



Corporate Fact Sheet

At-A-Glance

- Founded in May 1996
- Reorganized in October 2007
- More than 100 local volunteers
- 501(c)(3) tax-exempt
- Headquarters in Albany, NY

Leadership

Christopher Ellis

Chief Executive Officer

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Chief Operating Officer

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Chief Financial Officer

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CORPORATE OVERVIEW

The George Biddle Kelley Education Foundation (GBK), a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, was formed with a mission to engage in activities that provide information, resources, advocacy, programs and services to assist in the development of strong families in at risk communities. The GBK Foundation intends to work in conjunction with other national and local organizations to promote events and programs that benefit these communities such as providing scholarships, conducting college bus tours, hosting workshops to increase youth awareness about responsibility, leadership, and entrepreneurship. Through sponsorship solicitation and fundraising activities, the GBK Foundation will be able to offer these scholarships and programs to the many worthy high school students in the community.

The GBK Foundation is named in honor of Troy, NY native and resident George Biddle Kelley. Born in 1884 to a fugitive slave from Virginia, Kelley would excel in studies in his youth before he matriculated to Cornell University to study civil engineering. There he would become one of the seven founding members of Alpha Phi Alpha, the oldest Greek letter fraternity organized originally for black men. He would return to Troy after college to become not only the first African American engineer registered in New York State, but one of Troy's leading civic and social leaders in the 1940's and one of the major proponents of race relations. The aims of the Alpha Phi Alpha, "Manly Deeds, Scholarship, and Love for All Mankind", along with Kelley's intense community involvement are emulated by the membership of the Foundation.

SERVICES PORTFOLIO

Go-to-High School, Go-to-College: Adopted in the 1920s by Alpha Phi Alpha, this historic program aims at traditionally under served and at risk teenage boys. Under this brand the GBK Foundation awards an annual scholarship to local high school students. Local Alpha Men have given a scholarship award for over 50 years. Since that time numerous Capital District students have received the George B. Kelley scholarship and have succeeded academically at such prestigious institutions as Harvard, Brown, Colgate, Syracuse, Morehouse, Spelman, Virginia Intermont, Union, and Oxford (Rhodes Scholarship). More recently, since the GBK Foundation adopted this program in 2006 from the local Alpha chapter, we have awarded scholarships to 9 students.

Voteless People is a Hopeless People: Created in 1939 by Alpha Phi Alpha, the goals of this Foundation civic action program are to educate members of the community on African American's historic involvement in the political process, identify and maintain the constitutional laws that provided voting rights equality for all Americans, register voters, conduct voter registration efforts, describe voter participation in at risk communities in recent elections and discuss issues affecting these at risk communities. Our current strategy also incorporates the 2010 U.S. Census Complete Count into our program portfolio.

Project Alpha - Alpha Esquire Mentorship Program: This new mentorship program is designed to provide education, motivation and skill-building on issues of responsibility, relationships, entrepreneurship and financial literacy for young males ages 12-15 years. The goals of the mentorship program are to share knowledge by combating ignorance and fear with factual information, educational games, and unique off-site experiences aimed at changing attitudes and enhancing skills by creating a sense of empowerment and self-esteem. Under this umbrella the Foundation also participates in special programs such as Big Brothers, Big Sisters and the All-American Soap Box Derby.