



## **Season of Giving Spreads to Dallas' Tiniest Residents**

*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority donates blankets for at-risk infants*

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### **For Immediate Release**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter (NDSA) is extending the spirit of giving to the area's tiniest residents by donating 100 hand-crafted blankets to mothers and their infants as part of its "Wrapped in Love" project.

Dallas Healthy Start, a program of Parkland Health and Hospital System is the recipient of the donation. Dallas Healthy Start provides services to pregnant women and mothers in six targeted areas with the highest rates of infant mortality in Dallas County. Its mission is to improve prenatal outcomes by reducing infant mortality and low birth weights. On Thursday, December 19th Dallas Healthy Start will accept the blankets on behalf of its tiny clients -- just in time for the holidays.

Earlier this year, the sorority initiated the "Wrapped in Love" project which involved creating 12 packages of infant supplies, inspirational poetry and information about the sorority's youth education programs for age-appropriate siblings. A soft, warm, custom-made baby blanket was the centerpiece of each package. To mark the sorority's 100th year of existence with a special project close to home "Wrapped in Love" was extended to 100 blankets for 100 babies.

"This is a special donation for us because Dallas Healthy Start serves and reaches out to our most vulnerable residents," said Jada Burton, NDSA president. "The holidays are a special time for children and our hearts go out to infants facing challenges on the road to good health. We want these babies to thrive and grow up healthy and when they're old enough we'll welcome them into our youth programs and activities."

Throughout 2013, the sorority's Centennial year, NDSA has been serving local communities with programs and special projects benefiting youth, the physically ill or disabled and economically disadvantaged. During the holiday season sorority members make food basket donations, conduct toy giveaways and fulfill wish lists of needy youngsters.

The "Wrapped in Love" blankets will be presented to Dallas Healthy Start at a 5:30 p.m. reception on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at Fellowship Bible Church. The church is located 9330 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas.

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### **About Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Is a public service organization founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University to promote academic excellence; to provide support to the underserved; to educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities. Today, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has more than 250,000 members and more than 1000 chapters worldwide. The North Dallas Suburban Alumnae chapter, chartered in 1996, continues the sorority's tradition of sisterhood and service by implementing programs in response to identified local community concerns.

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