



Gadsden Chapter



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Dear Community Supporter,

The National Hook-Up Black Women, Inc. – Gadsden Chapter’s (NHBW, Inc. – Gadsden Chapter) annual ***Shades of Brown Gala*** will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at The Orchid Banquet Hall & Event Center, located at 12 E. Washington Street in Quincy, Florida. The theme for this year’s Gala is, ***“30 Years and Beyond: Continuing the NHBW Legacy”***. We are delighted to welcome as our keynote speaker, Commissioner Alonzetta Simpkins, Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners, District 2.

Since our formation in 1995, the Gadsden Chapter has provided impactful programs and services that align with our mission of enhancing the lives of women and their families. This endeavor has been supported by the invaluable contributions of individuals and businesses such as yours. Your support enables us to sustain the following programs:

- Annual Dr. Jessie V. Furlow Scholarship Program
- Ongoing Literacy Programs and Book Donations
- Youth Empowerment Programs
- Domestic Violence Awareness Initiatives
- Annual Health Fair and Other Health-Related Events
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity in the Community Breakfast

We humbly request your consideration of supporting our annual celebration by making a monetary contribution or purchasing an advertisement in our Digital Souvenir Booklet. The submission deadline for advertisements is August 27, 2026. Your generosity will directly influence the development of a literate, informed, and engaged community. For your convenience, a donor form is enclosed. Each donation, regardless of its size, will make a significant impact.

Furthermore, we cordially invite you to join us for the *Shades of Brown Gala* on September 12, 2026. The cost of admission is \$55 per person. Tickets can be purchased online at www.nhbwgadsden.org/upcomingevents, through an NHBW member, or by emailing nhbwgadsden@gmail.com. Please make checks payable to NHBW, Inc. – Gadsden Chapter, and mail to P.O. Box 1226, Quincy, FL 32353.

We eagerly anticipate celebrating with you and extend our sincere gratitude for your unwavering support. Should you have any inquiries, please contact Carla Wells at (850) 591-7852 or via email at nhbwgadsden@gmail.com.

With sincere appreciation,

Debra W. Roberts

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