



SHARE LIFE GIFTS, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT 2024 – 2025

Building Generational Wealth Together:
Matching Need to Gifts

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Executive Summary

In 2024–2025, Share Life Gifts, Inc. continued its mission of advancing economic equity through education, access, and community empowerment. With growing participation in our programs, increased community reach, and expanded partnerships, we made measurable progress toward building generational wealth together.



50+ participants in Coach & Learners Community Groups



9 educational podcasts



50+ career symposium attendees



400+ individuals supported through mental health services (Therapy Services rendered by subsidiary of Share Life Gifts, Inc., Christian Counseling Group LLC.)



1 scholarship awarded

Programs funded by the American Fund Foundation, Pacifico Family Fund, individual donors, and board dues.

Mission Statement



Share Life Gifts, Inc. advances economic equity by increasing access to information, opportunities, and wealth-building resources in African American communities historically impacted by the wealth gap.



PARTICIPANTS AND FACILITATORS: BUILDING COMMUNITY CAREER SYMPOSIUM: HVAC, IT, AND APPRENTICESHIPS SEPTEMBER 2025

Programs & Services

Our core programs include:



Coach & Learners Community Groups:

Peer-led sessions for life skills and economic growth.



Educational Podcasts:

Conversations on finance, careers, and community wealth strategies.



Mental Health Support:

Emotional support and culturally responsive referrals.



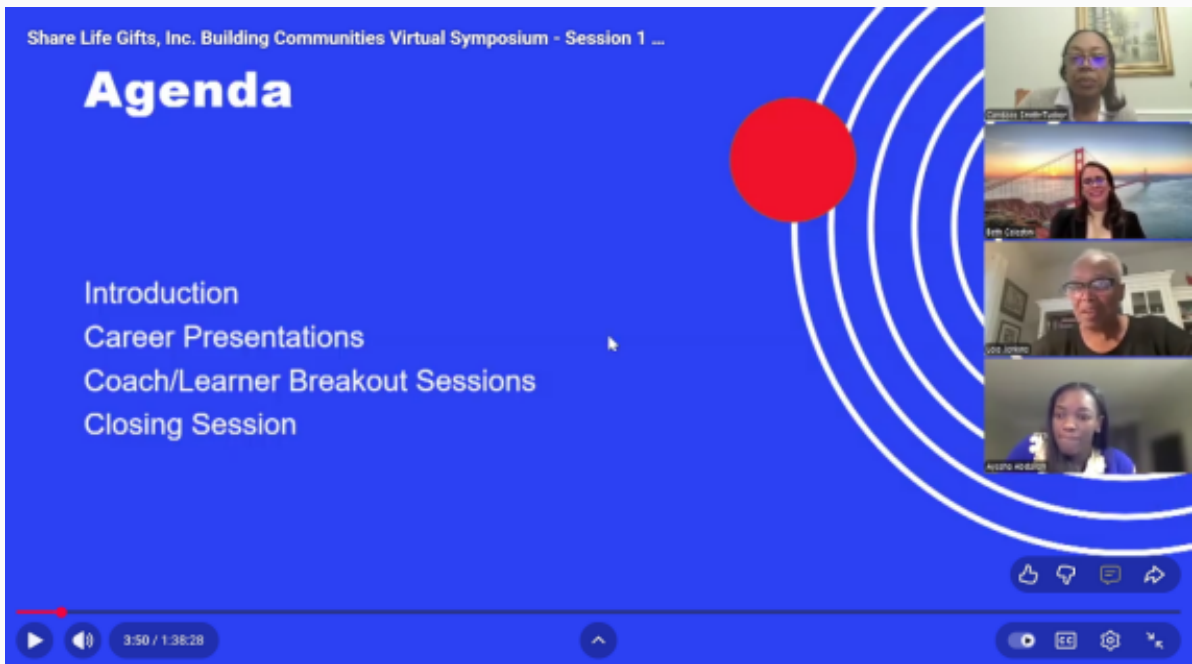
Career Symposiums:

Virtual and in-person events for professional development.



