



**NORTH COUNTY
AFRICAN AMERICAN
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

Empower. Inspire. Engage.

The words listed above are guiding verbs that exemplify the driving purpose of the North County African Women's Association. We are women determined to give women and girls in our region the life skills, self-awareness and confidence to become a driving force in their personal development and in a driving force for greatness in the communities we serve.

We are approaching our 25th Anniversary Year in 2020. This organization has empowered women and girls to believe in their strengths and gifts. Our dynamic programs inspire them to lead healthy lives and to become their best selves. Our unique mentoring and our scholarship programs engage them reaching higher and becoming better.

These statements are evidenced by the fact that our Becoming A Global Citizen Mentoring Program for 8th Grade girls has assisted more than 50 of them to complete our 10-week-per-semester workshop over the past five years. We will begin another mentoring effort with Casa de Amparo this year to assist 15 young women as they deal with past physical and sexual abuse and move towards more productive lives.

Our biannual Women's Conference that has been held over a 19-year span of time, allows women and girls in North San Diego County to experience a one-day event focused on literacy, health awareness, financial literacy and planning, self-awareness, career building skills and many other opportunities to grow and learn.

Over the 20-plus years that we have been organized, we have provided over \$230,000 in scholarships to women and girls attending trade, technical schools, colleges and universities across the nation. Our students attend local community colleges and universities. We are pleased that students can apply for our scholarships on a yearly basis until graduation and into graduate school, if they are so motivated. We have students in prestigious schools such as CSUSM, UCSD, UCLA, USC, Howard, Yale, and Johns Hopkins. Many of these students are currently working in local businesses, schools, community colleges and other non-profits.

Respectfully,

Raye Clendening
President