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## ----- Applicants sought for MSK scholarship

Applications are now being accepted from high school seniors in the Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia area who wish to apply for an education scholarship from My Sister's Keeper to assist with post secondary education costs.

The My Sister's Keeper Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of scholastic excellence, financial need and community service.

To be considered for a scholarship from MSK, the applicant must be a high school student with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and in good academic and administrative standing at his or her current institute of education.

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

Applicant must be a graduating senior during the 2008-2009 school year.

Applicant must submit a completed application by designated deadline.

Applicant must have a 3.0 or greater grade point average from the time of application through the completion of the 12th grade.

Applicant must submit proof of community service activities in the form of a letter on official organization letterhead.

Applicant must submit two letters of recommendations from community representatives including, but not limited to a supervisor, religious leader, teacher or counselor

Applicant must submit scholarship application by March 31.

To apply for a scholarship, please fill out the application located at the My Sister's Keeper Web site at [www.mysisters-keeper.org](http://www.mysisters-keeper.org)

For more information about the My Sister's Keeper Scholarship, please call Scholarship Committee Lead LaTosha Greene at 240-350-4715.

## Keepers Kronicle

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### MSK members present donation of \$742 to St. Charles Town Center

The ladies of My Sisters' Keeper presented the St. Charles Town Center with a check Jan. 16 for \$742 to benefit the Simon Youth Foundation.

"For the last four years, MSK has been wrapping gifts at the St. Charles Town Center," said Marcia Hart-Wise, MSK president and founder. "Because of the town center's generosity, MSK is able to raise money to help others in the community. One of the ways we do that is by donating a portion of our profits from gift wrapping to the Simon Youth Foundation."

MSK members do not raise the funds on their own. They have plenty of help from member of the community who come out annually to assist with wrapping gifts during the holiday season.

The following organizations and individuals who assisted MSK with its 2008 gift wrapping fundraiser:

[Down N Dirty MC](#)

[World Wide Rydaz MC](#)

[Sistas 4 Life MC](#)

[Baad Boys Sports Bike Riders MC](#)

[MD Stealth Riders MC/SC/CC](#)

[Smokn Aces MC](#)

[Instant Hard Platinum MC](#)

[Platinum Dream SportsRiders MC](#)

Qualamya Hall

Darnise Nelson

[Front Runners MC](#)

"Members and organizations in the community understand our mission and have vowed to help us help others," said Naomi Gilbert, MSK member. "When we, as a community, come together there is no limit to the good we can do in the community. We are very grateful for everyone's help. It just shows that we are all truly in it to make our community better."

MSK started wrapping gifts at the St. Charles Town Center in 2004. Since then the organization has returned annually to spread season greetings and ensure town center patrons gifts are wrapped with tender loving care.

"People wanted their gifts wrapped for the holidays, so we dedicated to offer the service to raise funds and help others. We are the best gift wrappers at the mall," said Hart-Wise. "Because of our relationship with the community and our dedication to excellence, the mall management invites us back annually. It's a win-win situation for all."

"We are glad to have My Sister's Keeper provide gift wrapping services to St. Charles Town center patrons," said Richard Holley, town center assistant marketing director. "The ladies are always professional, and we always get wonderful feedback from the community about the members and the organizations contributions. We appreciate the donation to the Simon Youth Foundation and cannot wait to work with them again next year."



MSK will again wrap gifts at the town center this year. The organization will start wrapping gifts the day after Thanksgiving.

To find out more about MSK's gift wrapping fundraiser or to volunteer, please contact Marcia at 240-346-2764

## MSK to honor outstanding community members

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond for his or her community? Well, let MSK know.

My Sister's Keeper Social Club is accepting nominations for the My Sister's Keeper Community Keeper Award until May 18.

The award is presented to an individual, team or group who have made significant contributions to the community in a way that enhances the quality of life for those in the community.

"It is our privilege to recognize people for building the spirit of the community," said Lisa I. Slappy, vice president of MSK. We want to recognize the important role organizations or individuals have in the community when they provide services that sometimes go unrecognized, she said.

The award will be presented June 6 during the MSK Scholarship Luncheon and Silent Auction that will take place at the Club at Fort Meade.

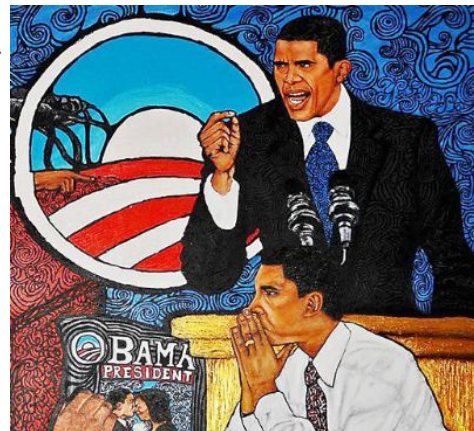
For more information about the Community Keeper Award or to nominate someone for the award, please visit the MSK Web site at [www.mysisters-keeper.org](http://www.mysisters-keeper.org) or call Sheena Matthews-Downs at 443-962-9191.

## MSK congratulates of Nation's 44th President Barack H. Obama

My Sister's Keeper Social Club would like to congratulate the 44th President of the United States Barack H. Obama.

We look forward to the changes he will bring to our Nation.

In honor of President Obama, Jeff Palmer, of [JPalmer Designs](#), painted the picture to the right, which was unveiled during the "An Inaugural Appreciation: Uplifting and empowering our community all in celebration of this historic event." that was held at the National Harbor in Oxen Hill, Md., Jan. 18.



## Prospected members welcome to mingle at MSK New Members Tea

The ladies of National Chapter of My Sister's Keeper will host our 4th annual New Members Tea 1 p.m. Feb. 21 at Potomac Place Community Center, located at 4998 2nd Court Boulevard, Fort Meade, Md.

"This tea is designed to allow current MSK members to meet with those outstanding ladies who are interested in joining MSK in our quest to make a difference in the community," said Cyndi Brown, MSK National membership director.

My Sister's Keeper was founded in 2005 by a group of women who believed it was their responsibility and destiny to make a difference in their community. These women came from many different backgrounds and had many different life experiences, which helped to make the mission and vision of My Sister's Keeper diverse and far reaching.

The mission of My Sister's Keeper is to foster an enduring sisterhood based on core values, academic success, leadership development, spiritual service, cultural awareness and service to the community.

"MSK membership is open to all ladies of high ethical and morale standards who are interested in the uplifting of others while promoting self awareness and commitment to excellence," said Brown.

For more information on MSK or the New Members Tea, please call Cyndi Brown at 301-908-1708 or visit our Web site at [www.mysisters-keeper.org](http://www.mysisters-keeper.org).



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