

THE *Ella Jordan*

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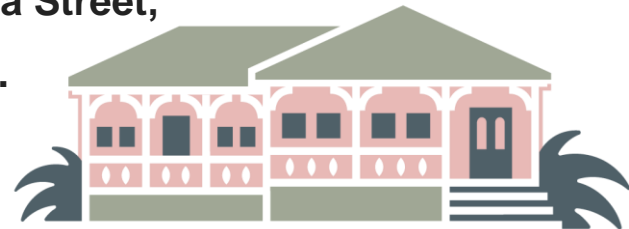
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# 423 North C Street

**The Ella L. Jordan home was constructed circa 1890 by Raymond Waters, a livestock dealer of European heritage. The home is a one story, Queen Anne cottage with coastal influences demonstrated by the wide porch fronting the entire house.**

**The home was purchased in 1951 by Ella L Jordan and the Pensacola Federation of Colored Women's Club.**

**It is situated at the corner of C Street and La Rua Street, in the Belmont DeVilliers neighborhood.**



# Ella L. Jordan

**In 1929, Mrs. Ella L. Jordan founded the City of Pensacola's Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.**

**She was a devoted club worker, community leader, educator, political activist, and a dedicated woman who worked for the betterment of the Pensacola community.**



# Pensacola Federation of Colored Women's Club

The Federation was an umbrella group that included four major clubs: The Mary Mcleod Bethune Federated Club, Book Lovers Club, Idea and Art Study Club, and the Barnett Club. The Home also hosted many other clubs and social activities in the Black community throughout the decades including wedding receptions, teas, and Mardi Gras parties.

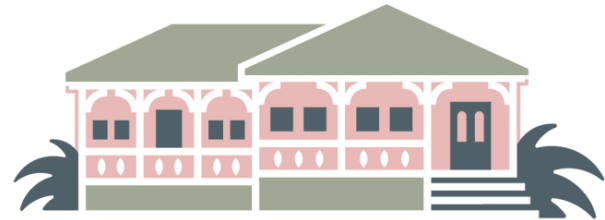
Mrs. Jordan and her contemporaries were following the trend that was growing among American women for several decades by the 1920's. Women's Clubs were organized all over the nation with the goals of improving the minds, health and character of its members, and to bring these modern ideas to the local community. The women of Pensacola also embraced this trend, organizing numerous clubs and associations.

For African-American women in segregated Pensacola, clubs provided a way to identify and meet the needs of their community. Funding for enrichment programs, extra tutoring, and vocational training, never abundant for white citizens, was non-existent for African Americans.

# Community Impact

*“I grew up right across the street from the pink house, that’s what we used to call it,”* Sandra McMeans said.

**McMeans came to the home for the first time when she was seven years old in the mid 40s and continued to come to the home for teas and club meetings until her early adulthood.**

