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| **President's Messageby Ann Marr**Our chapter's information meeting with Lake County Haven Meeting was on the evening of November 15 at the home of Leah Fredbeck.Iota Lambda Iota has donated funds to Lake County Haven for as long as I can remember but a refresher course on who they are, what they do and what they hope to accomplish in the future was in order.  So, an interested but smaller group met with Kate Ceithami, Philanthropy Coordinator, from Lake County Haven on a snowy, cold night. Lake County Haven (LCH) is women focused and supports women (and their children, if applicable) who find themselves homeless.  LCH views themselves as a last resort after all other avenues have been exhausted, including burned bridges with their families.  LCH sets a low barrier for acceptance into their program and tries not to duplicate their services with those offered by other organizations. Many women find themselves homeless after suffering PTSD, domestic violence, depress, substance abuse, lack of education of other mental health issues. After acceptance the days of a LCH women are busy and varied.  Women spend 4 – 6 hours/day, 7 days/week in programs that treat the whole person, helping them manage their personal issues and allow them to cope with day to day living (financial responsibility, chief among them).  In addition to these programs the women have chores around the residences that teach them responsibility.  As soon as the women enter the program finding a job is stressed and encouraged.Lake County Haven has 2 residences in Libertyville.  Hope House houses 10 women and is the first location and each woman starts there and will live in, for an average of 5 months.  Here the women focus on the basics of life coping skills.  After graduating from the Hope House program each woman should have a job (saving about 80% of her salary) and look to move out on their own or continue at the Haven’s 2nd location, Renewal House.Renewal House accepts 20 residents, and this acts as a 2nd stage to the woman’s independence.  Women can live here up to 2 years continuing their development. Lake County Haven assists over 120 women during a year.  LCH receives over 500 applications for help every year.  Due to this increased demand their envisioning a new 5-year strategic plan that includes a 3rd residence, a 24-hour assistance help line and scholarships for Alcohol and Drug counselors. Lake County Haven currently employs 25 paid staff members and 8 administrative employees.  15% of their funding comes from government sources while 85% is from private donations. How we can further help:We have added Lake County Haven to our likes on our Iota Lambda Iota Facebook page.  LCH may request special donations (work clothing, meals, paper towels, etc.) Please feel free to donate if you are able. Financial contributions are always appreciated and one-time volunteer opportunities are often posted.For their latest wish list please click [here](https://lakecountyhaven.org/get-involved/give-things/).I am proud of our contributions to Lake County Haven and will support future support. |

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| **Upcoming Meetings****January 30 - 6:00 pm. - A Book and A Movie Night at Jan Curshman's**(905 Paradise Lane, Libertyville) will be Stephanie Land's New York Times bestselling book, *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive*and Netflick's movie *Maid.* The first sentence of Stephanie Land's (portrayed by Margaret Qualley) memoir states, "My daughter (portrayed by Rylea Nevaeh Whittet)  learned to walk in a homeless shelter." Land, who had grown up in a middle class family, had been living with her daughter Mia's father for roughly the first six months of Mia's life. It was an abusive relationship. "He kind of forcefully asked us to leave," Land told NPR. After spending a few weeks living with her own father and stepmother, she left somewhat abruptly with Mia and found an opening at a local homeless shelter in Port Townsend, Washington. **How many women do we support that may have the same life experiences?** She  shares her story and other real stories of overworked and underpaid American workers; of living on food stamps and coupons to eat; of the programs from the government that provided her basic housing and the arrangement that also doubled as halfway houses.Jan will be providing heavy appetizers (but, you may also bring something to share).**Friday, February 17 - 2:00 pm. - High Tea at the Deerpath Inn!** |

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| Our new Fundraising Method was approved by unanimous ballot! We agreed as a group to proceed with this fundraiser for the first quarter of 2023.  We committed to an average of 9 hours of volunteer time/week.It is time to sign up for your volunteer time at Upscale Rummage in Libertyville.   Here is the link for [sign up genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084daaab2faaf58-volunteer/63012608#/).If we have a full 9 hour presence in one week and you can volunteer another week please consider that so we can spread out our time.  You may also invite friends and family to help you.  On the sign up please list your friends name so our total will reflect the true hours worked.We will coordinate our time with the owner of Upscale Rummage, Renee Baldwin, every couple of weeks, so if you have signed up please honor that time commitment.Any questions, please let me know. |

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| We made The Lyre, Winter edition 2022, page 67Here is what it said"Sisters volunteered at a local rummage store and partnered for a giveback shopping day to raise more than $6,000 for A Safe Place, Lake County Haven and the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation." |

