

To: Deputies of the Desert (A.E.A.O.N.M.S.)

Greetings! I trust this communication finds you in good health.

Following is information about the Prince Hall Shriners Foundation, Inc., which I ask that you communicate to all Temples in your respective Desert. I also ask that you contact the Deputy of the Desert-Daughter of Isis in your Desert so that she may communicate to the Daughters (Courts) under her administration.

The Prince Hall Shriners Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, is the philanthropic arm of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdictions, Inc. (A.E.A.O.N.M.S.) and, as such, is established to help financially support the following national programs of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S.:

National Diabetes Initiative (NDI): Education/Awareness/Cure for diabetes

Shriners as Mentors (SAM): Address the needs of "at risk" and "high risk" African American youth and put them on the path to success

Student Aid (SA): Financial assistance to graduating high school seniors to attend skill-based trade schools and to colleges/universities.

Since starting this effort in 2009, the Foundation enjoyed some success, thanks to contributions and assistance from Imperial Council Officers, Nobles and Daughters. We need to continue to build on this initial success. Diabetes is still very prevalent, especially among African Americans, and a cure must be found. Mentorship of our youth is absolutely essential to remove them from "at risk" and/or "high risk" and give them an opportunity for successful lives. Education is the cornerstone of productive citizenry and assisting graduating high school seniors learn a meaningful trade or attain a college degree is essential.

In order for the Foundation to be able to financially assist the AEAONMS successfully conduct these programs, it needs contributions from Nobles and Daughters. The Foundation is asking every Noble and Daughter to contribute a minimum of \$10.00 (more will be welcome) to the Foundation.

(1) Donations can be made by check made payable to the Prince Hall Shriners Foundation, Inc. and mailed to Prince Hall Shriners Foundation, Inc., 2239 Democrat Road, Suite 100, Memphis, TN 38132 and indicate on the memo line to which program the funds are to be credited; or,

(2) Donations can be made by using Paypal via Internet by signing on to <https://www.paypal.com/sendmoney> and directing contributions (dollars) to: contributions@princehallshrinersfoundation.org. Donors should complete their full contact information: name, address, temple/court name and number; and, indicate to which program they want the funds directed, i.e. NDI, SAM, SA, or a combination of two (2) or more. The funds will be transferred to the Foundation's bank account.

Please note that because the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, contributions are tax deductible.

We need your help and your anticipated cooperation in communicating this information throughout your Desert (and to the Daughter's Deputy in your Desert) is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at my contact information below.

Fraternally yours,

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