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Our 400+ nonprofit partners go through a rigorous vetting process: we harness the expertise of over 150 diverse community members to evaluate applicants and select the very best. When you see our "stamp of approval," you know the organizations that display it are making a positive difference locally; you know you can trust them ... and give with confidence.



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NATURE

While the presidential candidates debate (or refrain from debating) the Green New Deal – which would, among other things, eliminate carbon emissions and dependence on fossil fuels – local activists continue to focus on what can be done here at home to safeguard our natural world. For some, that means focusing on the assets we already have – extraordinary parks like Dumbarton Oaks and Rock Creek – and both caring for them and creating in them a culture of environmental stewardship that promises current and future preservation. For others, the

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focus is on our rivers, water, forests, and farmlands, on protecting and improving these natural resources so that they can serve our communities better. The movement in support of locally grown food and of community-supported agriculture that makes healthy, local produce available to those who would otherwise find it difficult to access, really

brings home the importance of having our farmlands live in harmony with our cities. And protecting our animals, both those we choose to live with (our dogs and cats) and those we do not (the squirrels in our attics) also means preserving biodiversity and living in harmony with other creatures. There's a lesson to be learned from all of this, a lesson about respect for what we have, about our responsibility to ourselves and to other beings, and about the way our world can nurture us – if we nurture it in return.



ROCK CREEK CONSERVANCY

Rock Creek meanders 33 miles through the Washington metropolitan area across local and state borders, through forested parkland and along busy roads, for habitat restoration; \$500: training near hiking trails, businesses, and backyards. But only one organization is solely dedicated to the creek and its parks, an area visited annually by more than two million people. A formal philanthropic partner to Rock Creek Park, the Conservancy protects the park by protecting the watershed - leveraging the park's popularity and empowering visitors and neighbors alike to explore, enjoy, and become stewards of this national treasure. Each year, more than 5,000 volunteers pick up trash, remove invasive species, and restore native habitat, while dozens of volunteer Stream Team leaders adopt sections of the creek for neighborhood-based stewardship. You too can be a steward for good – and ensure the park's health and beauty for this and future generations.

WISH LIST \$100: native plants and equipment for 1 Stream Team leader; \$1000: 1 wayfinding sign at a park trailhead

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ANACOSTIA WATERSHED SOCIETY

WISH LIST \$100: supplies to remove 7500 pounds of trash; \$500: river tour for a group of underserved youth; \$1000: cultivation of wild rice and wetland plants by local students

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The Anacostia River touches countless communities across the DC region before flowing into the Chesapeake Bay. Though it has suffered from generations of neglect, the promise of a healthy and clean river is within reach. Dedicated to the restoration of the watershed, AWS mobilizes the community to clean, protect, and reconnect with the river. Through hands-on service learning, it engages thousands of local students each year in planting wetland vegetation and cleaning up the shores; and it advocates on the river's behalf, seeking better stormwater controls and smarter green development. AWS also trains adults to become Watershed Stewards and Master Naturalists, empowering them as advocates for their communities' environmental health. Year-round events engage thousands more volunteers, and regular recreational, environmentally-friendly activities remind residents of the pleasure that (clean) rivers can bring. Your stewardship, and support, is the next essential resource.

DUMBARTON OAKS PARK CONSERVANCY

WISH LIST \$20: snacks and water for a volunteer event; \$500: environmental education program supplies; \$1000: reproduction of a Farrand-designed garden bench

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After decades of neglect, the DOPC was formed in 2010 to restore, promote, and maintain Dumbarton Oaks Park, now and for generations to come. In the heart of the city, the park is a 27-acre wild garden oasis designed in 1921 by Beatrix Farrand, America's first female landscape architect. Through a public-private partnership with Rock Creek Park, DOPC mobilizes a vast number of volunteers to remove invasive plants, mitigate urban stormwater, and engage the next generation of environmental stewards in the service of restoring Farrand's masterwork. Its Leave No Child Inside program engages vulnerable and disadvantaged youth in recreation, education, and stewardship that benefits the kids and the park. In all, more than 65,000 volunteer hours have helped restore 12 acres of meadows, waterfalls, woodlands, and historic structures. You can ensure this national treasure endures for yet another century.

MONTGOMERY COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE

WISH LIST \$100: 2 regenerative agriculture seminars for local farmers; \$500: 1 year of emails to mobilize supporters; \$1000: 2 educational field trips for 110 students

Caroline Taylor, Executive Director PO Box 24 Poolesville MD 20837 Tel 301 461 9831 cfp-dc.org/mca Every minute of every day, three acres of farmland disappear in the US. Deeply engaged in safeguarding Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve, MCA advocates for land and transportation policies that encourage farmland preservation, forest protection, and improved water quality – for the benefit of the entire region. MCA works to support current farmers and add to their ranks; to advocate for regenerative agriculture practices (those that enrich produce and improve, rather than degrade, the land); and to increase the presence of local food in area markets, restaurants, schools, and food banks. An online and printed agricultural guide, an elementary and high school education program, and regular testimony at local and state legislatures ensure that politicians, students, and the public are educated about the economic and social value of local farms, and the necessity of growing cities and farms in harmony.



