 273 chapters throughout the United States, District of Columbia, Frankfurt, Germany, Nassau, Bahamas and South Africa.

Through the foresight of the late Ella Sealey Clayton, the West Palm Beach Chapter was chartered in 1969. Because membership is the lifeline of Linkdom, this chapter has grown from fourteen charter members to its present complement of 47.

## MISSION

The Links, Incorporated is dedicated to improving the quality of life for Americans of African descent and people of African descent worldwide. For more than 57 years, it has defined itself as "a group of friends committed to civic, educational, and cultural activities, with the singular purpose of serving community needs for the improvement of life and the pursuit of excellence."

Toward this end, The Links, Incorporated has gathered momentum, continuously redefining its purposes, sharpening its focus, and expanding program dimensions in order to make the name "Links" not only a chain of friendship, but also a bond purposeful and committed public service.



## NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Through the organization's philanthropic arm, The Links Foundation, Inc., more than \$20 million has been granted to charitable institutions. Of that amount, over one million dollars has been pledged to the United Negro College Fund.

Among the many organizations to which national Grants-in-Aid have been made are:

- African American Museum – Tacoma, WA
- Black Family Oral History – Albany, NY
- Dallas Black Dance Theatre – Dallas, TX
- Fisk University Jubilee Singers – Nashville, TN
- Jack and Jill of America – Columbia, MD
- Kids in Biz Project – Atlantic City, NJ
- National Civil Rights Museum— Nashville, TN
- NAACP Legal & Education Defense Fund
- Project Sankofa's Young Ladies of Distinction Program – Altamonte Springs, FL
- Schomberg Center for Research – Harlem, NY
- The African Cultural Safari – Honolulu, Hawaii
- Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund – NYC

Presently, The Links, Incorporated is involved in implementing expanded program services through its National Program Facets. Most recently developed is its Signature Program, **Links to Success: Children Achieving Excellence**, a non-formal learning readiness/ achievement program for young children.

## LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- Held twenty-nine Annual White Rose Benefit Luncheons- awarded \$25,000 over past two years for arts scholarships
- Presented "Drama and The FCAT", an original writing workshop, for 200 Lincoln Elementary School students and parents.
- Adopted a 3rd-grade class at TAB Learning Center – held workshops and donated over 225 books to the school's library.
- Exhibited Black dolls in Main Room of the West Palm Beach Public Library, which were shipped to South African children denied black playtoys during era of Apartheid.
- Links Young Ladies Mentoring Program, providing leadership and guidance to Bear Lakes Middle School students—*Bronze Community Partnership Award Winner*, School District of Palm Beach County
- Escorted 40 youth to Jacob Lawrence's "The Toussaint L'Ouverture Series" of 41 paintings at the Norton Museum of Art – funded by Macy's East Foundation, Inc.
- Presented "Tour of Light", dance troupe of Ugandan children orphaned by AIDS, to 700 Northmore Elementary School students
- Awarded stipends to the Middle School of the Arts students to attend dance training seminars at Miami New World School of the Arts
- Held Links Annual National Walk-A-Thon for Health and Hunger to promote health awareness in the community and provide funds to local and national homeless agencies.



**Walking for Health  
and Hunger**

## NATIONAL PROGRAM FACETS

### Services to Youth

*Established 1958*

Project LEAD (Links Erasing Alcohol & Drugs),  
Family Life, Education, Unemployment, Teenage  
Pregnancy, Literacy Development,  
Self-Concept/Self-Esteem Issues

### The Arts

*Established 1964*

Performance & Visual Arts Education Enrichment,  
Appreciation, and Endowment

### National Trends and Services

*Established 1964*

Education, Health & Wellness, Legislative,  
Unemployment & Economic Development Issues,  
Women and Empowerment, Environmental  
Concerns, Civil Rights

### International Trends and Services

*Established 1978*

United Nations & Human Rights Day Observations,  
Southern African Initiatives, Special Services to  
Foreign Guests, Non-Governmental  
Organization Representative at the United Nations,  
African Water Wells Project, Haitian Refugee  
Issues

### Recent & Upcoming Clarion Calls

**35<sup>th</sup> National Assembly – June 26- July 2, 2006**

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Assemblage of 3,500 Links, families & friends

**39<sup>th</sup> Southern Area Conference – May 2-6, 2007**  
**Mobile, AL**

Convening of over 1,200 Links

**Education Across the Miles – May 19-28, 2007**  
**Celebrating 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of South African  
Schools Sponsorship**

Delegation of over 100 Links

**36<sup>th</sup> National Assembly- July 2-6, 2008**  
**Seattle, Washington**

## THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

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Friendship ❖ Service ❖ Leadership



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*“Seizing the Opportunity  
to Provide World-Class  
Leadership, Friendship & Service”*

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