Scholarships:

Financial aid to learners pursuing education and certification programs.



FACILITATORS: BUILDING COMMUNITY VIRTUAL CAREER SYMPOSIUM MARCH 2025



BOARD MEMBERS, TABLE SPONSORSHIP FOR THE BLACK AND MISSING FOUNDATION, MAY 2025



PARTICIPANTS AND FACILITATORS: BUILDING COMMUNITY
CAREER SYMPOSIUM: HVAC, IT, AND APPRENTICESHIPS
SEPTEMBER 2025



**The
Share Life
Gifts E:3
Podcast**

Podcast with
Candace Smith-Tucker,
Pres/CEO and Board Members

9 broadcasts!

THE SHARE LIFE GIFTS E:3 PODCAST: ELIMINATE, EDUCATE,
ELEVATE. PODCASTS WITH CANDACE SMITH-TUCKER AND
CONTRIBUTING BOARD MEMBERS. 9 BROADCASTS.

Impact Highlights

- 50+ participants in Coach & Learners Groups
- 9 educational podcasts
- 400+ individuals supported through mental health resources (Therapy Services rendered by subsidiary of Share Life Gifts, Inc., Christian Counseling Group LLC.)
- 50+ attendees at career symposiums
- 1 scholarship awarded to collegiate recipient

Funding & Financial Overview

Our funding is achieved through a mental health grant from the American Fund Foundation funded by the Pacifico Family Fund, individual donors, and board dues.



Board of Directors

Candace Smith-Tucker, Esq.

Founding Board Member &
President/CEO (2024–2027)



Candace founded Share Life Gifts, Inc. in July 2021. As the organization's President/CEO, her mission is to reduce the resource gaps in the African American Community and other historically underrepresented minority communities. She seeks to empower these groups, increasing their chances for generational wealth. SLG, Inc. will leverage the skills and talents of individuals toward this effort by forming a true talent giving community.

Candace oversees the daily operations of SLG, Inc. She works closely with the Board to further Share Life Gifts' mission. As a licensed attorney in multiple jurisdictions, Candace brings over 20 years of nonprofit experience as well as her extensive experience working with volunteer work forces, governance bodies, and other executive leadership. Candace also functions as supporter of the operations for Christian Counseling Group, LLC. Candace has a Bachelor in Arts (Political Science) from the Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois, a Master in Arts (English) from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY., and a Juris Doctorate from The University of Illinois Chicago. She also served on the Board for Christian Counseling Associates before it dissolved after supporting the mental health community for over 30 years. She served as Vice President and President for NAMI Howard County, Maryland. Candace is also a member of Zeta Phi Beta, Sorority Inc.

Jennifer Cephus

**Founding Board Member &
Vice President (2024–2026)**



Jennifer Cephus has worked in the Financial Service industry for over 20 years and is currently at Citibank's Wealth Management division as a Wealth Relationship Manager. She has cultivated relationships throughout her years working in the industry to help her clients reach their financial goals. Her passion lies in connecting individuals together to foster an environment where everyone succeeds.

Another passion of Jennifer's is working within her community and grassroot organizations to support the youth achieve academic excellence, social, and cultural awareness. She has worked with various non-profit organizations in the past and has been the President of Naomi's Program of Excellence, a local non-profit organization based in Rockland County, New York. She currently sits on their executive team as Vice President and is a board member for Share Life Gifts Inc.

While working with various organizations, she has assisted them in their fundraising efforts, partnering with other local organizations in her community, and their grant writing process. Jennifer has also assisted in spear-heading efforts related to assisting children further their academic aspirations through college planning activities such as SAT/ACT prep classes and college tours. Her vision for excellence is evident in her work in the community.

Jennifer holds a Bachelor in Arts from the University of New York at Albany, a Master in Business Administration from the University of Maryland, College Park. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Inc., Life Member of the NAACP, a graduate of Jack and Jill of America Inc, and an Associate Member of Jack and Jill of America Inc.

