



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023



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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 TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Dear Supporters:

We deeply appreciate your unwavering support to the Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation (WDCAF). It has allowed us to continue our mission to support and promote charitable and educational nonprofit programs that work to build a stronger community and improve the quality of life for residents of the District of Columbia.

Our Annual Report will provide a glimpse of a few of the magnificent programs that WDCAF supported with \$25,000 in financial resources during this fiscal year.

With the uncertain challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to bring, we expanded our fundraising efforts this year by embracing technology with an online Spring fundraiser, “Living Your Best Life, DC Raffle”. After three years of limited in-person events, we were able to resume our major fundraiser, the Annual Brunch, Fashion Show and Auction. Both events were well received by the many Friends of the Foundation, (FOF).

It is my pleasure to acknowledge and thank the WDCAF Board for their continued excellence and contributions to our successful fiscal year. I want to add a very special thanks to our outgoing Board members whose service has been instrumental in our growth and progress. I also extend a warm welcome to our new Board members and look forward to seeing what we can achieve together.

In closing, I thank you for being a dedicated supporter of WDCAF. Everything we are able to do is because of your generosity. We could not do this work without you and we are forever grateful.

On behalf of those we serve, the residents of the District of Columbia, we extend our most heartfelt thank you for your commitment to WDCAF.

With Gratitude,

Audrey M. Doman

President

COMMUNITY GRANTS



The Story of Our Schools (SOOS) is a nonprofit that partners with the District of Columbia school communities to empower students to research and uncover their school's history. SOOS will take their findings and build a permanent, museum-quality exhibit in the school lobby, which is shared with the broader community. Today these stories are being lost and with them a pathway for developing a cultural and historical understanding of Washington, D.C. The permanent exhibits cement history, become learning tools, and inspire future projects. SOOS has partnered with seven schools since our inception in 2015 and has 14 schools on its waitlist. SOOS completed its first high school partnership with Eastern High School in March 2023, ending in an extremely well-received, museum-quality exhibit depicting over 100 years of Eastern High School history. This partnership coincided with two milestones—the school building's centennial anniversary and an inaugural alumni hall of fame induction ceremony.

SOOS received a \$5,000 grant that was used toward the total cost of (\$14,250) for the creation of the Greensboro Four sit-in diner counter and installation. SSOS has received wonderful feedback about the "Eastern Voices" section of the exhibit that is depicted on the countertop surface. In this section the exhibit viewer learns how Eastern students have advocated for themselves and their school for over the last 100 years. SOOS highlighted notable civil rights activists who went to Eastern, including Franklin McCain as well as current day movements such as Black Lives Matter; LGBTQ rights and the gun reform urgency. The permanent exhibit includes student video documentaries, a Greensboro Four diner counter replica, significant alumni artifacts, historical photos, oral histories, archival research and more. The project received media coverage in several outlets, including the Washington Post .

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Generation Hope (GH) is a nonprofit that promotes education equity and assists teen parents in earning college degrees, while helping their children prepare for kindergarten. Its program, Generation Hope Scholar Program serves low-income, teen parents of color who are from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, helping them to achieve college completion and to secure jobs with sustaining wages by providing holistic wrap-around services including mental health, workforce development, and social services.

GH received a \$2,000 grant that was used to fund the cost of the Hope Coach staff, the case management professionals, who work daily with the Scholars to support them and their families. Through weekly communications and monthly meetings, Hope Coaches support their Scholars as they navigate the complexities of being a college student, raising a family working to support their family and much more. Generation Hope served 142 teen parents and their young families across the Washington, DC region with our Scholar Program. Generation Hope programming supported teen parents pursuing college completion, and their success through individualized case management, mentorship, tuition assistance, access to emergency funds, college and career support.

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Girls on the Run-DC, (GOTR-DC) is a nonprofit that serves to promote the social-economic and physical well being of economically disadvantage girls by integrating running into their daily lives. Its program, the Finish Line is Just the Beginning provides a 10-week program of after-school instruction for girls in grades 3-8, which is offered in spring and fall program sessions and promotes the 5Cs +1 (competence, confidence, connection, character, caring and contribution to the greater good). Each session is conducted by trained adult coaches that work with small teams at public and charter schools and recreation centers across all eight wards of Washington, D.C. and concludes with an in-spring , end of season 5K fun run that brings together the teams from across the city.

GOTR-DC had a remarkable year including the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 season. Over the last year, they have served 1, 393 girls on 107 teams across all 8 Wards of Washington, DC and portions of adjacent Prince George's County, Maryland. It is noteworthy that GOTR-DC is building back toward its pre-pandemic levels and accelerated the pace of growth in Fall 2022 to Spring 2033 by a 28% increase.

