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## **Theta Phi Alpha Mourns Loss of Susan Kugler Check, Alpha Xi**

BAY VILLAGE, Ohio – It is with great sadness that Theta Phi Alpha announces the passing of Susan Kugler Check, Alpha Xi, Director of Alumnae Relations. Sue passed away on Oct. 17 at University Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sue was a graduate of Northern Illinois University with a degree in education. She began her career with Theta Phi Alpha at National Office in 1992. Sue was named National Office Executive and became an alumna initiate of our Alpha Xi Chapter at Cleveland State University. Sue's warm and engaging manner touched the hearts of many sisters and our Panhellenic friends from the moment she met them, even if just by telephone. Many of these relationships grew into true friendships over the years. She received Theta Phi Alpha's Outstanding Alumnae Mentor Award at the National Convention in 2014 as a testament to the many ways her guidance, love, and encouragement helped our sisterhood to flourish and grow, both as an organization and as individual members.

Sue was a devoted mother to Joey, Katie, and Chrissie, and a loving grandmother to David, Collette, Jackson, and Leonardo. Sue leaves behind her husband, Joseph, who has also become well-known among our sisters. Her warmth and kindness will be missed dearly and the Theta Phi Alpha sisterhood extends our condolences to Joe and her entire family.

Services for Sue will be held at the McGorray-Hannah Funeral Home, Lakewood, Ohio. Calling hours on Monday, October 22 begin at 4 pm and continue until 8 pm. The funeral Mass begins at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Joseph Parish in Avon Lake, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the [Theta Phi Alpha Foundation](#), 27025 Knickerbocker Road, Bay Village, OH.

*Founded in 1912, Theta Phi Alpha is a women's organization whose mission is to provide close comradeship; to advance educational, social, and philanthropic interests and leadership training; to encourage spiritual development and adherence to the highest moral standards; and to promote lifelong bonds of friendship. A fraternity for collegiate women and alumnae, Theta Phi Alpha was founded at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Today there are 58 active collegiate chapters, 35 alumnae associations and five alumnae clubs in the United States.*