The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) celebrated its 60th year with a special anniversary forum that brought together leaders of the profession to discuss how social workers can lead national efforts that improve family well-being, ensure liberty and equity for all, and develop ethical responses to new technologies and globalization.

“NASW and the social work profession have much to celebrate and much to be proud about,” NASW CEO Angelo McClain, PhD, LICSW said. “This leadership forum is an opportunity to reflect on how NASW has helped pave the way for positive change in our society since 1955. It challenges leaders in the field to discuss how social workers can have the greatest impact on serving our nation’s families, helping achieve critical...
Looking Back—Moving Forward: exhibit panels showcasing NASW’s history

nasw president, dr. darrell p. wheeler making remarks

NASW 60th anniversary celebration

nasw celebrates 60th anniversary

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Social justice goals, and understanding the ethical implications of seismic changes in technology and globalization over the last decade.”

The event also commemorated the 55th anniversary of the NASW Code of Ethics, which guides the ethical conduct of the profession, and the 40th anniversaries of the NASW National Committee on Women’s Issues (NCOWI) and National Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (NCORED).

As part of the celebration, 19 eminent social workers were inducted into the NASW Social Work Pioneers®, an NASW Foundation program that recognizes social workers who have elevated the profession (full list page 5). NASW also honored six individuals who have made significant contributions to the Code of Ethics and to the advancement of social work ethics.

Approximately 150 people attended the daylong forum, which was followed by an evening reception and program that included presentations by NASW’s Past Presidents on the association’s rich history and introduction of the recently inducted NASW Social Work Pioneers®.
“Social workers and NASW have made a difference in the lives of millions of people for more than a century.”

Dr. Darrell P. Wheeler
NASW President
NASW Foundation Board Member

About the NASW Foundation

Founded in 2001, the National Association of Social Workers Foundation (NASWF) is a 501(c)(3) organization created to support NASW’s educational and charitable initiatives through a wide range of projects that serve the profession, the practitioner and the public.

The Foundation serves the profession by honoring and investing in social workers past, present and future. We serve the practitioner by enhancing social workers’ knowledge and skills and we serve the public by providing information and resources to help individuals, families and communities.

Foundation Welcomes New Staff Member, Executive Assistant, Faye Henderson

The NASW Foundation is pleased to welcome Faye Henderson to the team. She joined the staff as Executive Assistant in March 2015. In addition to implementing day-to-day functions of the Foundation, Faye assists the Director and the team with administrative tasks and coordination of a wide range of Foundation projects and programs including Scholarships and Fellowships, the NASW Social Work Pioneers® Program and charitable activities.

She also serves as project lead on special programs, monitors and responds to inquiries and disseminates information, maintains and nurtures relationships, provides coordination to Board meetings and special events, organizes staff travel, assists with accounting and budgeting functions, and proposals and grants.

Faye previously worked for five years as the Regional Administrative Officer at the National Democratic Institute (NDI). At NDI, she provided administrative, financial, logistical, and operational support to the Civic Participation Program based in South Sudan.

Prior to joining NDI, Faye worked with the International Women’s Media Foundation, Exegesis Consulting, U.S. Government Public Printing Office, The American Bar Association, The Africa-America Institute, The World Bank, and Africare. She provided administrative support to programs in Uganda and Ethiopia, where she also lived for several years. She holds a Master’s Degree in Public Policy and Administration. Faye has an incredible set of skills and experiences and is a great addition to the team. Please join us in welcoming her to the NASW Foundation.

Faye Henderson

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Foundation been awarded four new grants for special programs during the next five years.
- In 2015 the NASW Foundation has awarded more than $150,000 in scholarships and fellowships.
- The Foundation has assisted NASW Chapters with grants and other fundraising efforts and processed more than $105,000 in charitable donations benefiting the Chapter charitable and educational activities in FY 14-15.
International

“The social work profession has become increasingly recognized as a global human rights-based profession equipped to deal with a range of issues and challenges confronting urban and rural communities.” This is an important point the NASW International Committee would like to bring to the attention of their colleagues. In Social Workers Reap Benefits from International Experiences, an issue brief developed by the Committee, a fuller explanation is given to the significance an international experience can have both professionally and personally. In some cases, problems can be solved only using local expertise, however, there are numerous instances where the cross-cultural experience can provide insight and “out of the box” thinking to problem solving.

