



WDCAF

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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Ruby Anniversary Year

MISSION

The Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation (WDCAF) invests in the future of our community by providing financial resources to nonprofit organizations whose charitable, educational, and community service programs strengthen communities and improve the quality of life for youth, families, and older adults throughout the District of Columbia.

VISION

We envision a stronger, more vibrant District of Columbia where strategic investments empower thriving communities, expand opportunities, and enhance the quality of life for every resident.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY

Dear Supporters:

As we reflect on the past 40 years of the Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation, Incorporated, we do so with deep gratitude, tremendous pride, and unwavering optimism for the future.

Since our founding in 1985, WDCAF has remained steadfast in its commitment to improving the quality of life for residents of the District of Columbia by investing in nonprofit organizations that strengthen our communities. What began as a vision to create lasting impact has grown into four decades of meaningful partnerships, charitable giving, and community investment.

This Ruby Anniversary has been a time to celebrate not only our history but also the countless individuals, organizations, volunteers, donors, and community partners who have made our work possible. Because of your generosity and dedication, we have supported programs that uplift youth, empower families, serve older adults, and address critical community needs throughout the District.

In honor of our 40th anniversary, the Foundation proudly awarded \$40,000 in community grants, reaffirming our commitment to investing in organizations whose work creates measurable and lasting change. These grants represent more than financial support—they represent hope, opportunity, and our collective belief in a stronger, more vibrant Washington, D.C.

While we celebrate our accomplishments, we recognize that our work is far from complete. The challenges facing our communities continue to evolve, requiring innovative partnerships, sustainable resources, and a shared commitment to service. As we look ahead, WDCAF is positioning itself to expand its impact, strengthen its grantmaking, grow the Thelma M. Randall Memorial Scholarship, cultivate new philanthropic partnerships, and ensure that future generations benefit from the Foundation's enduring legacy.

Our vision is clear: We envision a stronger, more vibrant District of Columbia where strategic investments empower thriving communities, expand opportunities, and enhance the quality of life for every resident.

As we begin our next chapter, we invite you to continue this journey with us. Whether through your financial support, volunteer service, advocacy, or community partnerships, you are an essential part of our mission. Together, we will continue Investing in the Future of Our Community and building a legacy of opportunity, equity, and impact for generations to come.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for standing with us over the past 40 years. We look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the years ahead.

With gratitude,



Audrey M. Doman
President, Board of Directors



40 Years Strong

Honoring the Past, Empowering, the Future

1983 | Foundation Established

Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation,
Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

1992–1995 | 2nd Chair: Dorothy Sojourner

- Received \$10,000 Queene Ferry Conley Foundation grant for Self-Awareness/Self-Esteem (SASE)
- Grants awarded to: Freedom Bags documentary, Delta Adult Literacy, Food Pantries, Boys & Girls Clubs
- Continued Annual Breakfast Fashion Show Fundraiser

1999–2014 | 4th Chair: Venida Y. Hamilton

- Foundation renamed Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation, Inc.
- Adopted tagline: "Investing in the Future of Our Community"
- Launched updated logo
- \$275,000+ in grants to DC nonprofits (Georgetown Ministry Center, Walker Memorial Boys & Girls Club, Peace Through Culture, and others)
- 2003: Renovated Sherman Ave property for rental income supporting grants

1985–1991 | 1st Chair: Beulah T. Sutherland

- Achieved IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit status
- First grant: \$2,000 from WDCAC
- Scholarships: \$6,000 (1986), increased by \$5,000 via cooperative fundraising
- 1988: Inaugural Annual Breakfast Fashion Show Fundraiser

1995–1999 | 3rd Chair: Thelma M. Randall

- Sponsoring Agent Freedom Bags documentary
- Grants awarded to: Read to Lead School America Program, St. Gabriel's Youth Program, Reading is Fundamental, DC Senior Scholarships
- Added Auction to Annual Breakfast, Fashion Show Fundraiser

2015–Present | 5th Chair: Audrey M. Doman

- 2016: Established the Thelma M. Randall Memorial Scholarship
- \$300,000+ in grants to DC nonprofits (iFLY Youth, Girls on the Run–DC, Baby Scientists, Tech Turn Up, and more)
- Sale of Sherman Ave property increased community support
- Updated foundation branding and unveiled new logo
- Forged Partnership with Black Women in Architecture Network (BWAN)
- 40th Ruby Anniversary Celebration and Ruby Giving Campaign

