



## **LAS AMIGAS, INCORPORATED**

### **BRIEF HISTORY**

Las Amigas, Incorporated is a national, public service, charitable, fundraising women's organization founded by Mrs. Dora R. Mason and Mrs. Mary Q. Moore. It was organized on February 5, 1957 in Charlotte, North Carolina. The 12 original members established the following purposes:

- *To foster a closer relationship and a fuller exchange of ideas among members*
- *To further the enhancement and development of its communities through cultural and civic improvement*
- *To promote the general improvement of its communities through various projects*
- *To encourage such other actions as are necessary and proper, and as allowed by law to implement and attain the purposes for which Las Amigas, Inc. was organized.*

Las Amigas, Incorporated's, vision continues to unfold as chapters in the states of Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, and our nation's capitol reach out to help others. Together, members are building an organization that will flourish and be a well-recognized leader among community service organizations nationally and internationally.

### **MISSION**

To enhance the quality of life and promote the general improvement of the communities in which we serve. To encourage personal and professional growth, and foster a closer relationship among members.

### **ACHIEVING THE MISSION**

Provide community services and cultural enrichment through a variety of projects and programs. Extend financial and human support for the general improvement of the communities in which we service. Provide opportunities that contribute to the development of members' professional and leadership capabilities. Encourage and promote teamwork, full participation in the organization, and exchange of ideas to increase members' personal growth, pride in their accomplishments, and confidence in their abilities. Recognize and reward members' contributions to the success of the mission.

### **SHARED VALUES**

Integrity, Respect, Honesty, Good Citizenship, Service, Teamwork and Commitment!!!

### **FIVE POINT PROGRAMMATIC THRUSTS**

Economic Development, Education, Family, Health, and Political Awareness

### **VISION**

Recruit, develop, and retain members who share our values and are committed to our mission. Dedicate our resources to making this world a better place now and for future generations, one community at a time. To build upon the infrastructure that will serve Las Amigas, Inc. needs into the next century. Build an organization that will flourish and be a well-recognized leader among community service organizations nationally and internationally.

### **AFFILIATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, and NATIONAL PROJECT**

Las Amigas, Incorporated is a proud affiliate of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and has partnerships with the Lupus Foundation, National Bone Marrow, Kidney Foundation, and Habitat for Humanity. Las Amigas, Incorporated's, national project is the Comfort of Love, a project to provide blankets to "comfort the world".