



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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INVESTING IN THE **FUTURE** OF OUR COMMUNITY

# VISION

*Investing in the **Future** of Our Community* to improve and enhance the quality of life for the residents of the District of Columbia.

# MISSION

The mission of the Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation (WDCAF) is to support, promote, and provide funding to charitable, educational, and cultural programs of nonprofit organizations targeted at building a stronger community and improving conditions for youth, the elderly, and families of the District of Columbia.

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# LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Supporters, Donors and Friends,

As President of the Washington DC Alumnae Foundation, Inc. (WDCAF), it is both an honor and a privilege to serve an organization that has made such a profound and lasting impact in our community for 40 years. Since our founding, our mission has remained steadfast: to invest in education, empowerment and equity for the underserved residents of Washington, DC.

This year, I am proud to share that we have continued to expand our community grants, strengthen community partnerships, and provide critical resources to students pursuing higher education. With your support, we donated \$36,000 to impactful community events, and funded programs that reflect our vision, *“Investing In The Future of the Community”*.

The heart of our Foundation lies in the belief that education is a transformative tool—one that can break cycles, build leaders, and inspire change. Every program we support represents not only promise, but the collective commitment of a community that believes in investing in tomorrow’s leaders.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our donors, volunteers, corporate partners, and the members of the Washington DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Delta Housing Board of the District of Columbia for your unwavering support. Your belief in our mission fuels our ability to serve.

As we look to the future, we remain focused on expanding our reach, increasing our impact, and continuing the legacy of excellence upon which this Foundation was built.

With Gratitude,

*Audrey M. Doman*

President

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

**iFLY Youth** is a nonprofit organization committed to empowering middle school girls of color to become global leaders through international travel and community building. Guided by the belief that every Black and Brown girl should hold a passport to transformative experiences, iFLY delivered its flagship program, Camp iFLY, with resounding success in 2025.



Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation (WDCAF), 13 Scholars participated in a four-week experience that combined leadership development, community building, and global immersion. The program included a three-week day camp in Washington, D.C., followed by a one-week international journey to Panama. There, Scholars engaged in cultural excursions, language learning, and team-building activities that broadened their perspectives and deepened their confidence. Camp iFLY 2025 affirmed the power of travel, mentorship, and community in shaping the next generation of changemakers. WDCAF's support was instrumental—not only funding travel and programming, but helping unlock futures.

**Tech Turn Up + Art Hackathon Series Empowers D.C. Youth Through STEAM Innovation.** With support from a \$5,000 grant from the Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation (WDCAF), the Tech + Art Hackathon Series successfully engaged over 40 students from Wards 1, 5, 7, and 8 in hands-on STEAM learning experiences that merged creativity and technology.

Hosted at Bunker Hill Elementary School and Jelleff Recreation Center, the hackathons introduced students in grades 3–12 to design thinking, coding, and digital prototyping. Younger students explored STEAM for the first time, while older participants tackled advanced coding challenges in Python. Projects ranged from interactive media and games to community-focused digital tools.

WDCAF's grant directly supported program supplies, mentor stipends, transportation, and student incentives—ensuring accessibility and engagement across both sites. Parents and community partners reported high enthusiasm, noting students left with increased confidence, creativity, and interest in continuing STEAM learning. “These events didn't just teach tech—they sparked imagination and built pathways for future innovators,” said Tim Weeden, Director. Over the past six years, the program has impacted more than 1,200 youth, bridging resource gaps and empowering students to thrive in a technology driven world.



## COMMUNITY GRANTS

**Healthy Babies Project, Inc. (HBP)**, a nonprofit dedicated to helping youth build healthy, stable lives, has launched Mobilizing Young Moms for the Workplace, a new workforce readiness initiative supporting young mothers in Washington, D.C. The program is an extension of HBP's Teen Parent Empowerment Programs (TPEP) and was made possible through a \$5,000 grant from the Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation (WDCAF).

The initiative provides access to GED preparation, online learning, career exploration, and job shadowing. WDCAF funds were used to offer professional attire, transportation to interviews and college visits, and grocery card incentives for youth completing workforce development sessions. In its first year, MYM saw remarkable outcomes: five youth graduated high school, four transitioned into college or apprenticeships, and seven joined the Youth Entrepreneurship Institute—one launching a natural body care brand. Participants also visited multiple colleges and testified at DC Council hearings, amplifying their voices in civic spaces. "MYM is more than a program—it's a launchpad for young mothers to build futures filled with opportunity," said Regine Elie, Executive Director of HBP. "We're grateful to WDCAF for helping us turn vision into impact."



**Georgetown Ministry Center (GMC)**, a nonprofit dedicated to guiding chronically homeless individuals toward stability, provided critical services to nearly 1,000 guests in Fiscal Year 2024—thanks in part to a \$5,000 grant from the Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation (WDCAF).

GMC recorded over 20,000 visits to its Drop-In Center, offering 14,023 meals, 4,797 showers, 3,622 loads of laundry, and 4,259 hours of computer access. The organization also issued 112 government IDs and 51 birth certificates, essential for housing and employment access. GMC's Street Outreach and Street Medicine teams made 2,866 street contacts and conducted 1,220 psychiatric and medical consultations.

WDCAF's grant helped offset core program costs and provided vital supplies, including nutritious meals, outreach materials, and winter clothing. This support ensured that individuals experiencing homelessness had access to warmth, safety, and dignity during the city's harshest months.