International experiences provide a view of “best practice” models and methods used in other cultures that can assist social workers by exposing them to alternative solutions and insight into other ways of approaching an issue. This insight has the potential of improving their effectiveness. To supplement this issue brief the International Committee has created a resource chart containing information on organizations social workers can contact if they are interested in pursuing an international experience. Both the issue brief and resource chart can be found on the NASW Foundation website at NASWFoundation.org.

The NASW International Committee will host a NASW Section’s webinar on the topic Thursday, March 10 from 1-2pm ET. Additional information on the webinar will be available in MemberLink, the NASW News and the NASW Sections website.

NASW Chapter Spotlight

Did you know your donations help the Foundation to support the charitable and educational projects carried out by NASW’s 55 chapters? The Foundation processes and acknowledges thousands of charitable donations each year on behalf of the chapters; serves as fiscal sponsor for chapter grant proposals; and administers special chapter funds created for training, and educational purposes, such as scholarships.
The NASW Foundation is NASW’s charitable 501(c)(3) organization, created to improve the well-being of individuals, families, and communities through the enhancement of social work education, research, and practice. It is the only charitable organization devoted solely to strengthening the social work profession and advancing social work policy and practice. The Foundation applauds NASW chapters for a job well done in their charitable and educational efforts and looks forward to a strong, continuing partnership.

NASW Florida Chapter Receives Ruth Fizdale Grant In 2015

The NASW Foundation awarded the NASW Florida Chapter with the Ruth Fizdale Chapter Research Grant, which underwrites projects that link practice and policy issues with relevant social issues. The Ruth Fizdale Program provides opportunities for NASW chapters to conduct pilot research projects targeted to specific emerging issues. The program is intended to underwrite studies related to people with social needs and to facilitate effective service delivery. A $3,000 grant was awarded to the NASW Florida Chapter, so that it can establish baseline information to design models of social work supervision and provide future trainings to remove barriers to hiring and retaining social workers. The Ruth Fizdale Chapter Research Program was created in 1987 by Dr. Helen Rehr and other friends of Ruth Fizdale to honor her social work contributions.

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Your support for The NASW Foundation helps us to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities through programs that strengthen the social work profession. The NASW Foundation (NASWF) is a charitable organization as defined by the IRS Code, 501(c)(3).

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Visit NASWFoundation.org to learn more and make a donation. Thank you for your support!

Dr. Zena Mnasi Mabeyo, Chair of the Tanzania Association of Social Workers (TASWO), presents a new book about Social Work in Tanzania to NASW Foundation Director Bob Arnold and NASW Human Rights and Social Justice Manager Mel Wilson. Mabeyo was one of the authors.
CONGRATULATIONS
NASW & NASW Foundation Recognition Award Recipients

The NASW Foundation was pleased to present recognition awards to three tremendously outstanding recipients: Harold “Hal” Lipton, LICSW; Roberta Rubin Greene, PhD, ACSW, LCSW; and Katharine H. Briar-Lawson, PhD, MSW. All three recipients are NASW Social Work Pioneers®. During NASW’s Annual Leadership Meeting (ALM) April 29 - May 1, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC, these distinguished award winners were honored, along with recipients of NASW National Awards, at a special reception and ceremony: A Night at the Awards; (April 30).

The Knee/Wittman Lifetime Achievement Award: Hal Lipton, a social worker for more than 50 years, was recognized for exceptional contributions in healthcare leadership, community mobilization, and social work practice and education. His work on behalf of sick children and their families is legendary—his hospital work starting at Children’s Hospital Medical Center in Akron, Ohio where he served as Director of Social Services from 1973 to 1977. Lipton also served as President of the NASW-DC Metro Chapter. Whether as a health care service leader, social services advocate on Capitol Hill, community-organizer, or trauma volunteer, he has changed countless lives for the better.

The Knee/Wittman Outstanding Achievement Award: Roberta Greene was recognized for her outstanding achievement in gerontology and for devoting her life to promoting principles of social and economic justice. For more than 30 years she has taught students about older adulthood and about a changing landscape in mental health awareness and care in this ever growing population. She is Professor Emeritus at the University of Texas-Austin School of Social Work. Previously, she held the Louis and Ann Wolens Centennial Chair in Gerontology and Social Welfare and directed the Life Care Institute.

