

International Service

The Links, Incorporated is an international not-for-profit service organization established in 1946. With more than 14,000 members in 283 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, The Links, Incorporated is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African Ancestry. The Links Foundation, Incorporated is the philanthropic arm of The Links, Incorporated. It was established in 1979 to enhance and expand the philanthropic endeavors of The Links, Incorporated. It provides grants to innovative programs that address problems to be solved, or opportunities to be seized, that are of regional, national or international significance. The Links Foundation, Incorporated has contributed more than \$25 million to charitable causes since its founding. Since 2010, more than \$500,000 has been awarded to chapters in support of programming in the areas of STEM education, childhood obesity, heart health awareness, and financial literacy. The Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

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Celebrating More than 50 Years of Service to the Community

Our Vision

The New Orleans (LA) Chapter of The Links Incorporated, installed on November 20, 1957, shares the vision of our National Organization, which is to impact the quality of life for humankind through community service. We are further committed to increasing the community awareness of our African and African American cultural contributions and heritage.

Our Mission

The New Orleans (LA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, is a volunteer service organization of concerned, committed and talented women who, linked in friendship, strive to make a difference in the community through focus on education, cultural enrichment, health and wellness and political action.

Our Values

The New Orleans (LA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, is based upon key values, beliefs and attitudes that are translated into the following "core values."

**Friendship - Integrity - Honesty - Service
Commitment - Family Relationships - Courage
Respect for Self and Others**



Chapter Officers



Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service
New Orleans (LA) Chapter



Serving the New Orleans Community Since 1957



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Transformational Programming



Our programs include Health and Human Services

The New Orleans (LA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated implements community programs that increase awareness of issues that affect the quality of life of African-Americans in the areas of education, income, health, employment, and other social indicators of well-being. The organization's Facets are: National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services, Health and Human Services, The Arts and Services to Youth.

Our key initiatives include:

Partnering with The Times-Picayune and Xavier University for the annual Scripps National Spelling Bee

Introducing and supporting STEM education and career readiness

Partnership with Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School and Watford Hill Primary School in Jamaica

Comprehensive Anti-Bullying Program

HBCU Art Showcase at The Odgen Museum

Partnership with Children of Haiti Enhancement Foundation (COHEF) & Wynne Family Farms

National Childhood Obesity Initiative

Breast Health Awareness

Services To Youth

The goal of the Services to Youth Facet is to equip African-American youth to use their intellect and spirit of achievement to become successful and productive citizens. The Links implement aligned, integrated and transformational programs that are responsive to the academic, health, cultural, social awareness, career development, and mentoring needs of youth.



The Arts

The goal of The Arts Facet is to increase and expand art activity, and elevate our programs through arts integration and effectively create an arts renaissance within our organization and programmatic efforts. Chapters partner with museums, symphonies, arts councils, educational institutions and corporations in order to support art programs, especially where there is a focus on artists of color.

National Trends and Services

The vision of the National Trends and Services Facet is to eliminate disparities by reducing barriers to services through advocacy, education, and service. Our mission is to empower our chapters to effectively empower the communities in which we work.



Program services include (clockwise from upper left): The Arts, National Trends and Services, Services to Youth and International Trends and Services (Children of Kenscoff Haiti - photo credit: COHEF)

International Trends and Services

The mission of the International Trends and Services Facet is to expand the global platform for programs designed and developed to service the educational, health and cultural needs of people of African descent throughout the world.

Health and Human Services

The goal of the Health and Human Services Facet is to promote and facilitate programs that support the maintenance of good health and the elimination of chronic health disparities in communities of color through education, health advocacy, and optimal utilization of health resources.