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Omegas Lending a Hand

Kappa Alpha completes phase I of upgrading "A Place for Hope" on Blackmon Road

Omegas, volunteers and community members take a photo outside *A Place for Hope* before working on the project

Rock Hill, SC - The Blackmon Road community, located just outside of the Rock Hill city limits, is one of the poorest communities in the entire state of South Carolina. Many residents there live in third world conditions. They live without necessities such as: plumbing for bathrooms or without trash pick-up, without paved roads. In the past this community was known as "T*rash Pile Road"* and in most cases little if any change has taken place.

On Saturday June 2nd, 2012, the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., began its initial phase of working in the Blackmon Road community in Rock Hill, SC.

A Place for Hope is an agency located in the Blackmon Road community working to help to poverty stricken area. The center serves as a day care facility and a place for citizens to come and request government assistance.

During the February chapter meeting, Brothers discussed and agreed to make a concerted effort on making a difference in the Blackmon Road community.

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Lend a Hand continued…..

Brothers Robert Parker and Carl Dicks met with *A Place for Hope's* Director, Mrs. Mary Hoppmann to discuss any major need for the community. Mrs. Hoppmann asked for Kappa Alpha to assist with renovating *A Place for Hope*.

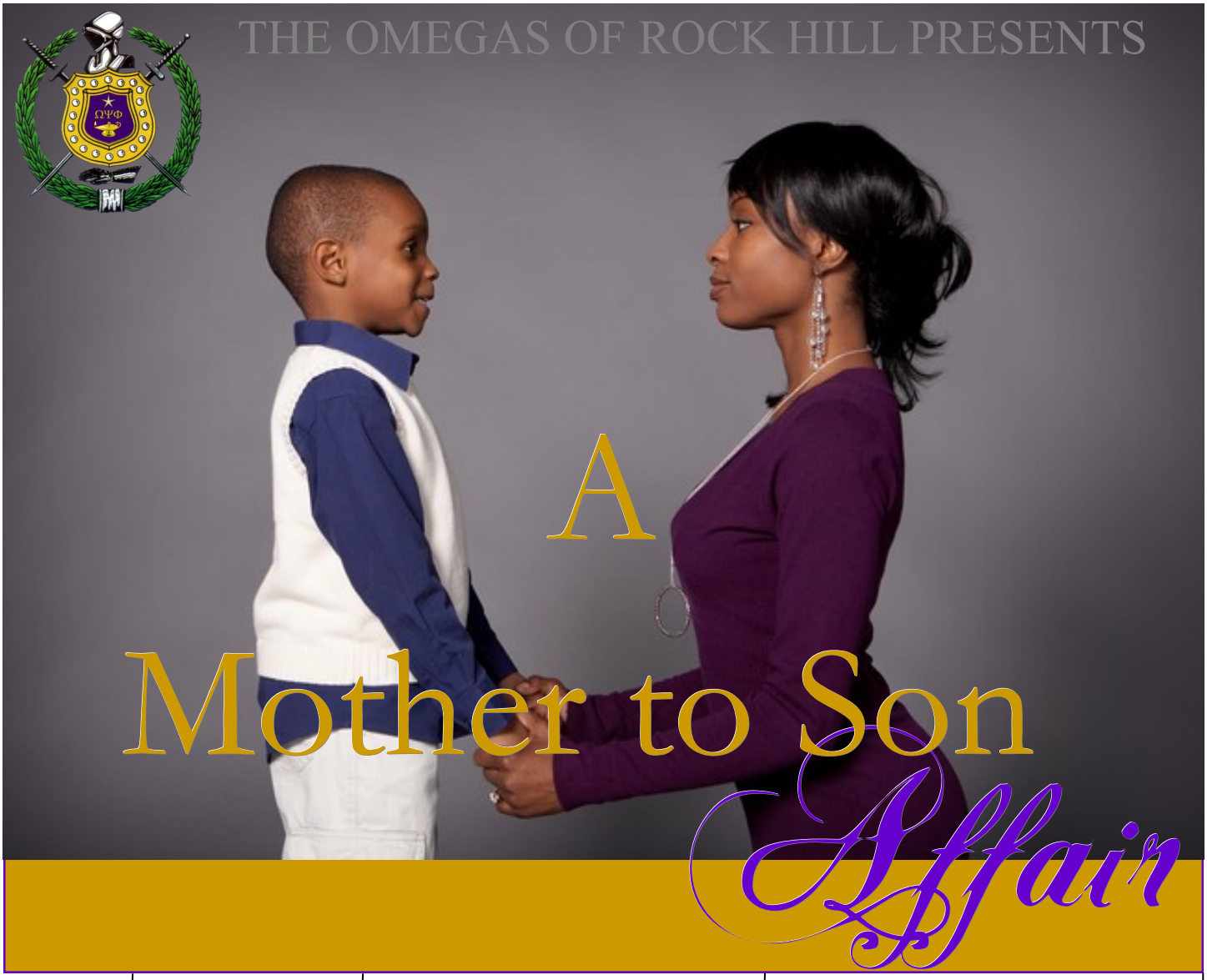
Brothers began on Wednesday May 30th, 2012, prepping the facility by stripping cracked and chipped paint.

Saturday afternoon Omega men gathered at *A Place for Hope* to begin Phase 1 of the renovation mission.

"We were overjoyed because it opened up much needed work space. The job was done right and done beautifully, Hoppman said. "They painted and repaired all of the holes in the wall; we cannot say enough about how thankful we were for the men of Omega Psi Phi to come help us prepare for our summer camp which starts on Monday June 9th.

