

A Mother's Love Creates Possibilities

2024 ROSES AND VIOLETS CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN

May flowers and Springtime herald the time of year when we pay tribute to mothers. Mother's Day is a special time to honor and remember women who have raised, shaped, mentored, loved and influenced us. Whether biological, adopted, or surrogate, we salute them.

The Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF) presents the **2024 Roses and Violets Charitable Campaign**. The campaign was named after two very beautiful flowers. Roses symbolize love, admiration and friendship. The violet, which is near and dear to Deltas, symbolizes loyalty, faith and inspiration. These flowers represent the attributes of mothers and mother figures.

We invite you to honor and remember mothers, who have also created possibilities and given life, by donating to share virtually: a spoken word tribute, and poem by Dawn Nash Rutland and musical selection by national recording artist, Lori A. Williams.

Contributors will also hear a special message and receive a blank note to share with a loved one.



DONATIONS MAY BE MADE THROUGH MAY 10TH.

Visit igfn.us/form/Z9Vchw to make your donation.



DAWN NASH RUTLAND, POET

Dawn Nash Rutland is the extremely proud mom of one now adult daughter and only child, Jordan Marcell Rutland. She is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where she graduated from LaSalle University, earning her Bachelor of Arts in English. She was duly initiated into the Omicron Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on April 25th, 1987, and is a current member of the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter. Ms. Rutland obtained her Masters Degree in New Professional Studies in Education with honors from George Mason

University in Fairfax, Virginia. Ms. Rutland's teaching career was recognized as a Teacher of the Year, Washington Post Woman of Distinction, and was a part of the USA Today All-Star Teachers Team, a few of many recognitions. She credits her mother for developing her love of vocabulary, reading, and empathy for people at a young age. Rutland is an Amazon Best-Selling Author and has a variety of journals, workbooks, and a coloring book to her credit. She will recite and contribute an original poem in honor of all mothers.



LORI WILLIAMS, VOCALIST

Lori Williams has a most impressive resume as an acclaimed international recording artist, music educator, songwriter, producer, musical theater actress, radio host, business owner/founder (PositiveMusicPM.org), and artist-in-residence with over 30 years of experience. Her vocal jazz artist residencies have allowed her to work with and mentor students on college campuses in the USA and abroad. As a veteran vocal music educator and private vocal coach, Lori received many honors for her contributions to

the arts. For over three decades, Lori Williams has had the honor of working with many notable artists as lead, background, studio session and guest vocalist. Lori currently has six independent CDs and released a single with music video - "*Too Late (It's My Time)*" - in July 2022. Her latest inspirational contemporary Jazz single - "*Take My Wings*" - released in October 2023. Enjoy her original musical tribute to all mothers for the DREF Roses and Violets Campaign. She is the proud mother of two and is also a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta, initiated through Gamma Iota Chapter at Hampton University.