WDCAF Impact

- Thirteen scholars participated in a four-week experience that combined leadership development, community building and global immersion.
- Forty students from Wards 1, 5, 7, and 8 participated in hands-on STEAM learning experiences that merged creativity and technology
- Funded professional attire, transportation to interviews and college visits for youth completing work development program, Mobilizing Young Moms for the Workplace
- Sponsoring agent for Freedom Bags, the documentary film on the movement of African Americans from the rural South to the North from 1890-1940
- Partial funding for the creation of the Greensboro Four Sit-In Diner Counter and installation at Eastern Senior High School
- Funded 20 girls with program scholars for the Girls on the Run- DC cohort for girls who would be unable to participate in program

Community Voices

“Because of WDCAF, 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, Georgetown Ministry Center.

“Mobilizing Young Moms (MOM) for the Workplace is more than a program – it’s a launch pad for young mothers to build futures filled with opportunity”, said Regine Elie, Executive Director of Healthy Babies Project, Inc. “We’re grateful to WDCAF for helping us turn vision into impact.”

“WDCAF’s support was instrumental- not only funding travel and programming but helping unlock futures.” Cidney Farley, Founder & Executive Directory, iFLY Youth.

Partnerships

Washington DC Alumnae Foundation, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
Annual Heart & Sole Sneaker Ball Charity Fundraiser
Charter Day Fundraiser

Black Women Architects Network (BWAN)
Desiree V. Cooper (DVC) Memorial Scholarship

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Aya, Inc. empowers young women through leadership training and mentorship, offering a curriculum in leadership, entrepreneurship, and professional development rooted in sisterhood and self-reflection for high school and undergraduate participants. WDCAF funding will support program costs.

CHAMP Baseball develops young athletes in Washington, D.C., through structured programming that promotes character, academic support, and athletic excellence while creating equitable opportunities in underserved communities. WDCAF funding will support expenses for the Spring cohort.

College Bound prepares Washington, D.C., public and charter school students to graduate from high school, succeed in college, and achieve long-term goals through free academic mentoring, tutoring, test preparation, and college and career guidance. WDCAF funding will support the Spring cohort.

DC Legendary Musicians, Inc. preserves and promotes the legacy and well-being of Washington, D.C.'s professional musicians. WDCAF funding will support *Rendezvous for Ron*, a musical tribute honoring astronaut Ronald Erwin McNair—an accomplished saxophonist, Omega Psi Phi member, and MIT-trained Ph.D. physicist.

Esperanza Education Fund supports low-income immigrant students pursuing higher education through academic funding and mentorship. WDCAF funding will support a Career Day and follow-up résumé workshops and mentorship sessions for immigrant and first-generation students in the DMV.

Essential Theatre produces works reflecting the African American experience and delivers youth programs that promote interdisciplinary learning. WDCAF funding will support the Free Price Tickets Program, offering pay-what-you-can performances for underserved residents of Wards 7 and 8.

Girls on the Run–DC (GOTR-DC) builds confidence, resilience, and healthy habits in girls through an innovative after-school program combining social-emotional learning and running. WDCAF funding will support program implementation.

Grassroots Health reimagines health education for Title I middle school students by combining physical activity with health instruction. NCAA student-athletes from local universities lead engaging sessions that promote healthy behaviors and meaningful mentorship.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Hillcrest Family & Child Center has served the Washington, D.C., community for over 200 years, providing prevention, intervention, and support services. WDCAF funding will support a Hillcrest Youth Drop-In Center, equipping youth with tools for academic success, career readiness, and social resilience.

Living Wage of Washington helps D.C. residents improve literacy and math skills to earn their GED through the National External Diploma Program (NEDP), a competency-based model that allows students to progress at their own pace. WDCAF funds will support teachers for the next cohort.

Reach Incorporated develops grade-level readers and emerging leaders among elementary students and high school teens in Wards 4–8. WDCAF funding will support the After-School Tutoring Program, serving approximately 160 youth during the 2025–2026 school year through 10 school partners.