GOTR-DC received a \$5,000 grant that was used to fund 20 girls with program scholarships, thus granting access to the proven GOTR-DC program to a large cohort of girls who otherwise would not be able to afford the program. GOTR-DC is very grateful for the support of the WDCAF. "First and most importantly, your donation directly improved the lives of girls in Washington, DC who have very limited opportunities. In addition, having the support of the WDCAF serves as an endorsement of the work we are doing-it carries a prestige that helps us leverage additional funding support."



THELMA M. RANDALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation established the **Thelma M. Randall Memorial Scholarship** in 2016. Director Randall, a Texas native, graduate of Prairie View A&M University, and long-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.

WDCAF awarded scholarships this year to Ms. Shakayla Smith and Mr. Coleman Jones. Ms. Shakayla Smith, a graduate of Benjamin Banneker Academic High School with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 4.09, is attending North Carolina A&T State University majoring in Finance. Mr. Coleman Jones, a graduate of McKinley Technology High School with a cumulative GPA of 3.26, is attending Alabama A&M University majoring in Computer Science.

COLLABORATIVE VENTURES



WDCAF in collaboration with the **Washington DC Alumnae Chapter (WDCAC), Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** hosted the inaugural Heart and Soul Sneaker Ball to benefit community service programs, projects, and scholarships. Proceeds from this and other WDCAC collaborations awarded \$60,000 in scholarships during 2022-2023 sorority year.

Black Women in Architecture Network (BWAN) is a resource clearinghouse for the over 500 US licensed Black women architects, those aspiring to be architects, and other women in design, planning and allied professions in the US and around the world.

The Desiree V. Cooper (DVC) Memorial Scholarship seeks to honor the life and legacy of Desiree V. Cooper by championing causes she was passionate about in her professional career and personal endeavors. The Desiree V. Cooper (DVC) Memorial Scholarship Foundation was pleased to accept the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation President's Grant Fund of the Princeton Area Community Foundation. This grant allows the fund to increase the scholarship amounts given in its four categories and fund awards for the next three years. The Washington, D.C. Alumnae Foundation Inc. is providing the administration of this 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.

WORKPLACE GIVING

WDCAF has received significant support from the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Federal employees contribute via payroll deductions. Our designated CFC number is **52864**. Employee Matching Gifts are donations employers make to match their employees' charitable contributions.

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving included: (1) #GivingTuesday, a worldwide day of philanthropy on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and (2) Do More 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 the community.

Thank you to supporters for shopping on **AmazonSmile** and selecting the Foundation as your charity, as the program ended this year.



LVING YOUR BEST LIFE, DC

The **LVing Your Best Life, DC** Raffle & Soiree was an evening of mingling, dancing, and anticipation as attendees awaited the drawing of a \$5,000 Louis Vuitton gift card.

ANNUAL BREAKFAST, FASHION SHOW & AUCTION

WDCAF hosted its major fundraiser, the Annual Brunch, Fashion Show & Auction in December 2022 after a three-year hiatus due to the global pandemic. This major event draws long-time supporters, friends, and first-time guests. Marketed as a kick-off to the holiday season, a morning of fellowship, fun, food, and shopping has kept guests returning each year. The 2023 event is Saturday, December 2, 2023, at the Renaissance Hotel, 999 9th Street, NW, Washington DC 20005. Don't miss it! Visit our website www.wdcaf.org to purchase tickets.

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\$1,500.00

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THELMA M. RANDALL SCHOLARSHIP

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Marion Compton

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Welcome to newly elected Board members, Felicia Davis, Kiara Haughton, Crystal M. Hill, Roneal J. Josephs, Shamiah T. Kerney, and Kera Tyler. Sincere thanks to outgoing Board members, Deborah D. Singleton, Michelle Guthrie, Michelle L. Young, Vanness Hughes, Christopher McKnight, Thomas Blanton and Renee Lewis-Abbott.

SAVE THE DATE for our 2023-2024 EVENTS



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presents

33rd Annual Brunch, Fashion Show & Auction
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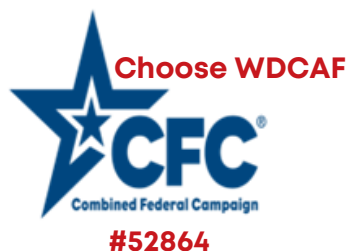
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10:30AM - 1:30PM

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