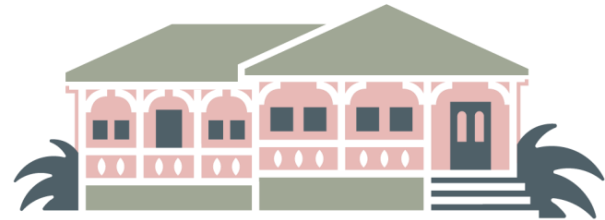


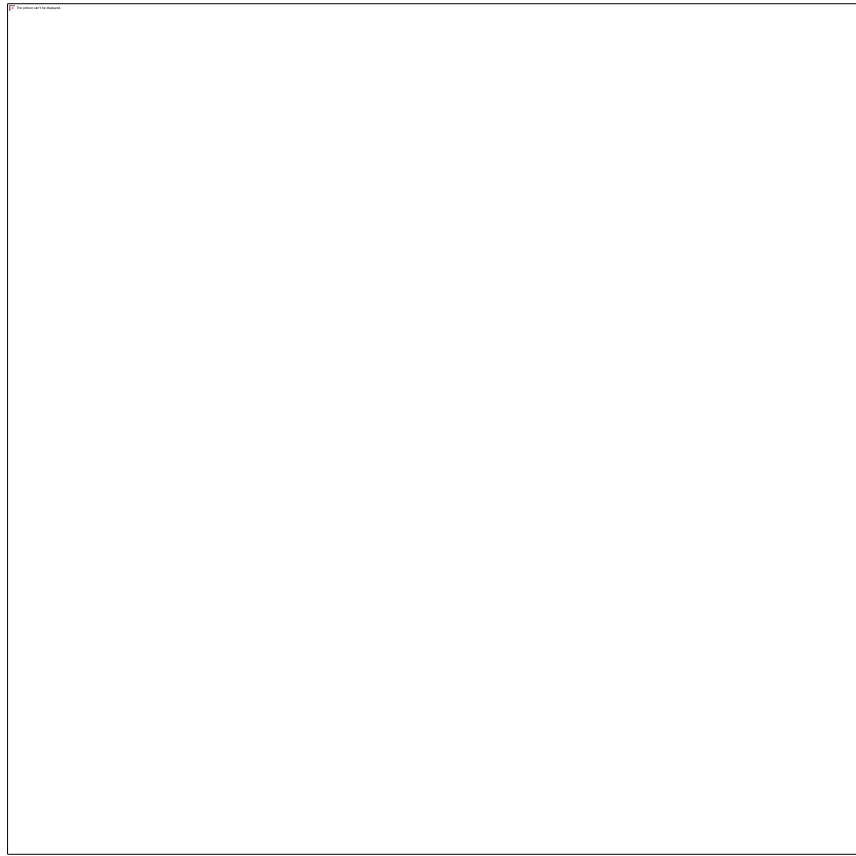


# Community Impact

*“You had to act like a young lady — everyone wore their white gloves and hats,” McMeans said. “I was a member of the Top Ladies of Distinction and we would have our meetings there.”*

*“They taught us community spirit, and just how to have good clean fun,” McMeans said. “And how to be young ladies — that was always the most important lesson.”*

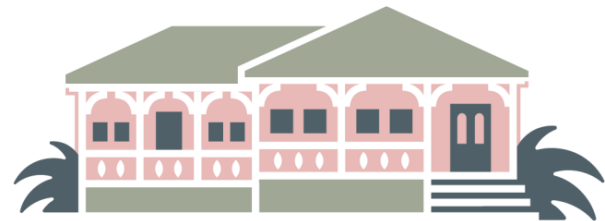






# Community Impact

*"It's part of history. This was happening in the time of segregation. You think of what those amazing women did there. There was so much education taking place there. Young people were learning about art and crafts and etiquette training. The women of that house did some awesome things in our community."* -Georgia Blackmon



# Damage to The Ella Jordan Home

*“The home sustained extensive damage during Hurricane Ivan in 2004, with holes in the roof leading to further deterioration inside.”*

**-David DelGallo of  
Advanced Construction Services**









# ***Save The Ella Jordan Home***

**The Ella L. Jordan Home was badly damaged by Hurricane Ivan in 2004 and was subsequently condemned and set to be torn down by the City.**

**The tireless efforts of many dedicated volunteers and donors helped to save this historic home that had so much significance in our community.**

