



## WAU Newsletter, First Quarter of YR2024

### Goals and Activities for YR2024:

- To raise \$15,000 for Scholarships, outreach, and overhead expenses.
- WAU annual cultural celebration is scheduled for August 31 at 5:00PM at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita, Kansas. Logistical details will be on the WAU website once available.
- Networking and building a community of partnerships.
- Participating in Leadership Transformation Grant (LTG) training program by Kansas Leadership Center, March to November.
- Connecting line organizations to needs in the African Diaspora community and on the continent of Africa. WAU is interested in volunteer and partnership opportunities in areas that align with our mission statement (education, outreach, cultural exchange, and collaboration).

### Recent Accomplishments:

- Last year WAU raised \$3,000 for WAU Scholarship Fund, July – September. We are grateful to all our donors and partners. Elizabeth Sarabia joined a pool of our donors last year with a one-time donation of \$1,500, making history as WAU's biggest one-time donor, both among individuals and businesses.
- Four scholarships awarded to four College & University students at the last WAU event on September 2nd, 2023: Eliphaz Belekombwa-Ndelempame, McPherson College; Hebron (Hevi) Mamo, Hesston College; Maria-Cores Hernandez, Bethel College and Samuel Nze, Wichita State University.
- WAU received the Leadership Transformation Grant (LTG) from Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) in December 2023, joining a long list of organizations that have received the grant.
- WAU participated in the Kansas Global Holiday Market by Kansas Global Trade Services December 8-10, 2023, utilizing information Booth where it showcased Africa's largest 25 cities, Safaris, infrastructure, and geographical features on the continent. WAU members performed Nigerian traditional dance and African Storytelling to raise money for WAU Scholarship Fund as well as to foster cultural exchange. WAU members with food businesses also participated in the market and sold a variety of African cuisines. Wichita, Kansas Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. partnered with WAU at the market on the first day. They helped hand out information brochures.