

Donor Spotlight: Kappa Kappa Iota Supports Abused and Neglected Children for More Than 25 Years

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A national organization for educators, Kappa Kappa Iota is a proud sponsor of The Kempe Foundation for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Organized in 1921 by female professors at Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State University) Kappa Kappa Iota is the oldest organization for teachers in the United States. Headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the organization encompasses over 3,000 members stretching across the United States from Hawaii to Maryland, California to Florida and Texas to Ohio.

While contributions to child centered projects have always been a priority, delegates voted to add battered and abused children to its philanthropic endeavors at the 1984 National Convention held in Denver. Then presiding National President Lenora Mahan, a Denver educator,

recommended that The Kempe Foundation be the official National Philanthropic Project, with yearly donations from each individual chapter going toward this worthy cause.

Over 25 years later, Kappa members continue to support interventions in the lives of battered and abused children through The Kempe Foundation as well as a variety of local projects such as "Make a Difference Day."

Kappa Kappa Iota considers it an honor to be able to participate in The Kempe Foundation's worthy endeavors.

Since 1993, Kappa Kappa Iota chapters from all over the country have donated nearly \$60,000 to Kempe.



Past Kappa Kappa Iota National President Lenora Mahan, a Denver educator, was instrumental in naming The Kempe Foundation its official National Philanthropic Project.

Find out more about the organization at nationalkappakappaiota.org.