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Annual Report

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Leadership



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About Us

Friends of Chi Upsilon Sigma Foundation, also known as FOCUS, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the philanthropic arm of [Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Inc.](#) Driven by the belief that leadership is the foundation of strong communities, FOCUS has an unwavering commitment to empowering individuals by providing access to education. We exist to fuel aspirations and provide the resources necessary for future leaders to rise, because when we invest in leadership, we invest in a better future for all. Through scholarships and grants, we support leaders dedicated to driving meaningful change in their communities.

Mission

Friends of Chi Upsilon Sigma Foundation is a philanthropic organization dedicated to cultivating leadership and strengthening communities. We achieve this through scholarships and grants that support individuals and organizations working to create positive change.

Vision

Friends of Chi Upsilon Sigma Foundation envisions a united community of strong leaders driving meaningful progress.

Letter from the President

Serving as President of The Friends of Chi Upsilon Sigma Foundation (FOCUS) in 2025 has been both an honor and a privilege. This year reminded me of the power of collective giving and the difference we can make when we come together with purpose.

Through your support, we were proud to fulfill two of our three inaugural pillars by presenting a community gift to a local nonprofit, reinforcing our commitment to uplifting and investing in our communities. We also continued to support the academic excellence of our beloved sisterhood, Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Inc., by awarding scholarships to sisters, helping to ease financial burdens and encouraging continued achievement.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our donors and supporters who made this year a success. Your generosity and trust fuel our mission and allow the Foundation to remain a meaningful source of service and support.

As we look ahead to 2026, with your support, we are excited to build upon this momentum, expand our impact, and continue serving with intention, compassion, and sisterly love. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey.

With gratitude and pride,
Yesenia Medina- Hernandez
President



Strategic Pillars

The Friends of Chi Upsilon Sigma Foundation fulfills its mission and vision through three core pillars:

- 1 Scholarships for CUS Sisters: We invest in the academic and professional success of Chi Upsilon Sigma sisters by providing merit-based scholarships that support their educational goals and leadership development.
- 2 CUS Chapter Grants: Chi Upsilon Sigma chapters are required to host programs that support the development of their local school communities. Chapter awards provide funding that allows chapters to expand the reach and impact of their programs beyond campus, extending into the surrounding neighborhoods where their schools are located.
- 3 Nonprofit Grants: Funding is awarded to organizations whose missions and values align with those of the Foundation. Through these partnerships, we amplify community-based efforts and support initiatives that promote leadership and positive social impact.

A Year in Review

The year 2025 marked a pivotal milestone for the Friends of Chi Upsilon Sigma Foundation. The Foundation officially launched with new branding, an enhanced website, and a clearly defined mission and vision, solidifying its identity and purpose.

Most notably, the Foundation achieved two of its ambitious inaugural goals: issuing its first nonprofit grant and awarding scholarships to sisters of Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Inc.

In June 2025, the Foundation awarded a \$2,000 grant to the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Philadelphia during the Chi Upsilon Sigma National Convention. The grant reflected the Foundation's commitment to giving back to the host community and supporting a local nonprofit whose values closely align with those of the Foundation.

Later in the year, the Foundation launched its first-ever competitive, merit-based scholarship program. Three sisters pursuing both undergraduate and graduate studies were each awarded \$1,000 scholarships to support their academic pursuits. The recipients' aspirations include degrees in Health Sciences, earning a Master's degree in Social Work and pursuing a PhD in Sociology.

Congratulations TO OUR \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES



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and

**\$2,000 GRANT WINNERS
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF
PHILADELPHIA**



Herstory



Meet Amy, a proud alumna of Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Inc. from South Carolina and a recurring donor to the Friends of Chi Upsilon Sigma Foundation.

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Meet Amy, a proud alumna of Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Inc. from South Carolina and a recurring donor to the Friends of Chi Upsilon Sigma Foundation.

Amy chose to support the Foundation through monthly automated donations as a meaningful way to give back to the sisterhood that helped shape her personal and professional journey. As an undergraduate, Amy faced significant financial challenges. Her challenges became a catalyst for growth and purpose.

“Although I struggled financially as an undergrad, that struggle pushed me to truly live out our sorority’s code of ethics, especially the call to inspire future CUS sisters,” Amy shared. “Through Chi Upsilon Sigma, I gained invaluable skills, confidence, and access to networks that changed the trajectory of my life. I’ve always used what I learned to give back, but I wanted to do more.”

When the Foundation was established, Amy immediately recognised the opportunity to make a deeper impact.

“FOCUS gave me the chance to help ensure that another sister doesn’t have to struggle the way I did,” she said. “I’m incredibly proud to be able to give back financially, and I hope my contribution inspires other sisters and ‘friends of Chi Upsilon Sigma’ to do the same.”

Amy’s generosity is a powerful reminder that collective giving creates lasting change. By becoming a recurring donor, you can help cultivate leaders, strengthening communities.

Join Amy in making a difference. To become a recurring donor, visit:
<https://www.cusfoundation.org/donate-now>

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