Lois Jenkins

Board Member & Treasurer
(2024–2027)



Share Life Gifts Inc. prides itself as an organization that brings people together to share their life gifts while supporting those in need. We provide the latest technology and equipment allowing us to give our customers the best service through our media and website.

Thank you for the opportunity and privilege of letting me introduce myself, I am Lois A. Jenkins one of the Board Members of Share Life Gifts, Inc.

As for my work experiences, I have been a Correctional Counselor, A Program Director for a Non-for-Profit, and has spent more than 25 years in Federal Government Services in United States Courts and reviewing grants. My career background has molded and prepared me to the various problems that normally occur in life. Aside from that, I have strong ethics, leadership skills which I was able to develop from my past experiences. My educational background makes me qualified for this post. Sharing my talents with others helps me to be a better person. “You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated” by Maya Angelou.

During my free time, I Row, traveled around the world, and very much enjoy going to the movies with my family.

Ayesha Abdallah

Secretary

(2024–September 2025)



Ayesha Abdallah graduated with her graduate degree in Speech-Language Pathology in May of 2023. While in graduate school, she participated in a pageant highlighting her platform “The systemic inequity of African Americans being under-treated for pain in the medical system.” Upon leaving New York for Maryland to work towards her career as a Medical SLP, she plans on embodying her platform through her daily work.

As a new graduate working in a field where Black people make up 3.7% of the workforce, she has experienced firsthand the privilege that advanced education can afford an individual. Integrating the skills learned through this experience with the mission of SLG, Inc., she is excited to work in the community.

Alyssa Thomas

Secretary

(October 2025-June 2026)



Alyssa Thomas serves as the Secretary of Share Life Gifts Inc., bringing her strong organizational, administrative, and leadership skills to the team. She is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies at Stevenson University, building on her Associate of Arts in General Studies and Paralegal Studies Certificate from Prince George's Community College. Alyssa is passionate about combining her legal studies background with her strong interpersonal and organizational skills to build a career that makes a meaningful impact. Known for her professionalism, adaptability, and commitment to excellence, she thrives in fast-paced environments where communication and problem-solving are key.

Alyssa is excited to be part of Share Life Gifts Inc. and is passionate about using her skills to help further the mission of making a meaningful difference in the community. She looks forward to supporting the team and growing alongside the organization as it continues to impact lives in positive ways.

Beth Celestini

Board Member
(2024-2027)



Beth Celestini lives according to a tiny sign on her dresser, a gift from one of her lifelong girlfriends that says, “You are the friend everyone wishes they had.” Beth recently retired from a highly successful career in the U.S. Secret Service, during which she traveled around the world, meeting and learning from some of the greatest global leaders of our time. Prior to the Secret Service, Beth worked for the Department of Justice as a paralegal and at Pretrial Services for the U.S. District Court as an investigator. Over the course of more than 25 years in these various roles, Beth learned how to assemble and lead diverse, cross-functional teams and gather resources necessary for those teams to accomplish seemingly impossible missions.

Since retiring from the government, Beth has channeled her empathy for victims of crime and exploitation along with her passionate advocacy for underserved populations into a new chapter as the founder and president of Crown Diversified Consultants. This new beginning has already led to her working as an advisor, researcher, and investigator for both the Black and Missing Foundation and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Beth holds a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) and a Master of Arts (Sociology with a Criminology concentration) from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with family, reading, and entertaining friends.

Marcie Hawkins, Esq.

Board Member
(2024-2026)



An attorney, advisor, and advocate, honed her talents for over 25 years, shining in her community as a thought leader, compassionate pioneer, and supportive activist. Marcie believes that the combination of knowledge, experience, and innovation is key to the progress of successful organizations.

Marcie began her legal career as a corporate tax associate, prior to moving to Tochigi Prefecture, Japan. Upon returning to the States, Marcie worked as an Admissions Counselor for the Ohio State Moritz College of Law. Her role allowed her to travel extensively across the nation, visiting numerous undergraduate institutions, representing the law school at informational sessions and mentoring Ohio bar applicants.