Photographer Hannele Lahti, adogphotographer.com, Courtesy of City Dogs Rescue

CITY DOGS RESCUE

environment & animal services

WISH LIST \$100: spay or neuter procedure for a rescued dog or cat; \$500: fees to rescue 1 dog or cat from a high-kill shelter; \$1000: heartworm disease treatment for 2 dogs

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Since 2011, CDR has provided a lifeline to more than 3,700 dogs and 1,500 cats - animals that were just days or hours away from being euthanized for no reason other than lack of space. Working closely with high-kill shelters in rural communities with few resources, CDR rescues at-risk adoptable dogs and cats and finds them loving homes. Once a dog or cat is identified, a vast network of supporters (50,000+) raises funds for transportation to DC and for top-quality medical care, vaccinations, and spay/neutering procedures. A trained foster care provider offers companionship until a permanent home is found, usually thanks to social media campaigns, dynamic adoption events, or CDR's popular volunteer dog-walking program. Demand for these services is huge ... and so are the rewards. You can save a companion animal's life and bring unconditional love into a home today.

CITY WILDLIFE

WISH LIST \$100: special foods (berries, seafood, invertebrates) for wildlife patients; \$500: instrument for cutting surgical pins; \$1000: stainless steel surgical table and lamp

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City Wildlife is the only wildlife rehabilitation organization in DC, welcoming more than 1,800 sick, injured, and orphaned wild animals through its doors each year. Many are delivered by DC Animal Care and Control, but over half - birds, turtles, rabbits, possums - are brought in by the kind people who find them and want to help. At its fully equipped Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic, a licensed wildlife veterinarian oversees the animals' care, assisted by staff technicians and some 50 volunteers, with the goal of returning the animals to the wild. City Wildlife also serves as a critical resource to anyone hoping humanely to resolve conflicts with wild animals (like squirrels in the attic) and runs volunteer science projects (Lights Out DC and Duck Watch) to directly assist wildlife in the field. Your investment supports biodiversity, protects species ... and saves lives.

ECO CITY FARMS

WISH LIST \$100: 5 weeks of healthy produce for 1 family; \$500: tools to improve planting and harvesting; \$1000: community harvest event for 50 local residents

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The only entity of its kind in Prince George's County, ECO is an urban teaching farm that grows great food while restoring the environment and the health of local communities. In two working-class Port Towns neighborhoods, where healthy food is scarce, ECO converted neglected lands into community assets: farms that provide affordable, fresh produce through a Community Supported Agriculture program (a weekly, in-season "farm share") and at the Riverdale Farmers Market. It also offers a host of programs to inspire the next generation of urban farmers, eaters, and activists: children from 10 area public schools engage in on-farm environmental education; teens gain valuable skills through a summer employment program; aspiring urban farmers receive training and support through ECO's apprenticeships and certification coursework. Yearround, hundreds of people attend events and activities, learning the benefits of locally-grown, chemical-free food ... and responsible stewardship.



CULTURE

The DC region is extraordinarily rich in cultural resources that have made it a destination for people throughout the US and around the world. But making the arts accessible to all residents can be a challenge, even with the best intentions. For families who rarely travel outside their neighborhoods, the city can seem like another world, even another country. So, building the cultural infrastructure of surrounding locations – the only theater in Dulles, a

the arts invite us to share in a common, if diverse, heritage children's chorus in Frederick – and of neighborhoods like H Street and Adams Morgan just makes sense, as does offering the arts in non-traditional and sometimes surprising venues. The organizations featured in this Catalogue bring their creative talents to retirement homes, community centers, empty warehouses, and homeless shelters where their offerings become acces-

sible to people who would not otherwise experience them. But why does this matter? Because if we believe in a city, and in a region, where equity of access is the sign and signal of our commitment to diversity and inclusion, then our arts must embody this. Besides, in the current moment there is something especially resonant about the fact that the arts invite us to enter fully into worlds created by others, to share in a common, if diverse, heritage. And they encourage our human agency and creativity while developing our capacity for empathy. In a divisive world, finding inspiring new ways to say who we are, and powerful new ways to learn about others, not only makes sense, it becomes a moral imperative.



NEXTSTOP THEATRE COMPANY

Before each show at NextStop Theatre, audience members are invited to turn and greet the people around them. This small gesture represents what NextStop is all about: building community and connection. The only profes- for 1 student; \$1000: 1 professional sional theater company in the Dulles Corridor, it employs more than 100 professional artists each year, presenting six mainstage productions with completely diverse styles and themes - from beloved literary classics to contemporary hip-hop musicals. Every holiday season, 30 budding actors work alongside the professional company to present a show for young audiences, with complimentary tickets benefiting local community groups. Add special events (improv, cabarets, readings) and year-round educational programs (including fun, affordable Summer Adventure Theater camps) and it's easy to see why NextStop is rapidly growing into a theatrical institution in the Town of Herndon and beyond. Your patronage helps set the stage.

WISH LIST \$100: costumes for 2 actors; \$500: summer theater camp actor's stipend for a production

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CAPITALBOP

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WISH LIST \$100: poster printing for a major show; \$500: production cost for 1 Loft show; \$1000: editorial costs for 1 month of capitalbop.com content

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Declared "DC's sentry guards at the cutting edge of jazz" by Washington City Paper, CapitalBop is dedicated to presenting, promoting, and preserving jazz in the District. From the start, it has served as both an online resource and presenter of innovative shows. Capitalbop.com lists every upcoming jazz event in the area, complemented by a steady stream of articles (artist interviews, profiles of unsung jazz heroes, reviews, and more) that aim to welcome audiences of all kinds. Likewise, its monthly DC Jazz Loft concerts, educational events, and other shows adopt a diverse and often unorthodox approach — whether presenting in an empty warehouse or art gallery, pairing innovative international artists with DC's finest local musicians, or showcasing young and experimental talent. This year, dozens of shows will reach thousands of audience members, united in appreciation for this historic, dynamic genre. Feel the vibe!

