

The 2Gethers Foundation's 2020 Highlights

The 2Gethers Foundation is a non-profit (501c3) organization. The organization was founded in January 2018 by Dr. Tiffany M. Gethers and David A. Gethers, on the strong belief that every student deserves a chance to go to college. Reflections from their personal experiences as first-generation students, they founded an organization dedicated to improving access to higher education, student success, and retention rates particularly among at risk student populations.

The organization's specific purpose is to address barriers that first-generation students face so that they can successfully persist through higher education and successfully attain a college degree. Students are classified as first-generation if they are the first in their families to attend college or if neither of their parent(s) or guardian(s) have obtained a bachelor's degree.

The 2Gethers Foundation provides a number of programs and services to address students' barriers and to

enhance first-generation students' academic, social, and career development such as:

- Scholarships to graduating first-generation high school seniors
- Mentorship program
- Free workshops and seminars on various topics for students and parents
- Pop-up food pantries on college campuses.

Impact

Since our inception in January 2018, we have served more than 2100 students through our Gateway 2 College and College success programs in the form of scholarships, snack pack giveaways, mentorship and leadership development. We are so grateful to all of our donors, volunteers and community partners.

Highlights from 2021

Partnerships & Outreach. In April, we partnered with The Amour Genesis Project Non-Profit Organization to distribute free Community Care Packages to kids in under-resourced

communities in Chicago for Easter. The packages included blankets, teddy bears, pencils and children masks. More than 200 care packages were distributed.



Contents of Community Care Packages

Throughout the entire month of May, we partnered with two amazing organizations, Open Your Mind, LLC & Scholarship Momma, to honor 100 Class of 2020 graduates ranging from 8th grade to college. Scholars across the globe persevered to complete their academic studies during such an unprecedented time with the Covid-19

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pandemic. Our organizations joined forces to encourage, inspire and congratulate 100 scholars from the Chicagoland area on a job well done! Each student received a grad bag filled with goodies, a balloon, and a framed certificate.

Stephanie A. Roberts, Founder & CEO of Open Your Mind, LLC personally hand delivered a grad bag to each honoree.



Stephanie A. Roberts, Founder & CEO of Open Your Mind, LLC (L) and a 2020 honored graduate.

On August 29 2020, we partnered with the Amour Genesis Project Nonprofit Organization again by sponsoring a Back to School event in Chicago. This initiative served more than 500 children and their families with much needed school supplies, care packages, and CDC approved masks. The event was held at the Local Market on 71st and Jeffrey.



Gateway 2 College. On July 30, 2020 we held our 3rd Annual **Dare 2 Dream. Dare 2 Soar, Dare 2 Finish!** Scholarship

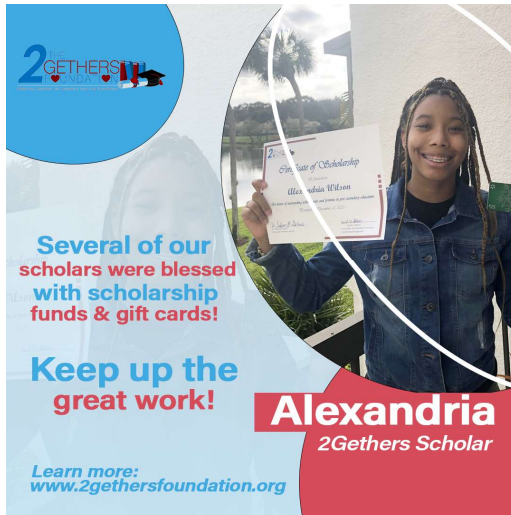
Awards Gala & Fundraiser (Virtual Style!) We honored 12 first-generation college bound scholars and awarded a total of \$6,000 in scholarships. Our scholars were also greeted with a heartfelt message from Congresswoman Robin Kelly of the 2nd Illinois Congressional District of Illinois. Thanks to the partnership of our donors, Dot Foods, Murk Resource, Step by Step the Spa for Your Mind, LLC., Nikki's Beauty & Fitness Bar, Patricia's Place Domestic Violence Shelter, Melanated Queen Productions, LLC.



Dr. Tiffany M. Gethers, Co-Founder & President hosting Virtual Scholarship Awards Celebration.

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College Success. In December, during finals week, we provided additional scholarship funds and Walmart gift cards to our scholars who expressed a need.



Alexandria Wilson, sophomore at Lewis University

Recognitions

Awards. Dr. Tiffany Gethers, Co-Founder, President and CEO, and David A. Gethers, Co-Founder and VP for Community Partnerships, has received several recognitions for their work with The 2Gethers Foundation.



Dr. Tiffany M. Gethers was announced as a SHE ROCKS IT Celebrating Women Who Rock Class of 2020 Honoree in recognition of the impact of her work through The 2Gethers Foundation.

Additionally, she was nominated and selected as one of Rolling Out Magazine's Top 25 Women in Power. This award recognizes those whose talents, growth, expertise, and achievements have touched and inspired the lives of others in Chicago.

The public celebrations for both awards will take place in 2021 due to the pandemic.



David A. Gethers, Co-Founder (L) and Cook County Treasurer, Maria Pappas (R)

Co-Founder & Vice President for Community Partnerships, David A. Gethers, was honored by Illinois Cook County's Treasurer, Maria Pappas, with a Certificate of Excellence for helping others to Defy the Odds through mentoring and leadership development.

Leadership Development. Leadership development is a fundamental element of The 2Gethers Foundation's programs. Throughout the year, David A. Gethers, Co-Founder and VP for Community Partnerships has been

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providing mentorship to young men in the Chicago Public School and South Suburban school system. Since our inception, in 2018, more than 500 students have participated in mentorship and/or leadership development activities.

In July, Dr. Tiffany M. Gethers, provided a keynote address to youth and high school, and college graduates at Antioch Worship Center in Mesquite, TX.



Dr. Tiffany M. Gethers, Co-Founder & President of The 2Gethers Foundation

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