

Happy Founders Day!

Our Sorority

When you made the decision to join Gamma Phi Beta, you had a distinct reason for doing so — your Why Gamma Phi. Our reasons for joining are as varied as we are. Our Founders, Helen M. Dodge, Frances E. Haven, E. Adeline Curtis and Mary A. Bingham, had their own Why Gamma Phi. They created a space for women to find community among the challenging landscape of higher education in the late 1800s. Their Why Gamma Phi has led to 148 years of sisterhood. Your Why Gamma Phi may change over time — why you joined is not why you volunteer or give to the Foundation. Combined, these reasons fortify our Gamma Phi Beta, leading us to almost 150 years of Love, Labor, Learning and Loyalty.

Today, revisit your Why Gamma Phi. Consider how it's changed or grown, just like you. Is it the lifelong friendships you've gained since becoming a member? Is it the chance to develop life and leadership skills? Maybe you're a legacy continuing a family tradition, or a first-generation college student starting a new one. Whatever your Why Gamma Phi is, know that our Founders are happy you had a reason to join their sisterhood. A place where your authentic, ever-evolving self will always be greeted with open arms by True and Constant friends.

Gamma Phi Beta has always been a place for women wanting more; more opportunities, more accessibility, more connections. As the first person in my family to attend college, Gamma Phi Beta was the haven I found where wanting more for myself as a woman was supported and encouraged.

Our Foundation

In 1958, the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation was formed as a trust solely for the promotion and encouragement of educational and charitable purposes. Today, our Foundation continues to financially support you — our members.

The Foundation's mission of sisters helping sisters has truly come to life this year, as we awarded \$195,000 in financial aid to 96 deserving sisters — an 85% increase in aid given over the previous year. We provided an educational and leadership grant to the Sorority, and our members showed up when sisters needed them most, by donating to Loyalty Grants. These actions make a lasting impact on the sisters we serve and as an organization rooted in philanthropy, we must remember that our members are our Why Gamma Phi.

Gamma Phi Beta gave me a place to belong when I was looking for acceptance in college. Yet, when I discovered the world of international Gamma Phi Beta right after I graduated, I saw how the bonds of sisterhood reach far and wide. Today, my why is driven by the deep friendships I have with sisters across the country, from Dallas to Denver, Tampa to LA, they are there — that is why I give back to Gamma Phi Beta in every way I can.

Our Facilities Management Company

In 2012, the Facilities Management Company (FMC) was formed as an LLC, becoming Gamma Phi Beta's third entity. In 2012, the Facilities Management Company (FMC) was formed as an LLC, becoming Gamma Phi Beta's third entity. For 10 years, the FMC has fostered welcoming spaces of comfort and support to our members, whether through management of FMC-owned facilities and managed university residence floors or support of our affiliated house corporations. Our Why Gamma Phi has never changed — to ensure places for our Gamma Phi Beta sisters to call home.

I joined Gamma Phi Beta to have a space to connect with women who share common interests and values. Sustaining that for almost 150 years has required the labor and love of other sisters, so I give back to Gamma Phi Beta to continue that tradition for the next generation.

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One year from today, we will begin the celebration toward the 150th anniversary of Gamma Phi Beta's founding. Use your Why Gamma Phi to inspire action toward making this milestone the best it can be. Let's use our Founders' Why Gamma Phi as inspiration to make Gamma Phi Beta a place where members can be their authentic selves, find True and Contestant friendships and support one another throughout our lives.



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