ATLAS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

WISH LIST \$500: microphones and cables for performances; \$1500: City at Peace program for 1 student; \$2500: ASTAP apprenticeship for 1 adult

Douglas E Yeuell, Executive Director 1333 H Street NE Washington DC 20002 Tel 202 399 7993 ext 160 cfp-dc.org/atlasarts A once-abandoned movie theater complex in Northeast DC reopened in 2006 as the Atlas: a multidisciplinary, community-based venue where artists and audiences connect through dance, theater, music, and more. As the H Street Corridor's cultural anchor, the Atlas brings dozens of thought-provoking and affordable performances to its four stages each year. That's in addition to the 85 collaborative shows, workshops, and classes that take place at its annual INTERSECTIONS Festival. Throughout the year, resident arts partners utilize the venue at discounted rates, allowing them to channel resources toward outstanding arts programming. The Atlas Stagecraft and Apprenticeship Program (ASTAP) trains adults to become professional stage hands, while the City at Peace program helps youth explore social justice and conflict resolution — and inspires a new generation of performing artists. This arts mecca draws 100,000+ patrons each year. Applause, please.

ENCORE STAGE & STUDIO

WISH LIST \$500: sets for 1
production; \$1000: scholarship for a
3-week musical theater conservatory
program; \$1500: inclusion
training for 1 teaching artist

Sara Duke, Executive Director 4000 Lorcom Lane Arlington VA 22207 Tel 703 548 1154 cfp-dc.org/encore A theater company that puts the process of creating theater into the hands of young people, Encore has produced 223 plays for over 375,000 audience members – and every role has been performed by an actor under the age of 18. A summer musical welcomes high school and college performers itching to return to their artistic home. Technical crew positions offer expert training in props, lighting, effects, and stage management. Year–round classes and a summer drama program help kids hone their skills, while older students hold coveted internships. Partnering with an affordable housing complex, a grocery distribution program, and a county office assisting homeless children, Encore offers movement and creative play, theater and craft activities, and creative arts summer camps, extending its good work into the community. Leadership, creativity, and teamwork are all part of the creative process.



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SITAR ARTS CENTER

WISH LIST \$100: paint, brushes, canvases; \$500: 1 month of weekly Teen Nights with career workshops, college prep, and field trips; \$1000: semester of unlimited arts classes for 1 student

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Since first opening in the basement of a subsidized-housing building, Sitar has grown into a world-class, multidisciplinary arts center in Adams Morgan serving 950 students annually, 80% of whom come from low-income families. Many, quite simply, grow up at Sitar, where they are empowered to unlock their talents and find their voices. Babies and toddlers attend early childhood arts classes; older children come for music, dance, theater, and visual arts and, in the summer, for a six-week arts camp; teens and young adults hone their skills through classes, internships, and leadership development. All of this is made possible by a 100-person teaching faculty and eight arts partners (the Washington Ballet, NSO, and others), while an innovative collaboration with neighborhood service providers gives Sitar families access to the support they need. All of this with the aid of allies ... like you.

TRAVELING PLAYERS ENSEMBLE

WISH LIST \$100: half-tank of fuel for 1 bus to camp; \$500: a week of Acting Sampler camp for 1 child; \$1000: meals for 16 actors during a 1-week outdoor performance tour

Jeanne E Harrison, Founder & Producing Artistic Director PO Box 1315 Great Falls VA 22066 Tel 703 987 1712 cfp-dc.org/tpe Inspired by the origins of classical theater, when troupes of actors roamed the countryside, Traveling Players Ensemble fuses great theater with the great outdoors ... while nurturing the creativity, skills, and talents of young actors. Serving a performing arts community of over 800 kids (grades 3–12), programs are varied – including summer camps, weekend immersion courses, and 10-week classes during the school year – and almost all incorporate TPE's signature touring feature. Actors camp out, swim, and hike, but also rehearse and perform the classics, often outdoors or in nontraditional venues like hospitals and libraries. While exploring Shakespeare and Molière, kids learn self-expression, physical health, teamwork, and professionalism. TPE boasts a 70% student retention rate, and scholarships ensure that any committed young actor can join. All the world's a stage ... and for these kids, you can play an important part.

FREDERICK CHILDREN'S CHORUS

WISH LIST \$100: 12 classes for a Little Music Maker; \$500: a year of Chamber Singers for 1 student; \$5000: a year of Little Music Makers for 1 low-income school

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Music programs have been shown to positively affect children's emotional wellbeing and academic success – yet in many communities, they remain a luxury. In Frederick County (where only half of the public middle schools teach choral music) Frederick Children's Chorus is dedicated to helping children experience the joy and benefits of choral singing. Each year, over 100 students ages 8-18 engage in four levels of participation: first learning the fundamentals of choral music and musical notation in two Training Choruses, then delving into the finer points of music theory and vocal performance in Concert Chorus and Chamber Singers. In Little Music Makers, an additional 50 children (ages 3-8) develop foundational skills through singing songs, playing instruments, and participating in creative movement. Tuition is affordable, with scholarships available for families in need – thanks to supporters like you.



