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Soror Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson
Supreme Basileus
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Dear Madam Supreme Basileus,

The members of Eta Beta Omega Chapter are literally on the front lines in combatting the Ebola virus in Liberia, West Africa. They, along with the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, have implemented strategic measures to aid in curtailing the spread of the disease. Because of their work, a 96-bed treatment unit was built in Virginia, a Western suburb of Monrovia, Liberia for victims of this crisis.

An email from a chapter member indicates that Eta Beta Omega sorors “did in fact embark on the call to provide an ETU (Ebola treatment unit) for the people of Liberia. In collaboration with the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.’s Eta Epsilon Lambda Chapter, we determined that we would erect and turnover an ETU to the Government of Liberia – Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (GOL/MoHSW). The center, from inception to turnover took 42 days and the cost is estimated at \$200,000.”

The two organizations, with help from donor partners, raised the funds to cover the project expenses. All of this work was done with the blessing of President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, our soror. President Sirleaf entrusted her Sorors, especially Soror Matilda Parker, who is Managing Director of the National Port Authority of Liberia, with overseeing the construction of the treatment center. Utilizing funds collected from sorors through the *Liberia Ebola Relief Fund* established on the AKA website, Eta Beta Omega was able to ship donated medical supplies to be used at the Ebola Treatment Center from the United States to Liberia.

Photos of this amazing project can be found at http://tlcafrica.com/M_Parker_ETU/ETU4; an article about the ETU is at <http://allafrica.com/stories/201410230383.html>.

Madam Supreme Basileus, this is just one phenomenal feat. There are others. The Chapter has issued a Bucket Challenge in which donors fund buckets of sanitizing products to assist in deterring the spread of the virus. The buckets are distributed to families and communities; and the residents are taught to sanitize after every physical contact. Sorors are also trained to go into communities and conduct workshops to educate the population about Ebola and how it can be contained.

In September, President Sirleaf also praised the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and Monrovia Rotary Club who are utilizing their own resources, with no request from the government to help Liberia overcome the further spread of the deadly Ebola virus disease.

In a report from AllAfrica.com on September 24, President Sirleaf thanked members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for bracing the courage to seek support from members and partners abroad in the fight against the Ebola virus in Liberia. She called on other Liberian-based organizations with international links to engage their partners in the wake of the disease outbreak to help Liberia have a crossover in the ongoing fight against the Ebola virus.

Please know that these sorors are committed to their country, and to providing the level of service that typifies Alpha Kappa Alpha women. In addition to holding down their day jobs, they are demonstrating their love for the sorority and mankind.

Sisterly,

Soror Gigi

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