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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. ®, Omicron Chi Omega Chapter leads environmental sustainability efforts in Prince William County

Woodbridge, VA – As part of a four-year initiative to improve and protect the environment, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. ®, Omicron Chi Omega (OCO) Chapter led a tree-planting effort at the General Heiser Boys and Girls Club (Dumfries) and Prince William Academy on April 22 to celebrate Earth Day. Between both locations, members planted 20 trees and potted plants.

"Enhance Our Environment is one of six initiatives tied to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Inc.® International Program for community service," said OCO President Christina Henry Roberson. "This tree planting activity was a collaborative effort with two other chapter initiatives, Empower Our Families and Uplift Our Local Community, providing the opportunity for our members to work with local organizations to support not just our environment but our community as a whole."

Through the tree-planting effort, OCO was able to educate participants in the Chapter's Youth Leadership Institute about different types of trees and plants. Participating youth also had an opportunity to make a direct impact on the local community by planting trees and potting plants.

In addition to planting trees, OCO looks to focus on developing community and home gardens, reducing waste, and hosting shredding and recycling days in the county over the next three years. OCO has already hosted pop-up recycling events for the public and leads Adopt-A-Highway clean-up opportunities for members throughout the year.

Internationally, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. ® is focused on making a significant impact on the environment. Through key strategies identified by the sorority's leadership, members will collectively improve and protect the environment at scale, and prioritize activities that promote the adoption of sustainable and responsible practices.

Photos of the tree planting event and other chapter activities can be found on [OCO's website](#).

About Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. ® and Omicron Chi Omega Chapter

[Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®](#) (AKA), a 115-year-old international service organization founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. Comprised of more than 325,000 members who hail from 1,060 graduate and undergraduate chapters worldwide, Alpha Kappa Alpha is the nation's oldest Greek letter organization established by African American college-educated women. The Mid-Atlantic Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® has 130 chapters and 13,000 members in North Carolina and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Omicron Chi Omega Chapter was chartered in 1985. The chapter has been serving the Greater Prince William County community for 38 years and has received many community awards as well as recognition by the State of Virginia for its engagement in numerous service programs. For more information on Omicron Chi Omega, visit omicronchiomega-aka.com.

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