CREATE ARTS CENTER

Located in downtown Silver Spring, CREATE provides high quality, affordable arts education and art therapy programs that are as diverse as the community it serves. Professional teaching artists offer classes on site for all ages – in an eclectic array of mediums (from collage to cartooning) – and lead customized programs at retirement homes, community centers, homeless shelters, and more. At local elementary schools, the free smARTkids program brings after-school arts education to at-risk students (most are low-income, non-native English speakers), building critical thinking skills, creativity, discipline, and confidence. And CREATE's art therapy services encourage healing while offering emotional support to people struggling with severe challenges, including cancer survivors, veterans, and those living with autism. Having just moved into a beautiful, bigger space, CREATE is growing – a new art gallery features free public exhibits, artist talks, and workshops. Won't you join in?

WISH LIST \$50: arts education class for 1 low-income child; \$100: art scholarship for a budding young artist; \$500: 8 group art therapy sessions for 1 participant

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CREATIVE CAULDRON

WISH LIST: \$150: 8 weeks of after-school classes for 1 student; \$650: Musical Theater pre-professional training for 1 child; \$1000: 6-week Arts Adventure camp for 1 child

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Since 2002, Creative Cauldron has provided innovative, inclusive, affordable arts education to the Greater Washington community, annually offering 200+ performances of live theater and music, 60% of which involve casts of young people. At its home venue, teaching artists, directors, designers, and performers strengthen students' artistic and technical skills. In the Learning Theater Ensemble, youth team up with experienced actors and directors, receiving intensive mentoring throughout an extended performance run. Musical Theater offers pre-professional voice and dance training for middle and high schoolers who perform alongside the professionals. Together with studio classes for young children (acting, improv, set design), a six-week summer camp, free workshops and camp enrollments for kids who can't afford them, off-site programs at local schools, tickets for veterans, and outings for limited-income seniors and intellectually disabled citizens, some 15,000 people enrich this creative community each year.

THE MUSICIANSHIP

WISH LIST \$100: 1 school year of instrument rental for 1 student; \$500: 6-week summer program for 1 child; \$1000: Master Class for 100 4th and 5th graders

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The MusicianShip offers high-quality music education to the kids who need it most – those living in high-poverty areas where access to the arts and out-of-school programming is limited. After school at five public and public charter schools, students receive daily, free vocal and instrumental music instruction, ensemble development, and mentoring. Interactive Master Class field trips, taught by world-renowned musicians, reach another 700 students across DC. And the beat continues throughout the summer, with all-city marching band and choral programs. Having recently acquired a number of music programs at risk of dissolving, The MusicianShip is the new home for outstanding initiatives like the Washington Youth Choir, the Wammie Awards show, and the DC Funk Parade. This ambitious organization is dedicated to preserving and enhancing DC's cultural and musical heritage ... with youth leading the charge.

INTERACT STORY THEATRE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

WISH LIST \$125: workshop for 1 classroom of budding playwrights; \$500: drama workshops for 1 grade at a Title I school; \$1000: 1 Wheaton Family Theatre Series program

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InterAct Story Theatre creates original, interactive plays designed expressly for kids and the grownups who love them. Through its professional touring theatre and extensive arts education programs, InterAct's merry band of performers and teaching artists weaves together drama, music, dance, and creative opera with content curricula for all ages, reaching over 100 schools and education centers throughout the region each year. Meanwhile, community programs like the popular monthly Wheaton Family Theatre Series (free and open to the public) give families the opportunity to engage in live theater, and the annual KidStory Theatre Festival features original creative writing by kids, for kids. InterAct designs all its programs to reflect the lived experiences of the diverse community it serves, sparking conversations and connections that unlock children's creativity, empathy, and learning. You can give the magic of theater to even more young audiences.



EDUCATION

Since 1990, when the US ranked sixth in the world for levels of education and health, it has dropped a stunning 21 spots, according to a study out of the University of Washington. One explanation is the decline in spending on education which, according to US News, has fallen 3% in recent years while the population has grown 1%. The gap might not seem that big or that disturbing, but the numbers stand in sharp contrast to nations where education spending has grown dramatically—for example by 25% in the UK between 2014 and 2018. The recent-

the US has dropped a stunning 21 spots for levels of health and education ly passed budget for DCPS reflects a 2.2 percent increase in per-pupil expenditure, but costs are expected to rise almost twice that. Montgomery County successfully fought its battle for a fully-funded school budget, but across the region a stubborn problem remains. More affluent neighborhoods receive a greater

proportion of the funding than poorer ones, and minority neighborhoods bear the brunt of this uneven distribution. It's no wonder, then, that organizations like the ones featured here step in to help the young people whose lives, and futures, depend on getting a good education. A number of them focus on middle school, with enhanced programming for girls, mentoring for boys, enrichment programs in history and in the arts, and entrepreneurship programs for all. Planning for post-secondary success and work on adult literacy says clearly that education is an ongoing process — one that deserves our investment and support.



HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT

Dedicated to closing the opportunity gap, Higher Achievement serves more than 500 academically motivated middle-schoolers from under-resourced communities, providing them with rigorous year-round learning, caring role models, and a culture of high expectations. All students participate in the program's three components – a serious commitment that results in college-bound scholars with the character, confidence, and skills to succeed. At the Afterschool Academy, volunteer mentors offer tutoring and small-group instruction three times per week, paired with a hands-on, educational elective – and a healthy supper. To combat learning loss, a six-week Summer Academy includes core academic classes as well as field trips and college visits. And finally, high school placement services help scholars advance to college-preparatory schools. 95% of participants graduate from high school on time (compared with 68% citywide). For these determined scholars, your help means success in high school and beyond.