Your Share in the Future of Social Work

Everyone has an estate. Careful planning under tax laws designed to encourage philanthropy makes possible a significant contribution to the future of the National Association of Social Workers Foundation and a perpetual recognition of a donor’s support.

To learn more, please visit NASWFoundation.org.
The International Rhoda G. Sarnat Award: Kathy Briar-Lawson was honored for significantly advancing the public image of professional social work. She has served as an outstanding role model in academia, government, within her community, and for social workers around the world; and has been at the cutting edge of practice and policy innovation, connecting research and practice locally and globally. She is known for her dedication to social justice, equality and service on behalf of the oppressed and disenfranchised. She is recognized for her expertise in child welfare and aging issues, and known for her creativity and vision. Briar-Lawson currently serves as Dean Emeritus in the School of Social Welfare at the University at Albany (where she formerly served as Dean).

The NASW Social Worker of the Year Award: Presented to Ana Bonilla-Galdamez an innovative public school social worker from Alexandria, Virginia.

The NASW Lifetime Achievement Award: Presented to Phyllis B. Mitzen who was honored for a career that spans four decades in gerontology in Illinois.

The NASW Public Citizen of the Year Award: Presented to the Rev. Ann E. Helmke, an ordained Lutheran minister from San Antonio, Texas who has devoted her life’s work to advocating for peace.

The NASW Public Elected Official of the Year: Presented to Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa (who could not attend). Sen. Harkin, whose career in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate spanned 1975-2015, worked to improve education in Iowa and across the country; introduced, into the Senate, the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act; and supported the Affordable Care Act.
As Pioneers and as partners with the NASW Foundation, you support future leaders, invest in the social work profession, and help communities grow.

Bob Arnold
NASW Foundation Director

1. Isadora Hare
2. Suzanne Dwork-Peck
3. Patricia Brownell
4. René Rabichaux
5. Darrell Wheeler
6. Joan Levy Zlotnik
7. Grace Lebow
8. Joan O. Weiss
9. Salome Raheim
10. Wayne Duhm

11. Betsy Vourlakis
12. Dorothy V. Harris
13. Sister Mary Vincentia Joseph
14. Anita Harbert
15. Barbara Wensstrom Shank
16. Hortense King McClinton
17. Frederick Ahearn
18. Donald Beless
19. Michael Sheridan
20. Elizabeth J. “Betsy” Clark

21. Rufus Sylvester Lynch
22. Gary Bailey
23. Miriam “Mimi” Abramovitz
24. Stanley Weinstein
25. Elaine Congress
26. Robert Connolly
27. Bernice Catherine Harper
28. Theodore Paul Furukawa
29. Julia M. (Judy) Norlin
30. Harold “Hal” Lipton

31. Juan Ramos
32. Jeane Anastas
33. Sister Ann Patrick Conrad
34. Herman Curiel
35. Cudore Snell
36. Jesse Harris
37. Patricia Martin-O’Meally
38. William Lawrence Pollard
NASW Foundation Welcomes 19 New NASW Social Work Pioneers®

The NASW Foundation is very pleased to welcome and congratulate the 19 most recent NASW Social Work Pioneers® elected during the past year. The Social Work Pioneers Program was created to honor members of the social work profession who have contributed to the evolution and enrichment of the profession. The Pioneer Program identifies and recognizes individuals whose unique dedication, commitment and determination have improved social and human conditions.

Since the program was founded in 1994, more than 750 social workers have been nominated and honored with Pioneer status. This latest group of new Pioneers clearly reflects the high standards and stellar achievement for which the group is known. Pioneer contributions are reflected in every aspect of the profession and in the establishment of social policies and human services programs including through practice, teaching, writing, research, program development, administration, advocacy, legislation, and election to public office.

To learn more about the Pioneers, review nomination guidelines and read biographies visit: NASWFoundation.org/pioneer.asp

Dr. Bernice C. Harper received the “Fundraiser of the Year Award” from the NASW Foundation at the 60th Anniversary event on October 23. The award was presented by NASW CEO and NASW Foundation President, Dr. Angelo McClain. Dr. Harper and the NASW Social Work Pioneers® have played a leadership role in raising funds for the “Sixty For Sixty” fundraising campaign.