South Mouse Press (SMP), in partnership with the National Museum of Women in the Arts (NMWA), will engage young women and femme-identifying youth (ages 13–24) in authoring and publishing a collaborative graphic novel. WDCAF funds will support a three-week summer workshop series.

The Story of Our Schools (SOOS) partners with D.C. school communities to help students create permanent, museum-quality exhibits that share their school stories. WDCAF funding will support a current project at Bunker Hill Elementary School.

Women in Film & Video supports the Reunion Choir’s mission to preserve and celebrate local Black history through education. WDCAF funds will support the Reunion Choir Teach-In Tour featuring the documentary on Joyce Garrett and Eastern High School.

Word Beats & Life operates a free after-school hip-hop–based program that builds creativity, confidence, and career exploration for youth ages 8–18. WDCAF funding will support program activities and staff for the spring cohort.

Young Playwrights’ Theater (YPT) provides playwriting education and performance opportunities for students across Washington, D.C. WDCAF funding will support YPT’s 2025–2026 in-school and afterschool programs, serving approximately 750 students at 15 partner sites..

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THELMA M. RANDALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation established the Thelma M. Randall Memorial Scholarship in 2016. Director Randall, was a Texas native, graduate of Prairie View A&M University and a life-time member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will be remembered as a distinguished and dedicated member of the Board serving as President and Treasurer.

The Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation is proud to recognize the outstanding recipients of the 2026 Thelma M. Randall Memorial Scholarship. These exceptional students have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to achieving their educational and career goals.

Kaelyn Carela

Graduate, McKinley Technology High School

Cumulative GPA: 3.99

Kaelyn plans to attend Clark Atlanta University, where she will major in Nursing as she pursues her goal of becoming a Registered Nurse.

Landon Green

Graduate, Jackson-Reed High School

Cumulative GPA: 4.25

Landon plans to major in Computer Information Systems (Cybersecurity) and is considering Howard University, North Carolina A&T State University, or Morehouse College. His career goal is to build a successful career in the cybersecurity field.

Grayson Jones

Graduate, McKinley Technology High School

Cumulative GPA: 3.88

Grayson will attend Morehouse College, where he plans to major in Business Administration. His career aspiration is to become a front-office executive with a National Football League (NFL) team.

Treasure Jordan

Graduate, KIPP DC

Cumulative GPA: 3.19

Treasure plans to major in Business Administration and aspires to become a successful entrepreneur by owning and operating her own hair salon. She is considering Morgan State University, Bowie State University, Coppin State University, or Lincoln University.

PARTNERSHIPS

WDCAF in collaboration with the Washington DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. hosted the 4th Heart & Sole Sneaker Ball Charity Fundraiser to benefit community service programs, projects and scholarships. Proceeds from this and other WDCAC collaborations awarded \$65,000 in scholarships during the 2025-2026 sorority year.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

The Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation's ability to invest in our community depends on the generosity of donors who believe in our mission. Every gift directly supports programs and initiatives that strengthen communities, create opportunities, and improve the quality of life for residents throughout the District of Columbia. We invite you to partner with us by making a charitable contribution. Together, we can continue Investing in the Future of Our Community.

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.

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

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.

Give 8/28 is a national giving movement held during Black Philanthropy Month each August 28th to encourage charitable giving to Black-led and Black benefiting nonprofit organizations. It is a national movement that recognizes the power of collective generosity and the critical role Black-led organizations play in helping communities thrive.

The **Annual Brunch, Fashion Show & Auction** is WDCAF's signature fundraiser. This festive December event draws longtime supporters, new guest 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 of Investing in the Future of Our Community.

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Relive the 2025 Ruby Anniversary Celebration



In February 2026, the Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation, Incorporated (WDCAF) proudly celebrated its 40th Ruby Anniversary at the Kellogg Conference Hotel at Gallaudet University. The celebration commemorated four decades of service, philanthropy, scholarship, and community impact while launching the Foundation's Ruby Giving Campaign. Surrounded by grantees, supporters, partners, and friends, we honored our legacy of investing in the future of our community and reaffirmed our commitment to expanding opportunities and strengthening the District of Columbia for generations to come.



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