WISH LIST \$100: Summer Academy supplies for 5 scholars; \$500: 3-day college trip for 4 scholars; \$1000: field trip for 80 scholars

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READING PARTNERS

WISH LIST \$100: take-home books for 20 young readers; \$500: Read Aloud Library for 1 reading center; \$1000: a full school year of programming for 1 student

> Karen Gardner, Senior Executive Director PO Box 63695 Washington DC 20029 Tel 202 701 9110 cfp-dc.org/reading

Economically disadvantaged students across DC struggle to keep pace with their peers in reading proficiency. In 2017, fewer than 22% who were eligible for free or reduced-priced lunch were at grade level for literacy and language arts — a disturbing statistic indeed. But Reading Partners is dedicated to reversing the trend, providing its transformational literacy program to 925 young readers each year at 19 Title I elementary schools across the District. It creates welcoming reading centers stocked with books, and trains 40–100 volunteers per school to provide, with on-site support from trained AmeriCorps members, one-on-one instruction that follows a research-based curriculum. All children have Individualized Reading Plans, and regular assessments measure their progress — and reveal impressive results. Last year, 88% of students met or exceeded their year-end goals for literacy growth. Your support opens books, and worlds, for these deserving kids.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

WISH LIST \$100: 10 books for the school library; \$500: breakfast and lunch for 100 students; \$1000: expenses for 3 field trips for 1 class

> Dr Beth Reaves, President 1901 Mississippi Avenue SE Washington DC 20020 Tel 202 678 1113 cfp-dc.org/wsg

In Washington's Anacostia neighborhood the high school graduation rate is only 50%, while rates for poverty, crime, and teen pregnancy are the highest in the city. WSG is committed to meeting the community's needs – and to transforming the lives of girls in its care. The approach is holistic and personal, with a year-round academic program, small class sizes, after-school tutoring, high-quality enrichment activities, and extra support and counseling for students who are struggling, whether personally, financially, or academically. The Graduate Support Program guides students as they transition to high school, college, and beyond. The only tuition-free, independent, private Catholic school for elementary and middle school girls (92% are non-Catholic) in DC, WSG's students have a 99% graduation rate and an 80% post-secondary and college enrollment rate. This exceptional school makes a world of difference in young women's lives.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE

WISH LIST \$100: 2-hour program for 14 students; \$1000: transportation and program for 25 DCPS students; \$2500: international summit on slavery for 1 student

Erin Carlson Mast, CEO & Executive Director 3700 North Capitol Street NW, Box 558 Washington DC 20011 Tel 202 618 3403 cfp-dc.org/lincoln President Lincoln did much of his nation-changing work (including developing the Emancipation Proclamation) at a cottage in northwest Washington. Since opening to the public on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in 2008, the Cottage continues its legacy as "a home for brave ideas." Daily tours, exhibits, educational programs, and events welcome over 30,000 visitors annually, including 5,000 students. Programs are free for DC public and charter schools, and for Title I schools in Virginia and Maryland. The award-winning Students Opposing Slavery program brings together youth from around the world to learn about slavery's history – and to develop actionable plans to fight human trafficking today. Using past histories to address present-day challenges, this innovative home redefines what a National Monument can be.



LEARNSERVE INTERNATIONAL

Through the power of social entrepreneurship, LearnServe equips DC-area middle and high school students with the knowledge and skills to tackle our world's pressing social challenges. LearnServe Fellows design and launch their own social action projects to benefit their neighborhoods and schools. The most promising ideas receive additional training and compete for seed funding to maximize their impact in the LearnServe Incubator. In-school programming incorporates social entrepreneurship into the everyday classroom, providing teachers with specialized curricula, materials, volunteers, and more. And summer learning trips abroad give students global experience as they work alongside local leaders to implement relevant, practical volunteer projects. Since 2003, more than 4,000 people have participated in these programs, which include 54 new social ventures benefiting DC communities. Young people are eager to change our world for the better. Let's give them that chance.

WISH LIST \$100: seed grant for 1 student-led social venture; \$500: 1 week of expenses for a service trip abroad; \$1000: 1 year of social entrepreneurship training for 1 student

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COLLEGE TRIBE

WISH LIST: \$100: supplies
(notebooks, pens, markers) for the
mentoring program; \$500: DC
Robotics Tournament expenses for
5 boys; \$1000: tablets for 10 students

Peter Clare, Executive Director 3845 South Capitol Street SW Washington DC 20032 Tel 202 679 1428 cfp-dc.org/tribe College Tribe's model is as unique as it is critical: Black men mentoring Black boys and creating STEAM leaders in Wards 7 and 8. Founded in 2007 by four African American fathers, the mentoring program cultivates strong bonds between boys (grades 3–8) and men who look like them, believe in them, and model success, respect, and integrity. Twice a month, mentors and mentees meet in small groups for seminars, tutoring, and field trips. Many also take part in College Tribe's after-school and summer STEAM programs, which include nine-week courses in computer engineering, solar energy, robotics, video game design, and more, at four local public schools. Boys learn to think critically and develop skills for promising careers ... all in the company of peers and role models. Reaching 80 boys each year, College Tribe is ready to grow. You can help.