To be a volunteer at NASW gives enhanced essence to life and living. As a member of the NASW Foundation Board and the Pioneering Steering Committee, volunteering provides the opportunity for on-going growth and development as well as the continued utilization of knowledge, skills and expertise in our global world. This is good for the volunteer and rewarding for the organization... a win-win situation.

Bernice C. Harper, LLD, ACSW
Social Work Health Care Education and Leadership Scholars (HEALS) Program

Thanks to a generous grant from the New York Community Trust Robert and Ellen Popper Scholarship Fund, the NASW Foundation is implementing the Social Work Healthcare Education and Leadership Scholars (HEALS) program in partnership with the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The objective of this grant is to strengthen the delivery of healthcare services in the United States by advancing the education and training of health care workers. Each year of the anticipated five-year Social Work HEALS Program, a total of five doctoral students will be selected by the NASW and CSWE leaders who compose the review committee.

The NASW Foundation’s existing Jane B. Aron Doctoral Fellowship has been incorporated into the Social Work HEALS Program and will be one of the five $15,625 doctoral fellowships awarded. The Aron Program provides partial support to social work doctoral candidates who are engaged in dissertation research in health care policy and practice.

The 2015 Jane B. Aron Fellowship has been awarded to Donald Gerke from Washington University in St. Louis. His study focuses on HIV sexual risk behaviors that lead to HIV infection among young men who have sex with young men (YMSM). He will strive to understand population-specific pathways to HIV risk and build culturally-relevant HIV prevention programs.

Transgender individuals often have bad experiences when they try to obtain health care services, and the results of this study will help to identify the barriers that clinicians face when providing care to this population. Ultimately, this information can be used to address a significant health concern for many transgender individuals: a lack of access to high-quality, sensitive care.

Deidre Shires, HEALS Fellow

HEALS Fellows Selected in 2015

Sara Green, from the University of Washington, is studying the need for attention to programs, services and policy initiatives for military family members who experience unique challenges at home such as separations, reintegration, stress exposure, and combat injuries.
Roxanne Kennedy, from the University of Pennsylvania, is working on a dissertation project that evaluates programs designed to integrate physical and behavioral health care for individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) insured by New Jersey Medicaid. She will compare the effects of each program on participants’ health outcomes, health care costs and health care utilization.

Susanne Klawetter, from the University of Denver, is studying maternal engagement in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) across race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status and maternal mental health.

Deirdre Shires, from Wayne State University, has embarked on a study about transgender patients, entitled, “Healthcare Providers’ Willingness to Treat Transgender Patients: The Role of Attitudes, Knowledge, Experience, and the Health System Context.”

John A. Hartford Foundation Awards NASW Foundation $1 Million Grant

The John A. Hartford Foundation has awarded the NASW Foundation a $1 million, three-year grant that is being used to launch a program through NASW chapters in New York City, Maryland, Illinois and Florida to improve the delivery of health care and social services to older adults.

“Older adults, especially those age 80 and over, often do not get the social services they need to remain independent and maintain their health,” NASW CEO Angelo McClain, PhD, LICSW, said. “This grant will allow NASW to train more social work supervisors who are specialized in care to older adults, enhance social work leadership in the gerontological field, and expand knowledge on aging services so more social workers have the skills to improve the quality of life of this often vulnerable population.”

The John A. Hartford Foundation was created in 1929 with a mission to improve the health of older adults in the United States. The NASW program, Supervisory Leaders in Aging, will establish sustainable gerontological social work supervision training programs in the four NASW chapters and an ongoing practice excellence network among its graduates. The program is providing a 10-module training, addressing both gerontological social work and supervisory and leadership skills, to 160 master’s-level social workers (MSWs) who supervise staff serving older adults. NASW then plans to expand the program nationally, based on the lessons learned with these first four chapters.

NASW projects these 160 supervisors will train about 1,280 staff to work with older adults. These staff members, in turn, are expected to serve more than 115,000 clients each year. The first New York City SLA program was held October 8 through December 3, 2015. Each training session was scheduled for a full day. Spring 2016 program dates are planned for Florida, Illinois, and Maryland.