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| Another Way to help our PhilanthropiesAmazon SmileLast year $1,305.55 was donated to A Safe Place using Amazon Smile.  I do not have figures for Lake County Haven but imagine they also received donations by shoppers of Amazon.It is simple, when you log onto Amazon request Amazon Smile.  You only need to set your preferences once.  Future visits to Amazon will put you in Amazon Smile automatically.  After that you request your charity of choice and that is it.  Amazon Smile will send you a statement at the end of the year showing you the amount of your donation.  In my case it was $75.16.Give it a try! |

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| **Did you know you can read The Lyre online?**In addition to our digital offering, alumnae members who have reached the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation’s Life Loyal Roll through cumulative gifts of $299 or more receive *The Lyre* in print four times a year. Visit the [Life Loyal Roll page](http://alphachiomega.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04ODY0NDI2JnA9MSZ1PTc1Njk4NjczOSZsaT03ODc5Mjg0MA/index.html) of our website to learn more.If you have any story ideas for *The Lyre* or the [Alpha Chi Omega blog](http://alphachiomega.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04ODY0NDI2JnA9MSZ1PTc1Njk4NjczOSZsaT03ODc5Mjg0MQ/index.html) about a sister or your chapter, submit them in our [Share Your Story form](http://alphachiomega.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04ODY0NDI2JnA9MSZ1PTc1Njk4NjczOSZsaT03ODc5Mjg0Mg/index.html). Did you recently gather with sisters or host an alumnae chapter event? Unedited photos and videos can be uploaded to [photos.alphachiomega.org](http://alphachiomega.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04ODY0NDI2JnA9MSZ1PTc1Njk4NjczOSZsaT03ODc5Mjg0Mw/index.html) (no login required). |

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| Founder's Day Challenge Recap

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| Thank you to the many donors who supported Founders’ Day Challenge this October. With your help, we raised more than $172,000!Together, we’re making an uncommon impact and supporting our sisters. Through your gifts to the Real. Strong. Women.® Fund, the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation is enhancing the opportunities and experiences provided to our members through the Real. Strong. Women. Experience.To see a full list of donors who gave to Founders’ Day Challenge 2022, [visit my.alphachiomega.org/givingday](http://alphachiomega.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04ODY0NDI2JnA9MSZ1PTc1Njk4NjczOSZsaT03ODc5Mjg0Ng/index.html). |

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| Have your visited the redesignedAlpha Chi Omega website yet?

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| With a look and feel that reflects our brand, [alphachiomega.org](http://alphachiomega.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04ODQ5OTA3JnA9MSZ1PTc1Njk4NjczOSZsaT03ODMxMzEzMA/index.html) has been set up to increase engagement and enhance usability.The biggest change that you as an alumna will see is how you access materials and forms – now conveniently located in your membership portal, [My Alpha Chi](http://alphachiomega.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04ODQ5OTA3JnA9MSZ1PTc1Njk4NjczOSZsaT03ODMxMzEzMQ/index.html)! Here you will have access to the volunteer interest form, the recruitment recommendation form, Lyre Links (if applicable to your volunteer role) and your personal information to keep up to date. My Alpha Chi also has a redesigned chapter search and interactive map, which you can use to locate collegiate and alumnae chapters across the country, filter by state and even find virtual alumnae chapters!Review our [FAQ webpage](http://alphachiomega.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04ODQ5OTA3JnA9MSZ1PTc1Njk4NjczOSZsaT03ODMxMzEzMw/index.html) or email the marketing team with any questions or comments. |

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| We want to thank everyone who contributed items to the Love Purse Campaign!  We had a wonderful time putting the items together-follow the link below to see the fun.  The Lake County Haven will be thrilled to receive these much needed items. We delivered the purses on December 21st.  This wouldn’t have been possible without the generosity of everyone who donated their time and items. **Rachel Loberg, DNP, RN, FNP, NE-BC**VP/Chief Nursing Officer |

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| January is Mentoring MonthHave you considered passing along your time and talents to younger sisters?   |

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| It is never to late to pay your dues to Iota Lambda Iota.  Please capture this QR code with the camera on your phone and it will automatically put you in the PayPal site.  Just enter $37.00 ($2.00 for fees) and you you are all set!You can also send a check to Treasurer, Carol Myers, payable to Iota Lambda Iota.  Carol's address is 1044 Old Colony Rd, Lake Forest, IL  60045.Thank you! |

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