KID POWER

WISH LIST \$100: 1 year of transportation for tutoring and mentoring activities; \$500: school garden supplies for a full year; \$1000: full semester of after-school programming for 1 student

Andria Tobin, Executive Director 400 E Street SW Washington DC 20024 Tel 202 309 4650 cfp-dc.org/kidpower Every weekday, Kid Power works with Title I DC Public Schools to provide daily academic and enrichment programming to 425 students (99% of whom qualify for free or reduced-price lunch). But this isn't your average after-school program. After Academic Power Hour (mentoring and tutoring with college staff and high school volunteers), a rotating series of enrichment activities focuses on building students' civic engagement, leadership, and healthy behaviors. Urban gardens are paired with lessons in nutrition, cooking, and environmental science; history and citizenship lessons offer a real-life perspective through Kid Power Congress and service-learning projects; art classes integrate wellness principles like mindfulness and self-expression. Together with a five-week Summer Leadership Academy and monthly in-school wellness programming, Kid Power reaches 1,000 students each year. These kids will power our future. You can power them!

FREE MINDS BOOK CLUB & WRITING WORKSHOP

WISH LIST \$50: birthday cards for youth incarcerated far from home; \$100: 1 set of books for a DC Jail session; \$500: job readiness and skill-building apprenticeship for 1 youth

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Free Minds uses books and creative writing to empower incarcerated youth and adults, awakening them to their own potential. During biweekly workshops at New Beginnings Youth Development Center (for teens) and the DC Jail (for adults), Free Minds members read stories and poetry that reflect their lives – and then learn to write (and even publish) their own. After sentencing, when members move on to federal prisons across the country, Free Minds sends cards, newsletters, books, and feedback on their poetry. The re-entry program offers a weekly book club and writing workshops, apprenticeships, and job skills training to help members achieve their goals for a successful homecoming. In 2018, Free Minds served more than 900 individuals and achieved a recidivism rate of just 13%, compared to the national average of 75% for young adults – an extraordinary achievement. Your support turns lives around.



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DC ARTS AND HUMANITIES EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE

WISH LIST \$100: arts and humanities learning experience for 4 students; \$500: field trip transportation for 1 class; \$1000: teaching artist for 1 classroom

Lissa Rosenthal-Yoffe, Executive Director 975 F Street NW Washington DC 20004 Tel 202 470 6467 ext 3 cfp-dc.org/dccollab Tens of thousands of children from across the globe visit DC's museums and theaters each year, yet budget constraints often prevent local students from taking advantage of their hometown's resources. So the DC Collaborative partners with 115 cultural institutions to help schools gain access to our vibrant arts world. Offering a wide range of programs to students, and arts and humanities education workshops to teachers, teaching artists, principals, and others, the Collaborative also makes registration, tickets, and transportation easy. More than 700,000 children have benefited from these programs since 1998; this year alone, nearly 50,000 students from 160 schools will attend cultural field trips and free in-school performances and workshops. After all, visiting the Kennedy Center or the Washington Ballet for the first time, or having a professional artist right in your classroom, can be an unforgettable experience. Let's keep the arts and humanities alive – for every student.

SCHOLARCHIPS

WISH LIST \$100: care packages for 5 scholars, including school supplies; \$500: annual book awards for 2 scholars; \$10,000: 4 years of scholarships for 1 student

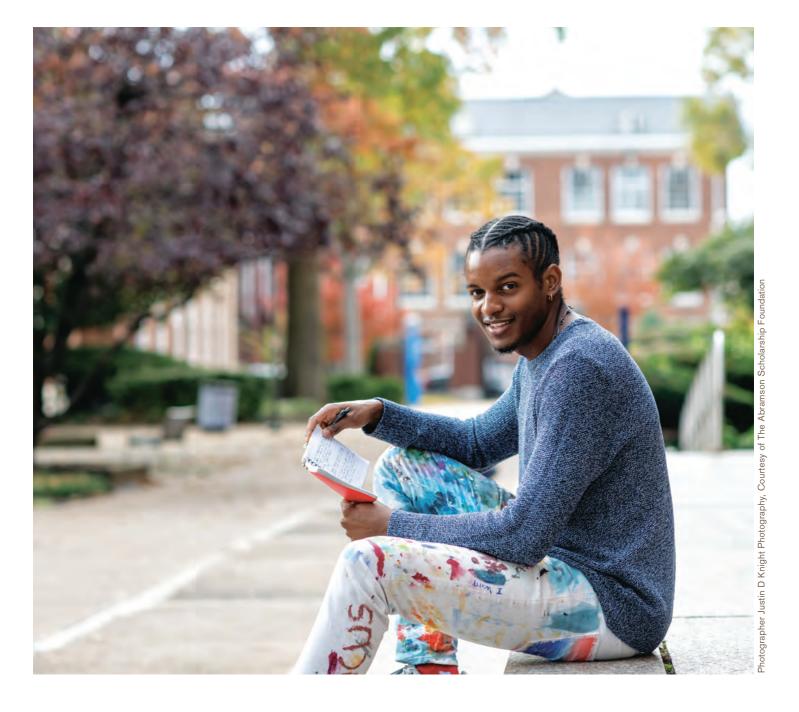
Yasmine Arrington, Founder & Executive Director PO Box 56404 Washington DC 20040 Tel 202 813 5756 cfp-dc.org/chips Though she searched for financial aid to support her college education, Yasmine Arrington couldn't find a scholarship program for a student like her – a teen with an incarcerated parent. Therefore, she created ScholarCHIPS, which today supports some 30 motivated young people each year. High school guidance counselors help identify applicants and selected scholars receive annual support – renewable \$2,500 scholarships and \$250 book awards for up to four years if they maintain good academic standing. ScholarCHIPS also provides one-on-one mentoring, professional development workshops, and a support network designed to help scholars persist in school and graduate. Remarkably, at least 90% of them do, overcoming the financial barriers and social stigma that so many children of incarcerated parents experience. Your support gives these scholars a fighting chance at going to and succeeding in college – and at the lifelong benefits that brings.

