

## Chapter Answers the Call to Address Tennessee's New Photo I.D.

The new year brings changes to Tennessee voters. As of January 1, all voters have to show government-issued photo identification to vote, after the 2011 Tennessee General Assembly passed legislation for the requirement. **Nashville Alumnae** collaborated with several community-based organizations to present four forums throughout the city to educate metropolitan Nashville, so they won't be surprised by unanticipated requirements on Election Day. An educational presentation on the implications of the photo I.D. law was made to the chapter, prior to their November meeting.

Rev. Olivia Cloud, chapter president, introduced the forums, while Dr. Lorraine Green, Social Action chair, planned them. Experts and professionals

from the Davidson County Election Commission explained the requirements of the new law and which forms of identification are acceptable. Participating organizations included the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People-Nashville Branch, Tennessee Citizen Action, Nashville Metropolitan Alumnae and several neighborhood associations.

Nashville Alumnae also received significant media coverage, giving Soror Cloud an opportunity to explain that hosting the forums is in keeping with the social action agenda of our national organization, and our 22 Founders' first public act was motivated by the issue of voting rights.

## Delta Divas Walk It Out to Cure Diabetes



Sorors of the **Rutherford County Alumnae Chapter** put on their walking shoes for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's (JDRF) "Walk to Cure Diabetes" on October 8 at the Middle Tennessee Medical Center. Event planners allowed participants to follow the 1 mile Family Walk, or 3 mile Fitness Walk. The Rutherford County Alumnae Chapter raised more than \$330, served as site volunteer support and joined in the walk. Sorors manned the registration tent, signed in volunteers and distributed food and drinks to participants and volunteers. The chapter was joined by sorors from the **Iota Tau Chapter** at Middle Tennessee State University, family members, Jabberwock contestants and collegiate members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is the worldwide leader in funding research to cure Type 1 diabetes, an auto-immune disease that strikes children and adults suddenly and lasts a lifetime. JDRF raised nearly \$44,000 for research.

## Lake Oconee Area Alumnae Chapter Volunteers at Local Health Fair



*Soror Orian Motley, RN explains food label and health implications to Dean McCrary.*

On October 1, 2011, the **Lake Oconee Area Alumnae Chapter (GA)** joined a host of community volunteers to support the Taliaferro County Health Department's Community Health Fair. Sorors registered prospective voters, distributed school supplies, provided health information and disseminated scholarship applications to high school seniors. Additionally, as a part of a campaign to fight childhood obesity, sorors sponsored a "fitness zone" to test children's endurance in activities such as jump rope and hula-hoop.