*"This grant helped us meet people where they are—with compassion, respect, and the resources they need to survive and stabilize."*  
— Teddy Sullivan,  
Executive Director

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

Since 1953, the **Continental Societies, Inc.® Washington, D.C. Chapter (CSI-DC)**, nonprofit organization, has maintained a mission to improve the lives of children in need across the District of Columbia through its five-point programmatic thrust—Health, Education, Employment, Recreation, and Arts & Humanities.

CSI-DC successfully implemented its *Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT)* Initiative during the 2024–2025 school year, thanks to a \$4,000 grant from the Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation (WDCAF). Originally launched as the DC Globetrotters Program, an educational initiative designed for 6th to 8th grade students aimed at understanding Washington, DC’s unique global footprint of international diplomacy. The initiative pivoted in response to post-election concerns, shifting focus from international diplomacy to domestic civic engagement. Students explored careers in national service, participated in civics education, and visited cultural institutions including the Kennedy Center and the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

*“Thanks to WDCAF’s support, we were able to pivot with purpose and still deliver a powerful, culturally rich experience.”*  
R. Denise Everson,  
CSI-DC President.



The **DC Speed Track Club (DC Speed)** is an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) track club serving and supporting youth within the District of Columbia. The track program helps DC youth grow mentally and physically as athletes and emphasizes the importance of teamwork and leadership as they matriculate into adulthood. DC Speed is a year long program with three seasons that include strength and conditioning, indoor and outdoor season. Each year 70-100 youth participate representing all 8 wards of the city. DC Speed received a \$2500 grant to award scholarships for 20 low income families for fees and admissions to participate in the indoor and outdoor seasons of the 2025 season.



## THELMA M. RANDALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation Incorporated established the **Thelma M. Randall Memorial Scholarship** in 2016 to honor Director Randall, a graduate of Prairie View A&M University and long-time member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. who will be remembered as a distinguished and dedicated member of the Board serving as President and Treasurer. WDCAF has awarded \$10,000 since its inception in 2016. The application period is January 1—April 1st. High School and undergraduate students are eligible.

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS



WDCAF donated \$500 to the **Washington DC Metro Chapter of the Texas Southern University National Alumni Association (TSUNAA)**, a 501 c3 nonprofit dedicated to organizing community service events that support local schools in Washington, DC and Maryland. Truesdell Elementary is a Title I, District of Columbia Public School, located in Ward 4, and serves over 400 students of multilingual backgrounds. With the donation provided by WDCAF, TSUNAA provided over 250 backpacks with school supplies for the School Year 2024-2025 for students from grades PreKindergarten through Grade 5.

## COLLABORATIVE VENTURES

WDCAF in collaboration with the **Washington DC Alumnae Chapter (WDCAC), Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** hosted the inaugural Charter Day Fundraiser and the 3rd Annual Heart and Sole Sneaker Ball Charity Fundraiser for Scholarships and Programs. Proceeds from these events awarded over \$62,375 in scholarships during the 2024-2025 sorority year.

**Black Women in Architecture Network (BWAN)** annually awards The Desiree V. Cooper (DVC) Memorial Scholarship to aspiring students preparing for licensing funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation President's Grant Fund of the Princeton Area Community Foundation. The Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation, Inc. provides the administration of the grant.

# FUND DEVELOPMENT

WDCAF's capacity to invest in our community begins with our generous donors and allows us to execute our vision of *Investing in the Future of Our Community*.

## FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

**Friends of the Foundation** are Non-Board members who generously donate money, services and in-kind gifts of \$100 or more to support WDCAF fundraisers and operations.

## COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN



WDCAF is a participant in the federal government's **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)**. Federal employees contribute via payroll deductions. Contributions can be made during the campaign, September 2025—January 2026.

## EMPLOYEE MATCHING GIFTS

**Employee Matching Gift** programs allow companies to match charitable donations made by their employees to eligible nonprofit organizations. This means that when an employee gives, their employer may contribute an equal—or sometimes greater—amount, doubling the impact of the original gift.

## GIVING TUESDAY

**#Giving Tuesday**, a global worldwide generosity movement to unleash the power of people and organizations to transform their community, held the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.



## DC ONE FUND CAMPAIGN

The **DC One Fund Campaign**, is the District of Columbia government's only official charitable fundraiser. DC government employees pledge their support annually to not-for-profit, charitable organizations in Washington, D.C.

## DOMORE 24

**DoMore 24**, the DMV's largest annual 24-hour online fundraiser held every May which gives donors an opportunity to rally for 24 hours of giving to create the greatest impact to our community.

## ANNUAL BREAKFAST, FASHION SHOW & AUCTION

Each December, the Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation (WDCAF) hosts its signature fundraiser—the Annual Brunch, Fashion Show & Auction. This festive event draws longtime supporters, new guests, and community partners for a stylish start to the holiday season. Attendees enjoy a vibrant morning of camaraderie, cuisine, and couture—all in support of WDCAF's enduring mission to invest in the future of our community.

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We welcome newly elected Directors Novella Bridges, Keisha Chandler, and Barbara Goliday. We congratulate reelected Directors Iris Bond-Gill and Ayoka Fajardo. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to outgoing Directors Jonelle Henry, Kamaria S. Hill, and Kelli Lofton-Oglesby.



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