

## TOPS IN SERVICE

Ongoing programs and projects are important to the fulfillment of the Top Teens of America mission. As the “Leaders of Tomorrow,” members of the Top Teens of America Program under the sponsorship of the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. continuously engage in community service activities and developmental workshops designed to prepare them to shape the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

If you have a heart for community service and would like to be a member of an organization that is “Tops in Service” the highest pinnacle in the concept of service rendered to mankind, Top Teens of America Program is for you.



Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.  
Prince George's County Chapter  
PO Box 639

Temple Hills, Maryland 20757-0639

[www.flodinc.org/TopTeensofAmerica.html](http://www.flodinc.org/TopTeensofAmerica.html)

[topteens.pgcc@yahoo.com](mailto:topteens.pgcc@yahoo.com)

Facebook: TTAPGCC

## CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

### TTA Chapter President

Teen Chalys Caruth

### TTA First Vice President

Teen Eric “Drew” Holton

### TTA Second Vice President

Teen Jada Prater

### TTA Recording Secretary

Teen Lauryn Cook

### Assistant Recording Secretary

Teen J’Anshea Shumate

### TTA Corresponding Secretary

Teen Sierra Hawkins

### TTA Financial Secretary

Teen Joshua White

### TTA Treasurer

Teen Chase Powell

### TTA Director of Operations

Teen Miyah Powe

### Sergeant-At-Arms

Teen Dylan Powell

### TTA Historian

Teen Kayla Deal

### TLOD Chapter President

Lady Hope Ruffin

### TTA Advisor

Lady Katina Robinson-Wright

### TTA Assistant Advisors

Lady Dennine Powe

Lady Ursula Evans

## Top Teens of America

*Sponsored by*

*Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.*  
Prince George’s County Chapter



Prince George’s County, MD





## TTA MISSION

- Encourage high academic scholarship;
- Develop social graces, leadership and fellowship abilities;
- Develop pride in self, home and community;
- Encourage participation in workshops which address current trends;
- Work collaboratively with other organizations to reach mutual goals;
- Develop deep concerns for senior citizens, status of women, community
- Encourage appreciation for ethnic and cultural heritage.

### Overview of Program Objectives

**“M.O.M.E.N.T.U.M.”** ~ Mission, Ownership, Mental Toughness, Empowerment, Networking, Teamwork, Unity, and Mentoring

- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Fundraiser
- March of Dimes Fundraiser
- Dred Scot Project
- Toastmasters
- Spelling Bee
- NIH Bullying Initiative
- Healthy Choices
- Graffiti Removal, Recycling, Community Gardens
- Blessings in a Backpack
- S.T.E.A.M. – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math
- Scholarships, TTA Leadership Academy, UNCF

## CHAPTER HISTORY

In 1964, the eight founders of Top Ladies of Distinction, (TLOD) Inc.'s primary objective was to help alleviate the moral and social problems engulfing the youth in our communities. This was done via a youth organization. In 1968, while meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, the membership of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. decided that the group should have an official name. Lady Cordelia Mackey, President of the Texarkana Twin City Chapter, suggested the name of **Top Teens of America**. The name was adopted.

On August 30, 2009 the Prince George's County Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., organized by Lady Jacqueline Wilcher, was chartered. On the same day, seventeen (17) youth consisting of fourteen (14) young women and three (3) young men, were inducted into the Top Teens of America Program. These Chartering and Induction Ceremonies marked the official beginning of the Prince George's County Chapter of Top Teens of America.

Since that time, 60 more Teens have been inducted into the program; volunteering more over 1,000 service hours to the Prince George's County Community. Graduates have received over \$12,500 in National, Area, and Chapter levels scholarships.

## TLOD

### National Program of Work

*Theme: "Investing in V.A.L.U.E.S. that Support, Enhance, and Sustain"*

**National Focus:** To invest in our communities, as well as ourselves, through: (1) Volunteer service; (2) Advocacy and accountability; (3) Leadership development and succession planning; (4) Unity and collaboration; (5) Engagement and empowerment; and (6) Social responsibility and sisterly concern.

**Vision:** (1) Implement the "Total" Program Model so that all committees in the chapters are working together for the same common goal; (2) Synchronize processes and procedures in the Areas so that we are "one" TLOD; (3) Seek out, develop, and train leaders so that there is a steady stream of qualified and prepared officers to keep TLOD on task; and (4) Collaborate with other entities to expand our reach and promote our brand. Programs will be planned and implemented through the following entities:

#### National Thrusts

Top Teens of America  
Status of Women  
Senior Citizens  
Community Beautification  
Community Partnerships

#### National Projects

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)  
National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)  
United Negro College Fund (UNCF)  
TLOD Literacy  
Sickle Cell Disease Awareness

#### National Partnerships

Keep America Beautiful  
National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
AARP  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
March of Dimes