



# NEWSLETTER

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## THE HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

In the mid-1800s, an Appalachian activist named Ann Reeves Jarvis organized "Mothers Work Days" in West Virginia to promote community health and bring together families divided by the Civil War. Her efforts planted the idea of a day dedicated to the power of mothers as healers and peacemakers.

Around the same time, a poet and suffragist Julia Ward Howe issued her passionate Mother's Day Proclamation in 1870, calling on mothers across the world to unite against war. Though her vision of the holiday never took hold officially, it reflected a growing cultural movement.

The Mother's Day that we celebrate today is largely

the creation of Anna Jarvis, Ann Reeves Jarvis's daughter. After the death of her mother in 1905, Anna campaigned tirelessly to establish an official day of recognition. On May 10, 1908, she held the first Mother's Day celebration at a church in Grafton, West Virginia. On May 9, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating the 2nd. Sunday of May as Mother's Day.



*The beauty of a rose captures a Mom's beauty!*

## Our Work

GCRC operates under three pillars: Health, Education and the Arts. Since 2018, the Ford Reynolds family contributions and contributions from the June Brandon family have enabled GCRC to award scholarships to high school graduates who want to further their education. Beginning with this issue, we will highlight some of the accomplishments of our scholarship recipients.



**Bryce A. Williams**

Bryce was one of the recipients of the Ford Reynolds Star scholarship in 2022. After graduating from Culver City High School, he enrolled at University of Nevada Las Vegas. where he remained on the Dean's List throughout his college years. He will graduate May 16, 2026 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality Management. Bryce and I had a brief conversation about his plans. "After graduation, I plan to pursue a managerial position within the

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The Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, and participate in a series of internships to further my career in hospitality. I plan to give back to my community by volunteering with the Brotherhood Crusade and mentoring young students interested in the same career as me. It’s also important to me to help my family and my church family in any way I can because they are the ones who helped me achieve so much. I wish to return the favor tenfold. Thank you so much.”

## Congratulations Bryce

Many thanks to the Ford Reynolds family and the June C. Brandon family for making this opportunity possible.



### Our Health Pillar

The All Things New program is part of the health pillar. It was described in the March issue of our newsletter. That program is changing lives and giving families and senior citizens housing stability. GCRC hosted a “Come To The Table” breakfast on April 18th. Those who attended learned about our All Things New program. They were able to hear from a resident living in one of the housing communities we serve. They also heard from one of the Directors of Housing. Each speaker shared the impact that the All

Things New program has made. Participants were able to see our Community Share event. Thank you, Dr. Sheila De Gruy and her awesome team, for putting on such a wonderful event.

Thanks to Karen Gasper for the delicious food and the beautiful design. Thanks to Trader Joe’s on Slauson in Culver City and to Starbucks on Crenshaw.

### Upcoming Events In Recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month

May 9	Mother’s Day Luncheon 12 noon – 3 PM
May 10	Mother’s Day
May 12	Still Standing Presentation 6 PM – 7:30 PM Zoom
May 16	Community Share (food and clothing giveaway) 10 AM – 12 PM
May 17	“Repair and Forgiveness: A Conversation About Mental Wellness” 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Zoom
May 31	“Elder Care: Is He or She Being Abused?” 1:00 PM – 2 PM (in person)



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