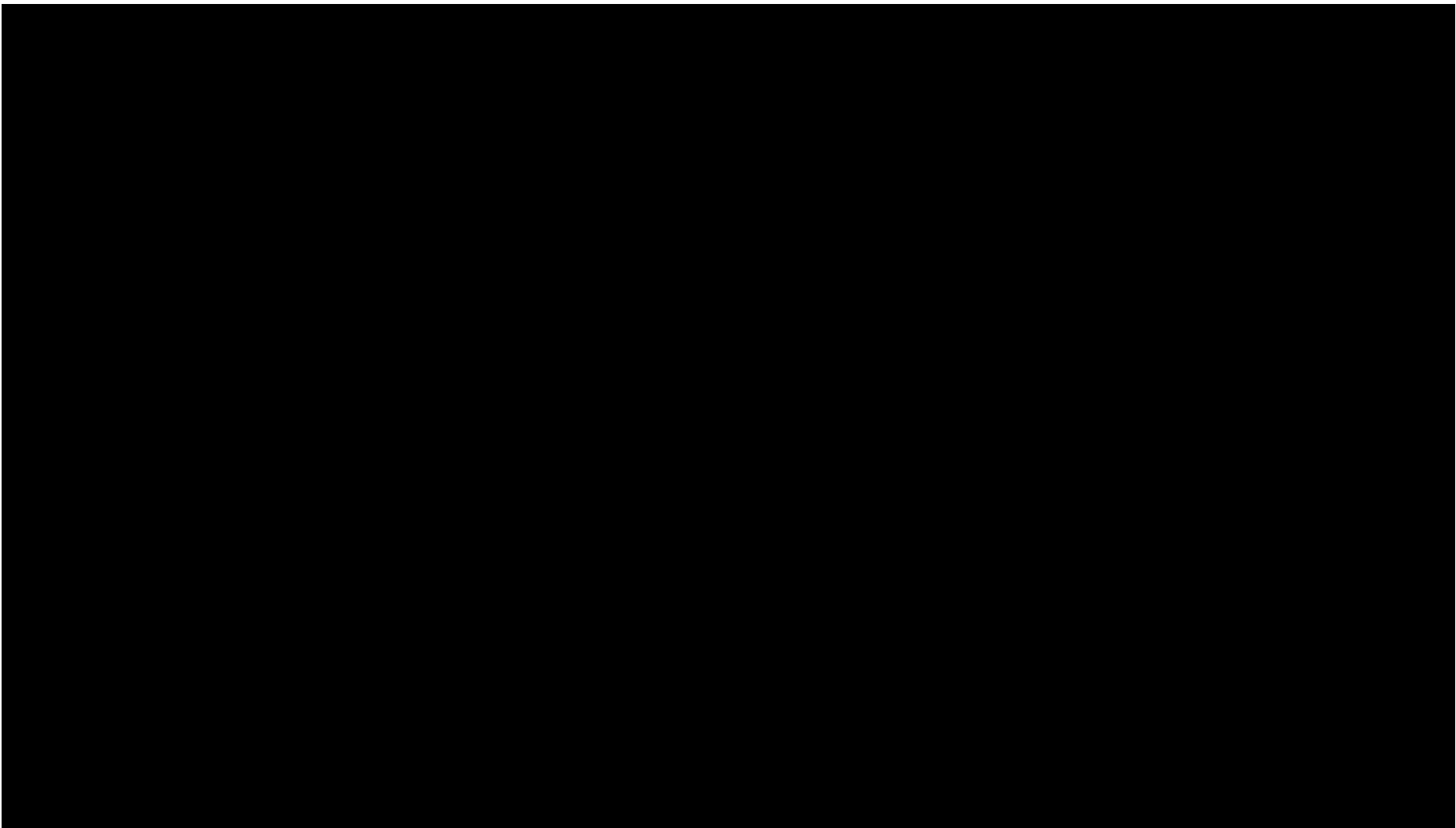


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# **Next Steps:** ***Let's Make this House a Home***

**As of early 2020 the construction and renovations were complete.**

**Now, the mission changes from saving the home, to outfitting it with the necessary equipment, furniture, and resources that will transform it from a historical home to its former glory as a community center, educational museum, and event space.**



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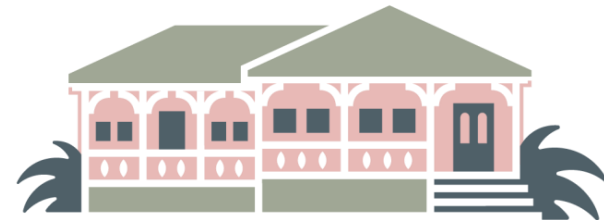
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# Mission Statement

**To honor the significant political, social, and economic contributions of African American women in our community throughout our history, particularly that of Ms. Ella L Jordan**

**To provide a space where citizens can come together across race and gender to continue the betterment of our community**

**To provide educational opportunities for those interested in learning more about African American history in Pensacola**





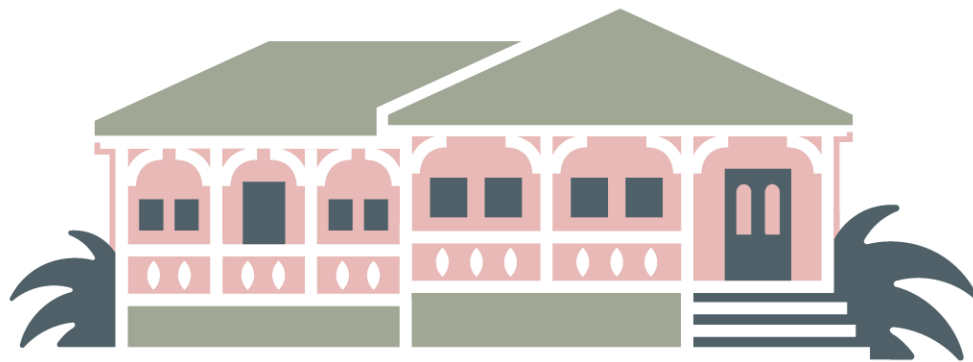
# How you can help

**Follow us on Social Media @ellajordanhome**

**Come to our event on February 19th**

**Donate or share the word about our cause and mission**





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