SocialWorkers.org/sla

The NASW program is based on pilot projects in New York City funded by the Florence Burden Foundation and undertaken in 2014 by the Helen Rehr Center for Social Work Practice. The program model—including a peer support network—was developed by NASW Social Work Pioneer® Dr. Barbara Silverstone, partner in SBW Partners. Supervisory Leaders in Aging will benefit from the involvement of Dr. Silverstone and her Associate, Dr. Dan Kaplan, who will collaborate with NASW, and direct the project’s National Coordinating Center. Dr. Joan Levy Zlotnik is the SLA Project Director.
Foundation Awards
14 Scholarships

The NASW Foundation presented 10 Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial MSW Scholarships to master’s degree candidates in social work who have demonstrated a commitment to work with, or who have a special affinity with, American Indian/Alaska Native and Hispanic/Latino populations.

The Gosnell Scholarship was established through a bequest of Consuelo Gosnell, a social work practitioner who was born in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico and died in Texas in 1987. She was a longtime NASW member and volunteer leader; a champion of civil and human rights; and she worked diligently to ameliorate conditions for critically under-served American Indians and Latinos in the Southwest.

$4,000 Gosnell Scholarships Recipients:
- Xochilt Alamillo, University of Denver
- Emma Elliott, University of Washington
- James Glasgow, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- Kelly Harrington, University of Kansas
- Adrianna Hernandez, University of Denver
- Elizabeth Kronk, Columbia University
- Anna Martin, New Mexico State University
- Hannah Riley, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Eva Rizzo, California State University, San Bernardino
- Dana Underwood, University of Denver

This award will help defray some of the costs of tuition for the program at UNCW, allowing me more time outside of school and assistantships to connect with farm workers in the Wilmington area. Hopefully, the relationships I build will lead to a job working with the Latino population after graduating from the program.

James “McKay” Glasgow
Consuelo W. Gosnell MSW Scholarship

This award will...provide as an investment into the principle of responsibility and service to African-American communities; to “pay it forward” through a commitment of life-long service to all vulnerable and oppressed populations.

David Hughley
Verne LaMarr Lyons Fellow

The Foundation also awarded four Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial MSW Scholarships for master’s degree candidates in social work with interest, or experience, with health/mental health practice and a commitment to working in African American communities.

This scholarship is a memorial to Verne LaMarr Lyons, a social worker and NASW national staff member, who died in 1989 while waiting for a heart transplant. He committed his life to increasing awareness of pernicious health concerns affecting African American such as insufficient prenatal care, infant mortality, AIDS, cirrhosis, and general life expectancy.

The Verne LaMarr Lyons Scholarship Program is being supplemented through the Social Work Healthcare Education and Leadership Scholars (HEALS) program, which is funded through the New York Community Trust Robert and Ellen Popper Scholarship Fund. Four scholarships were awarded in 2015 in the amount of $5,500 each (an increase of $1,350 over the 2014 scholarship).

$5,500 Verne LaMarr Lyons Scholarships Recipients:
- Ariana Allensworth, University of California, Berkeley
- David Hughley, Long Island University-Brooklyn
- Alletia Smith, University of Texas at Arlington
- Katherine Worthington, University of Maryland
NASW Foundation Awards Eileen Blackey Doctoral Fellowship

The NASW Foundation was pleased to award the Eileen Blackey Doctoral Fellowship to Stacia West from the University of Kansas for dissertation research in welfare policy and practice. West received a $10,000 grant which includes leadership development funding.

Her focus is longitudinal analyses of the 2008 Survey of Income and Program Participation to discern if and how financial fragility is related to housing instability for a representative sample of household headed by a single mother. The objective is to inform social welfare policy that may help prevent financial fragility for single mother-headed households.

The fellowship program was established in 1987 as a tribute to Dr. Eileen Blackey, who was the Dean of the University of California-Los Angeles School of Social Welfare and a pioneer in the planning and use of staff development programs in public welfare agencies and in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

As research in this area progresses, I look forward to collaborating with leading scholars, policy advocates, practitioners, and experts by experience to explore innovative approaches to poverty alleviation that translate into meaningful change for vulnerable and oppressed populations.

Stacia West, Eileen Blackey Fellow

SAMHSA VOICE AWARDS
HELD AUGUST 12 IN LOS ANGELES

NASW Past President and awards presenter Suzanne Dworak-Peck and Chandra Wilson of “Grey’s Anatomy” at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) 10th Annual Voice Awards in Los Angeles August 12, 2015.

