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### NEWS RELEASE

## Jack and Jill Cincinnati Chapter Makes Summer Camp Possible For Local Children

Cincinnati- As children are headed back to school for the new school year, at least ten area children can say they had a blast this summer, thanks to the Cincinnati Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. In 2017, the organization donated \$6,000 to Envision Children, which hosts several programs to enhance educational opportunities for children in the Cincinnati area. Envision Children used the donation to provide ten scholarships to its Academic Summer Enrichment Program. It's an 8-week summer camp that combines field trips with study to help keep kids on track or ahead during their summer break. The program sees consistent performance increases in student learning in the areas of math and reading. The donation was also used to enroll the students in a book of the month club.

"The Cincinnati Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is dedicated to children," said chapter president Helen Kemp. "We are proud that Envision Children was able to use the donation this way and we look forward to future collaborations with the group."

"What a meaningful way to distribute the award," said chapter foundation chair Jill McCauley. "It's an honor for the chapter."

Each year, the Cincinnati Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. makes donations to worthwhile organizations through the Jack and Jill Foundation, Inc. The foundation is the first African American foundation to support local programs and services that benefit mothers and children in chapter cities such as Cincinnati and other cities across the country.

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*The Cincinnati Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. was chartered in December 1953 as the 51<sup>st</sup> chapter of the organization. The chapter originated as a group of African American community activists and leaders who led multiple efforts including the desegregation of Coney Island amusement park in 1952. Today, the chapter continues to demonstrate its "power to make a difference" through numerous monetary donations and service projects such as Thanksgiving baskets, volunteering at Matthew 25 Ministries and assembling power packs for needy children in conjunction with the Freestore Foodbank.*