

December 19, 2023

**RE:** International Trends and Services Committee Meeting

**Attendees:** Link Stephanie McGriff, Link Joan Ray, Link Iris West, Lane Link Dorothy Williams, and Link Barbara J Lane

During our International Trends and Services (ITS) committee meeting; we agreed to move forward with the continued educational support for our I Can Fly International sponsored student Elizabeth Weisko for the 2023-2024 school year. Therefore, I will move forward to release a voucher for \$800.00 for Elizabeth's tuition. - **Approved** voucher (#0116) & bank check request for student Elizabeth Weisko, sent on January 8, 2024

Secondly, the committee agreed we should follow up with I Can Fly International Founder/CEO Sha Givens regarding the health of Joysheryl our second sponsored student, and the previous funds that were allocated to support her education. If Joysheryl is unable to return to school the option, we will pursue is to request the funds be re-allocated for another student. We will also express our disappointment in the lack of effective communication from Ms. Given regarding this matter as one of the sponsors of I Can Fly International. – **communication sent January 8, 2024.**

On behalf of the ITS committee, Madam Co-Chair Link Stephnie McGriff submitted photos from the annual Coming to America Zoom call with I Can Fly that occurred on October 28 to our IT focal/committee. This event is an opportunity for sponsors and supporters to see the girls and receive a briefing on the organization and their vision for the school.

During our ITS Committee meeting, we unanimously voted to donate \$200.00 in support of the Health and Human Services-sponsored Health Fair/Umbrella Program scheduled for January 6, 2024. Additionally, Link Iris West volunteered to be the logistics point of contact at the Health Fair with Link Stephanie McGriff as backup. Link Doroty Williams volunteered to support both as part of the break-down team at the end of the event and supporting the AKA's table. All three of these ITS committee members arrived early to be available to support the set-up team as needed. – **December 30, 2023**, voucher approval for up to \$200.00 allocation for HHS Facet Wellness Fair expenses. The Finance Committee determined it will be best to wait until all the expense vouchers are turned in from HHS before transferring the money. Therefore, eliminating withdrawing more than is needed

**World Aids Day, December 1st:** ITS shared resources to possibly educate our communities and our membership. The following link was provided to our membership as an opportunity to listen in on blogs and videos from national health authorities on this topic.

<https://www.hiv.gov/events/awareness-days/world-aids-day/>

Respectfully Submitted

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