



OUR SORORITY

Today holds significance to Gamma Phi Betas everywhere. On this day, November 11, 2021, we reflect on the beginning of our Sorority's story and celebrate the four bold and resolute women responsible for its early establishment 147 years ago – Helen M. Dodge, Frances E. Haven, E. Adeline Curtis and Mary A. Bingham. We are here today, emboldened by the bonds of sisterhood with a commitment to making a deep impact on each other and our communities because of the vision displayed by these four women. Because our Founders were fearless in their conviction to ensure support for women amidst the gender disparity on their college campus, our True and Constant sisterhood was born. A sisterhood so strong, so capable, so fearless, Helen, Frances, Addie and Mary predicted it could withstand the ravages of time, which it has time and time again.

“Each November as the crescent moon waxes, we are reminded of Gamma Phi Beta’s promise to each of her members. That no matter where we go, at whatever stage in life, we will find sisters who are both True and Constant, who are there in the light and dark, who are committed to reflecting back on our limitless potential and enduring strength as members of a mighty sisterhood.”—International President Autumn L. Hansen (Idaho)

OUR FOUNDATION

In 1958, the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation formed as a trust solely for the promotion and encouragement of educational and charitable purposes. Today, our Foundation continues to serve as the organization that supports you – our members – and our philanthropic aims. As an organization rooted in philanthropy, we must remember that our members are our cause.

Just as our Founders took the initiative to start something new and created a space for connection and support, our members who followed in their footsteps identified a need to invest in our sisterhood, and Gamma Phi Beta responded with the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation.

“The unwavering dedication, commitment, courage and vision of our sisters, throughout the seasons of time, have positioned the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation to serve, support, strengthen and sustain our sisterhood through the steadfast and generous philanthropy of sisters who want to empower each and every Gamma Phi to make a difference.”—Foundation Chairwoman Angela Jordan Dimit (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

OUR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMPANY

In 2012, the Facilities Management Company (FMC) was formed as an LLC, becoming Gamma Phi Beta's third entity. A facility – whether a free-standing structure, university dorm floor or a chapter suite – provides a physical space of comfort and support to our members. A place so many of us call home, even post-graduation. The FMC provides property management, supervision on renovation projects and facility finances for Gamma Phi Beta-owned properties as well as support services to all Gamma Phi Beta affiliated house corporations. But most importantly, the FMC ensures warm and welcoming Gamma Phi Beta facilities for our members to call home.

“We have come such a long way from the days when our Founders met in the study of Dr. Brown – now we have facilities that are welcoming, inclusive spaces that promote sisterhood. The sisterhood is the same, it’s just where we experience our sisterhood that has changed. I know our Founders would be proud that members now have access to living, learning and gathering spaces that foster community and belonging.”—FMC Board of Managers Chairwoman Barbie Chadwick (Vanderbilt)



HAPPY FOUNDERS DAY

Today, November 11, 2021, we celebrate every initiated member since 1874. Let's continue to emulate our Founders' leadership, lift one another up, support one another through our challenges and successes and foster enduring friendships that last a lifetime. Today, let's celebrate what makes our One Gamma Phi Beta circle complete – our Sorority and her members, our Foundation and the women she supports and our Facilities Management Company and the spaces our members call home.



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