EDU-FUTURO

WISH LIST \$100: childcare for a parenting class; \$500: 1 robot for the Robotics Club; \$1000: college visit for 75 high school students

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Pursuing your dream college is challenging for anyone. Now, imagine being the first in your family to do so, and grappling with financial and language barriers at the same time. Working with under-resourced Latino and immigrant families throughout Northern Virginia, Edu-Futuro offers free, Spanish-English bilingual programs to inspire a new generation of leaders. Each year, some 440 students work toward graduation through the multi-stage, after-school Emerging Leaders Program: middle schoolers build STEM skills through handson robotics; high schoolers engage in leadership development, mentorships, and more; and rising seniors receive year-long support as they navigate college applications and enrollment. Parents are empowered, too, through a suite of programs – from workforce development to parenting classes – that help them secure employment, adapt to life in the US, and fully advocate for themselves and their children. Education is the pathway to success. Help pave the way.



THE ABRAMSON SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

As college tuition costs soar, young people living in poverty are increasingly unable to afford higher education. So the Abramson Scholarship Foundation steps in, determined to give motivated public high school graduates in DC the opportunity to attend college – and the tools to succeed once they get there. Each spring, the Foundation selects a new cohort of scholars based on financial need (40% are from families earning \$30,000 a year or less), academic achievement, and community service; all are recent high school graduates enrolled in four-year colleges. Scholars receive annual, renewable scholarships throughout their college years, along with a comprehensive mentoring program that includes professional development workshops, internship placement, networking events, and more. While only 40% of DC students finish college, Abramson Scholars boast a 95% graduation rate. These kids are ready to accomplish great things. You provide the opportunity.

WISH LIST \$100: materials for 1 professional development workshop; \$500: care packages for all Scholars; \$1000: a year of mentoring for 1 Scholar

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FUTURE LINK

WISH LIST \$100: textbook for a low-income student; \$500: business skills workshop for 25 students; \$1000: 3-month student internship stipend (matched by employer)

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For many young adults, the route from high school to college is strewn with financial obstacles and daunting choices. Now imagine making that transition as a first-generation, remedial-level student facing challenges like homelessness, trauma, and poverty. Each year, Future Link works with 300 vulnerable Montgomery County youth, helping them navigate the path to a promising career. The multi-year program kicks off with a 15-week college level seminar that empowers students and equips them with essential workplace skills. Next comes a suite of individualized services – mentorships, paid internships, scholarships, professional networks – to help students finish college or trade school and advance professionally. Impressively, participants hold a 70% academic persistence rate – higher than the county average for all students. Each year, dozens attain college degrees, professional certifications, and full-time employment. For youth fighting the odds, your support opens doors.

LITERACY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

WISH LIST \$100: training for 2 new volunteer instructors; \$500: 12-week family learning program for a mother and her children; \$1000: beginning-level English books for 1 class

Roopal Mehta Saran, Executive Director 2124 Great Falls Street Falls Church VA 22042 Tel 703 237 0866 ext 102 cfp-dc.org/lcnv Hailing from 81 different countries and speaking 52 different languages, 1,500 adult learners come to LCNV each year to learn the basics of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English. A dedicated team of 450 volunteers delivers beginning-level English classes while concurrently introducing learners to important resources related to voting, employment, finances, health, and more. Many students progress into advanced, skill-based classes, or join Destination Workforce, a new program that builds the foundational literacy and soft skills needed to obtain and succeed in entry-level jobs. In partnership with public schools, a family literacy program provides English instruction for parents while their children read, write, and get help with their homework. LCNV served its 50,000th learner in 2018, and demand continues to grow. For our immigrant neighbors, English opens doors to education, employment, community engagement – and to greater understanding.

LITERACY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY

WISH LIST \$100: 10 workbooks for weekly tutoring sessions; \$500: training materials for 25 volunteers; \$1000: 10-week English life skills class for hospitality workers

Laurie Fisher, Executive Director 110 E Patrick Street Frederick MD 21701 Tel 301 600 2066 cfp-dc.org/literacyfrederick In the US, 36 million adults struggle to read and write simple English. Responding to this critical challenge, the Literacy Council offers free, confidential, one-on-one reading and English language instruction to adult learners in Frederick County, 90% of whom are non-native English speakers. Group classes help students further hone their skills, providing additional coursework in pronunciation, writing, civics, and computers. On-the-job classes at small businesses, such as hotels and restaurants, make attendance easier for employees working multiple shifts or even multiple jobs. And the Literacy Council regularly offers extra support for learners who need assistance with GED prep, citizenship tests, social services applications, and more. Last year, 162 volunteers provided 17,500 hours of service to 262 learners. Illiteracy is a multi-generational challenge: a mother's reading level is the greatest determinant of her child's academic success. Let's break the cycle.