The NASW Foundation joined NASW and the NASW California Chapter in sponsoring the 10th Annual Voice Awards—a SAMHSA event that honors individuals, television programs, and films that advocate for, or educate the public about, behavioral health and substance use issues.

The theme of this year’s Voice Awards was preventing suicide, one of the leading causes of death in the United States.

To find out more about the program read more and event, visit NASW’s Social Workers Speak: SocialWorkersSpeak.org/hollywood-connection/12623.html.
In Memoriam

Sarah Austin (1927-2015)
Sarah Austin died on March 5, 2015. Born in rural North Carolina, Sarah attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, formerly Greensboro Women’s College. After college she returned home to work in the Johnson County Department of Social Services. In 1963, Sarah received her MSW from the UNC School of Social Work. After graduation, she worked for Family Services of Forsyth County, NC, becoming Director in 1979. In 1984, Sarah was appointed as President by Governor Bob Scott and served for six years. She also served as chair of the Forsyth County Board of Social Services from 1977-1982. Sarah was instrumental in creating a climate that required social work certification which she believed insured integrity in the delivery of social services. She received the NASW-NC Chapter’s Social Worker of the Year Award (1981) and the UNC School of Social Work’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 1984. Sarah Austin became an NASW Social Work Pioneer® in 1995.

Eva Stewart (1917-2014)
Eva Stewart died on October 9, 2014. After receiving a BA in Business Administration from the University of Omaha, Eva earned an MSW from the Howard University School of Social Work (HUSSW). She was later recognized as a distinguished graduate of the University for her work. Eva’s worked for the Red Cross and also for St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in Washington, DC, where she played a key role in the establishment of a foster home program that resulted in a more successful discharge practice for mental health patients. Prior to joining the faculty at HUSSW, Eva worked for several years at HEW, now HHS. As the first African American in her department, Eva saw the need to recruit, hire and mentor African Americans for government service. By establishing in her department the “Bridging the Gap” program, Eva became a true “Pioneer.” Eva was recruited by Howard University where she provided leadership in developing the School of Social Work field instruction program. Eva helped establish CSWE’s Commission on Field Instruction and was active in the NASW DC Metro Chapter, from which she received its Lifetime Achievement Award.

Elizabeth Watkins (1923-2015)
Elizabeth Watkins died on March 17, 2015. After earning her MSSA from Case Western Reserve University in 1950, Elizabeth worked in various hospital settings. In 1958 she earned a Master’s degree in the Science of Hygiene from the Harvard School of Public Health. She became an Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan School of Public Health until she returned in 1962 to Harvard and earned her doctorate in the Science of Hygiene. Elizabeth then worked as a social work specialist in the Medical Social Work section in the Division of Health Services in the US Children’s Bureau. Elizabeth developed and maintained a long interest and concern for migrant and minority women and children, which was reflected in her research and writing later at both Case Western Reserve and UNC where she taught from 1977-1989. Dr. Watkins was a Charter Member of NASW and the recipient of the NASW Distinguished Service Award in 1987 and the Knee/Wittman Lifetime Achievement Award in Health and Mental Health Practice in 1993.

Our Friend & Colleague

Bonita Williams Davis (1960-2016)
It is with deep regret and sadness that we note the passing of our dear friend and colleague Bonita Williams Davis. Bonita spent most of her career at NASW and 10 years working with the NASW Foundation, where she served as the Executive Assistant to Bob Arnold, Foundation Director. Bonita’s attention to detail, knowledge of policies and standards, and her professional writing skills were appreciated and contributed enormously to the work of the Foundation, including the NASW Social Work Pioneers®. Bonita was a friend to us all and a shining light in the work place. We would also like to express our deep condolences to her father Dr. Jesse J. Harris, co-chair of the NASW Social Work Pioneers®, and the Davis and Harris Families.
As we celebrate the 60th anniversary of NASW this year we will look to the Pioneers to inspire us for the next 60 years – as mentors and by example.

Angelo McClain, PhD, LICSW
NASW Chief Executive Officer
NASW Foundation President
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Pioneer Bernice Harper has successfully contacted many of you to contribute $60 or multiples of $60 toward the NASW 60th anniversary celebration.

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