Later this fall the chapter will begin Phase II by replacing the floors in the center as well as Phase III by placing the young males in the community in our Foundations Mentoring Program.

THE OMEGAS OF ROCK HILL PRESENTS



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KA's 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast

Brothers of Kappa Alpha Chapter and Psi Kappa Chapter prepare to serve guest during the 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast at Apple Bee's Rock Hill Galleria Location.

Rock Hill, SC - On Saturday June 2, 2012 the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held its 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Apple Bee's Bar & Grill.

All proceeds from the fundraiser helped finance the fees for 5 young males, who are members of the chapter's mentee program, to attend the Sixth District's Omega Boys Leadership Camp.

Brother LaTaj Linen chaired the event and said, "We are very excited about the new partnership with Apple Bee's and plan to hold this event Annually."

Assisting throughout the event, were the Foundation mentees along with Ms. Mardi Gras, Willie Mae Jamerson.

Omega's Biblical Reading

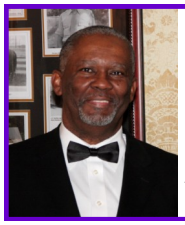
by: Brother Derrick Barksdale

Greeting Brothers,

Deuteronomy 7:21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God is among you, a mighty God and terrible. 22 And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee. 23 But the LORD thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed.

Brothers have you often steered clear of change, or a challenge, because there was too much pain, or the fear of loss associated with it?

God has chosen to develop us slowly, and HE uses the stages of our life to do so. Jesus used stages to develop HIS disciples. God allowed the Israelites to take over the Promise land in stages, so that they would not be overwhelmed. Sometimes we have to learn lessons over a period of time to really get the message. The History of Israel teaches us how quickly we can forget the lessons God tries to teach us. As Christians we should take our time and really try to invest and implement the principles Jesus teaches us. The Bible tells us to "take off the old self and put on the new, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." Brothers we must let go of our old ways in order to exercise our new. Live as a new creature in Christ, by taking a step every day towards HIS glory.



Are you in Good Hands?

by: Brother William "Bill" Berry, ***All State Agent***

Summer is supposed to be a time of celebration for teens and their families, with prom, graduation and college on the horizon. Unfortunately, new analysis of crash data from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety shows that July 4 is the deadliest day for teens on the road; and is just as deadly for the motorists that will be driving alongside them.

In the U.S., car crashes are the number one cause of death for everyone ages 1-34, with teens crashing four times more often than any other age group. Based on the latest available data, IIHS reports that more than 800 people were killed on July 4 from 2006-2010. And if the projections remain true this year, an average of 140 people will lose their lives on July 4 due to car crashes.

"These tragedies are compounded by the fact that many crashes are preventable," stated Victoria Dinges, vice president of public social responsibility at Allstate. "Driver error, speeding and distractions are the main causes of crashes. Simple activities such as switching radio stations or interacting with friends can significantly impair a teen's or adult's ability to react quickly to changing traffic conditions. Staying focused on the road, wearing seat belts and following the speed limit and other road rules are simple steps we can all take this July 4 to make sure we return home safely."

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Thoughts for Your Future

Kappa Alpha's Financial Corner by: Brother Isaiah Venning

In these next 2 editions we will learn the basic of stock 101.

A **ticker symbols** is a sort of identification tag for a stock. It is comparable to a person's social security number. For instance, if you wanted to find information on Coca-Cola, you could go to a page such as Yahoo Finance and enter "KO" into the symbol box. After pressing the submit button, the site will bring up all the information you need on the Coca-Cola company. The ticker symbol is used mostly for placing orders with brokers and looking up information on particular company / stock.

You can tell which exchange a stock trades on based on the number of letters in its ticker symbol. Stocks with four or more letters, for example, trade on the NASDAQ.

Stock - Ownership of a corporation indicated by shares, which represent a piece of the corporation's assets and earnings.

Shareholder - Person or entity that owns shares or equity in a corporation

A **stock split** is essentially when a company increases the number of shares. For example, if you owned 25 shares of XYZ at $15 per share, and there was a 2-1 stock split, you would then own 50 shares worth $7.50 each.

The **Dow Jones Industrial Average** (DJIA) is an index of thirty, blue chip stocks that are traded in the United States. It is believed that by looking at the companies on the list, a person can get a general picture of how the market as a whole is performing. The Dow is perhaps the most quoted and followed index in the world, and dates back to May 26, 1896. It was then comprised of 12 stocks and opened at 40.94.

The **NASDAQ** is an electronic exchange where stocks are traded through an automated network. It stands for National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations System. As a general rule of thumb, it is where most technology stocks are traded. A quick way to tell if a company is listed on the NASDAQ is to check out the ticker symbol... those made up of four letters are listed here (e.g. Microsoft = MSFT, Dell Computers = DELL, Cisco = CSCO).

The Standard and Poors 500 (S&P 500) is an index made up of five hundred different stocks. Each is selected for liquidity, size, and industry. The index is weighted for market capitalization. The S&P 500 is the benchmark of the overall market, and frequently used as the standard of comparison in terms of investment performance.

Kappa Alpha Chapter & Psi Kappa Chapter
Calendar of Events

July 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			78th International Grand Conclave - Minneapolis, Minnesota			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
78th International Grand Conclave - Minneapolis, Minnesota						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
No Chapter Meeting		Nate Pouncy		Derrick Reese	Keith Jenkins	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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