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Greetings and Happy Holidays!

I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support of our fundraising and community service efforts. My name is Shannon Blackamore and I am the president of the Carter G. Woodson Foundation. During the past twenty two years, the Carter G. Woodson Scholarship and Community Service Foundation, Inc. has worked hard to improve the quality of life in the Madison area.

We have...

- Granted college scholarships and/or book awards to disadvantaged high school students;
- Donated food to needy families and individuals at Thanksgiving;
- Provided tutoring and sponsored RIF book distributions to disadvantaged elementary and middle school students in South Madison
- Promoted cultural enrichment opportunities for disadvantaged youth who lack access to arts and cultural institutions.
- **Created and implemented a mentoring program for African American Boys at Dane County Boys and Girls Club.**

However, in order to continue our community uplift efforts, we continue to need your financial support. Would you consider a contribution of at least \$25.00 to help defray the costs of our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, RIF book distributions, and mentoring program? I have included "*The Woodsonian*," a newsletter that gives a general overview of our efforts in the community. **(Contributions are tax deductible.)**

- The ***Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive*** is an event our organization has supported for over 20 years. This event takes place each November and is used provide a Thanksgiving meal to over 200 families in the South Madison area. Other sponsors of this event are the Madison Rotary and Walmart. Your financial assistance will help cover a portion of the costs.



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- The Carter G. Woodson Foundation is also partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County in 2019 to continue our **Woodson Boys Club Mentoring Program** for young African American boys in elementary and middle school. The purpose of this program is to expose the young men to culturally relevant historical institutions and to provide training and education in important aspects of being a successful member of society. The students will participate in field trips to the Field Museum of Natural History, Art Institute, and Planetarium. In addition, we are planning a trip to the Dusable Museum of African American History in 2019.



- The **Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)** Book Distribution Program has been a part of our programming for the past 20 years. The Madison RIF Program combines three essential elements to foster children's literacy: reading motivation, family and community involvement and the excitement of choosing free, new, high interest multicultural books that they can keep.



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- ***The Carter G. Woodson Scholarship*** is awarded to graduating high school students, who have demonstrated a commitment to education as a pathway to a successful life and to community service as a means of changing the world. Carter G. Woodson Foundation Scholarship winners will have demonstrated an ability to overcome adversity and a commitment to helping others. In 2018, we were proud to award \$1000 scholarships to the following students whose life stories and dreams captivated our hearts.



On behalf of the Executive Board of Directors, members of the foundation, and all its volunteers, I thank you for your consideration and support. Please look for additional communication about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities in 2019.

Sincerely,

Shannon Blackamore

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