HUMAN SERVICES

A recent UN report on poverty in the US – described as "scathing" by the Washington Post – attributes the problem both to neglect of the issue going back decades, and to policies in the last year that "remove ... basic protections from the poorest." The report offers some staggering statistics: 40 million Americans live in poverty; nearly a fifth are children (over 13 million) and just over a fifth are homeless on any given night; the US has the highest rate both of youth

we can provide compassionate care for those who need it most

poverty and infant mortality among developed nations. It is thus no surprise that many of the organizations featured here are dealing with challenges that, by rights, a developed nation and land of opportunity should not have. They address "food deserts" in our neighborhoods and food insecurity among schoolchildren, prevent, ease, or end homelessness

(gentrification has dramatically increased the cost of housing in the District – now the third most expensive market in the country), create opportunities for play that homeless children desperately need, find housing for LGBTQ homeless youth as well as for victims of domestic violence and for adult children with psychiatric disabilities, and offer suicide prevention services (suicide is the second leading cause of death among teens), and medical care for veterans and the uninsured. Also much in the news this year has been the disturbing problem of sexual abuse, and Catalogue charities address this as well: providing care for assault survivors and those who have suffered domestic violence or trafficking abuse. When the government steps out, these organizations step in, providing compassionate care for those who need it most.



NOURISH NOW

In Montgomery County, an estimated 60,000 people struggle to get enough to eat. Yet more than 50 million pounds of food are wasted in the county each year. Nourish Now seizes the opportunity, rescuing unused, fresh food from over 160 licensed food providers (restaurants, caterers, distributors) and donating it to more than 70 food assistance organizations. Every month, over 700 families receive prepared meals, fresh produce, bread, and dairy products, along with canned goods from local food drives. Clients can also sit down with a Food Security Advisor, who makes sure they have enough to eat for the whole month. The benefits are manifold: nonprofit partners save money (food is provided free of charge); clients receive healthy, fresh goods; and instead of packing our landfills, this food nourishes our neighbors. It's a winning partnership all around.

WISH LIST \$100: 5-day food supply for 5 households; \$500: 1 week of healthy snacks for local students; \$1000: expenses for recovering 1200 pounds of unused, fresh food

Brett Meyers, Founder & Executive Director 1111 Taft Street Rockville MD 20850 Tel 301 330 0222 cfp-dc.org/nourishnow basic needs, food, & housing

FELLOWSHIP SQUARE

WISH LIST \$100: 10 gift cards for emergency groceries; \$500: 2 sets of prescription eyeglasses; \$1000: wheelchairs for 6 residents

Christy Zeitz, CEO 11260 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 20 Reston VA 20190 Tel 703 860 2536 cfp-dc.org/fellowship One in three Americans over age 65 spends over a third of their income on housing. If you are a low-income individual, that leaves hardly enough for food, transportation, or medical expenses. So Fellowship Square operates four housing properties in three DC-area communities, providing affordable homes (the average monthly rent is \$327) to some 800 low-income individuals ages 62 and older. At each house, a Resident Services Coordinator helps tenants access a full range of support services and resources available through Fellowship Square or other organizations – whether they need help reviewing social security benefits, enrolling in Meals on Wheels, or securing a new walker. A gift fund helps cover emergency expenses, and more than 650 volunteers and community partners offer meals, entertainment, social activities, and educational programming. Your support helps seniors age in place, with dignity and independence.

ALIVE!

WISH LIST \$100: 1000 meals for Alexandrians facing hunger; \$500: emergency rental assistance for 1 family; \$1000: a month of early education and childcare for 1 preschooler

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Through its extraordinary network of partners and volunteers, ALIVE! provides emergency and basic needs support for Alexandrians facing hunger, eviction, job loss, homelessness, health crises, and other emergencies. Last year alone, 805 households received assistance for rent, utilities, prescriptions, and other critical needs; more than 28,000 individuals benefited from ALIVE!'s food distribution programs; and over 2,100 low-income families received donations of furniture and housewares. What's more, ALIVE! provided shelter for 11 homeless women and their children while helping them work toward permanent housing. And last but not least, the year-round preschool provides high-quality care and education for over 40 at-risk children annually. Since volunteers lead and staff many of these programs (delivering food, driving the furniture truck, reading to children), a full 90% of ALIVE's budget directly supports our neighbors in need. Let's keep this humanitarian powerhouse alive ... and thriving.

KIDS IN NEED DISTRIBUTORS

WISH LIST \$100: 30 weekend food bags; \$600: 50 whole turkeys for holiday distribution; \$10,000: 1 year of weekend food bags for 75 students

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The evidence is clear: when kids eat regular, healthy meals, their grades, test scores, and school behavior improve. But in Montgomery County, where one in three students qualifies for free and reduced-price meals, thousands of children go home without food for the weekend. KIND fills the gap: every six weeks, it mobilizes a workforce of 150+ volunteers to purchase and transport carloads of non-perishable food to 26 participating schools. School personnel, volunteers, and students come together to stuff bags for distribution – providing some 3,000 K-8 students with 285,000 weekend meals each year. Guidance counselors help identify students for the program, make sure they receive their "care packages" discreetly, and use the opportunity to informally check in and see if additional support is needed. KIND expands each year, but currently reaches just 15% of Montgomery County schools. Let's help it grow.



BETHESDA CARES

Bethesda Cares works to prevent, ease, and end homelessness throughout Montgomery County. For some clients, homelessness is a difficult but transitory state, while for others living on the streets is ... a way of life. