



The Emissary

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Announcement

- Karen's birthday fundraiser for Generations for America on **Facebook** 10/7/2022 through 10/14/2022.
- **Double Good** fundraiser 1st week in November.
- Go to *Generations for America* (GFA) website www.generationsforamerica.org for more information about our *Good Life* Senior Citizen Initiative and scholarship programs.
- Donate to GFA @ www.generationsforamerica.org.
- Email inquiries about GFA to grow@generationsforamerica.org.

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Message from the CEO

Welcome to GFA's third quarterly newsletter, *The Emissary*. GFA awarded four scholarships this year in memory of Ms. Jeannette Johnson and Mrs. Carolyn Baldwin. In this issue I want to honor the memory of Ms. Jeannette. Ms. Jeannette is one of the inspirations for the scholarship program and is the mother of board member Dr. Shakela Johnson Ford. Ms. Jeannette constantly encouraged students to continue their education. And she always backed up her encouraging words with financial and spiritual support!

We launched the senior citizen *Good Life Initiative* this summer. I invited volunteers to participate in the program. I affectionately call our volunteers Good Life Ambassadors and in our next issue, I will feature the activities the Good Life Ambassadors have started.

I lastly want to show my appreciation and thanks to our donors and volunteers. The board and I could not assist the community without your continual support!

Sincerely,

Karen M. Newsome



GFA's Purpose & Mission

PURPOSE

The purpose of Generations is to provide support for the enhancement of education, recreation, culture, historic preservation, literacy, and art in the Community and to carry on other charitable and educational activities associated with this goal, as allowed by law.

MISSION

Generations is a non-profit organization founded in 2019 that is committed to enhancing Communities through a variety of services and programs.

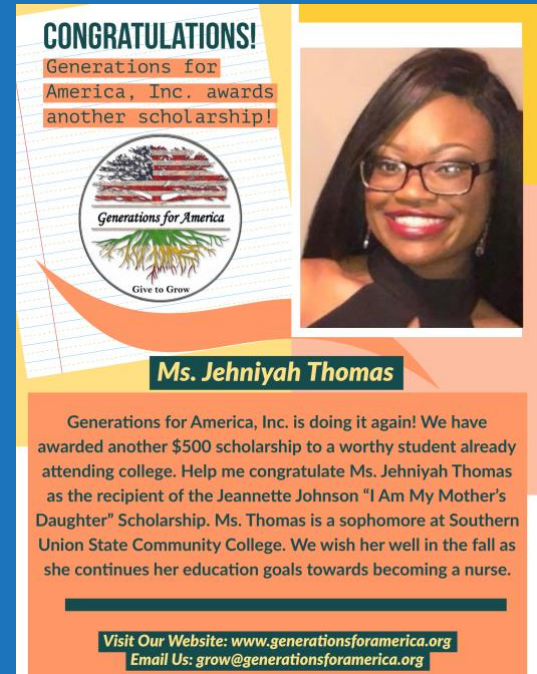
Jehniyah Thomas

**Smiths Station High School
Southern Union State Community College
Auburn University**

By Verlinda Gentry

I am currently attending Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. I am still adjusting to the unfamiliar environment. I am really excited about my future studies at Auburn! So far, things are going very well. I am meeting new people and making new friends. I have always been a University of Alabama fan, but now that I am attending Auburn, I will have to love them both.

My career goals are to continue my studies at Auburn and graduate within the next 2 years with a degree in Physical Therapy. After graduation, I plan to get a job as a Physical Therapist. I am open to the idea of relocating to a different state to find work in my field.



Dr. Shakela Johnson Ford

**Smiths Station High School
University of Alabama, BS
Auburn University Montgomery, M.Ed.
Auburn University, Ed.D.**

Dr. Johnson Ford is a graduate of Smiths Station High School where she was a majorette. She graduated from the University of Alabama in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. Dr. Johnson Ford received her doctorate in education from Auburn University in 2007. A professional educator for 24 years, she currently works as Coordinator of Curriculum, Testing and Special Education with the Alabama Department of Youth Services School District.

Dr. Johnson Ford has many titles, including Vice President of GFA. She is most proud of starting her photography company, Pearled Images. She received her first camera from her mother Ms. Jeannette Johnson when she was 9. She has had an interest in pictures since she was young—either being in them or taking them to capture memories. Before camera phones were a good option, she used to carry a point-and-shoot camera around with her to make sure she didn't miss a photographic moment.



Jeannette Johnson

Jeannette graduated from Chavala High School in 1972. She began working after graduating high school at Swift Spinning. Interestingly, it was the only job she ever had, working for 47 years and being the most senior employee at the time of her death.

Jeannette was raised by her grandparents in Russell County, Alabama. She was married for 10 years, during which time she had her only daughter, Shakela. Jeannette's parents had two younger daughters, but when her parents passed at very young ages, being the much older sibling, Jeannette would become the matriarch of the family. Her family consisted of her daughter, her two sisters, nieces, and nephews.

Jeannette's faith was a central part of her life—attending church and being involved were important to her. Over her lifetime, she served in many capacities of leadership and coordinated lots of church programs and activities.

Church, family, and work were Jeannette's circles of influence. She was seen as a role model and carried herself in a way to fulfill the purpose of being such.

All carried in a stylish and graceful way because shopping was her leisurely pleasure. From home network shopping to mall strolls, Jeannette loved finding and wearing the latest fashions. Fortunately, she leaves a legacy of much more than fashion to those whose life she touched.



GFA Greets the Community!

2nd Annual Crawford Community Health Resource Fair

Members of the GFA Board spent the morning of October 1st meeting and greeting members of the East Alabama community. Information was shared about our purpose and the service we offer.





Perform self-exams during October breast cancer awareness month!

By Rosie McCoy

Thank God that this year I am an 18-year breast cancer survivor! I encourage everyone to perform monthly breast self-exams and to get the following exams for early cancer detection:

- Regular physical exams by a doctor
- Mammography ultrasound
- MRI (magnetic resonance imaging), or both

Each of these screening tools works in a different way and has strengths and weaknesses. Breast self-exam is a convenient, no-cost tool that you can use on a monthly basis and at any age as part of your overall breast cancer screening strategy.



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