Marcie excelled while working in the Franklin County, Ohio Court as a staff attorney, researching novel legal issues, drafting legal opinions, assisting pro se litigants, supervising externs, and supporting judicial staff. She transferred her skills to the corporate setting, doing meticulous legal document review and effectuating efficiency in the legal department of a top logistics company. Her resolute, patient, and approachable nature not only supported her professional endeavors, but allowed her to positively impact the lives of children in her community. For nearly a decade, Marcie volunteered consistently as a Girl Scout leader, PTSA volunteer, and Sunday school teacher. She co-founded the Equity and Inclusion Committee in her home school district, and counseled high school seniors through the college admissions process. Serving on the board of three organizations, including Share Life Gifts, Marcie continues to use her talents, creativity, and skills to cultivate and inspire life changing efforts to better the global community.

Marcie is a member of the Bar in both federal and state jurisdictions. For three decades, she has been an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she served as public service chair, May Week chair, parliamentarian, and journalist. Marcie earned a Bachelor degree (Finance) from the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign and a Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Lawrence Jenkins

Board Member

(October 2025-June 2027)



Lawrence E. Jenkins brings more than four decades of expertise spanning technology, emergency management, and community service. A graduate of Illinois State University with a degree in Computer Science, Lawrence began his career as a computer analyst in the retail sector before advancing into the software industry. Over the course of 30 years, he held leadership and technical roles with major firms including Computer Associates, one of the largest software companies of its era, and Entrust Inc. a pioneering security company recognized for its innovation in digital trust and encryption.

Following his distinguished career in technology, Lawrence transitioned into public service with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), where he dedicated 15 years to emergency management, disaster response, and resilience planning. His work at FEMA reflected his commitment to organizational excellence and community preparedness at the national level.

Now retired, Lawrence continues to serve through volunteer leadership. He is actively engaged with Share Life Gifts Inc. and the American Red Cross, where he applies his organizational, analytical, and leadership skills to strengthen community outreach and support.

Lawrence has been married for 54 years to his wife, Lois A. Jenkins, who also serves on the board of Share Life Gifts Inc. Together, they share a deep commitment to service, family, and community, alongside their son, Lawrence Casey Jenkins.

CONTRIBUTORS

Natalie Holder, Esq.

Building The Business Bench
Series (Program Lead)
(2025)



Natalie Holder is an employment lawyer and senior leaders seek her advice when building culture strategies that are compliant and inclusive. Having led global human resources compliance for an international hospitality company, she conducts workplace investigations, develops compliance trainings, and designs seminars and workshops that focus on leadership and self-development skills.

With a proven track record of securing funding, partnerships, and organizational buy-in, Natalie builds the systems and structures that make workplace progress sustainable—whether in television networks, law enforcement agencies, or academia.

She is the author of *Exclusion: Strategies for Increasing Diversity in Recruitment, Retention, and Promotion* (ABA Publishing, 2014), which examines how subtle biases undermine engagement and innovation in the workplace. Her insights have been featured in the *New York Times*, *Huffington Post*, *Diversity Insight Magazine*, *Diversity Executive*, *New York Law Journal*, and *Good Morning Connecticut*.

Nylah Jennings

**College Student Member
(Marketing Ambassador)
(2025)**



Nylah Jennings is a current class of 2028 student athlete at Hampton University, where she majors in Kinesiology while playing soccer. While studying at Hampton, she researched and completed a project, "Racial Justice vs. Racial Dominance: The Ideological Divide Between Americans." Nylah earned Newcomer of the Year for her Freshman soccer performance.

Once she earns her B.S. in Kinesiology, Nylah aims to earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy and increase the Black community's resources that support health. Bringing a youthful perspective, innovative ideas, and a passion for social impact, Nylah is thrilled to be a part of the SLG, Inc. community.

With Gratitude

We extend heartfelt appreciation to our Board of Directors, donors, community partners, and supporters who make our mission possible. Your belief in our vision allows us to continue Building Generational Wealth Together—one opportunity, one gift, one individual at a time.

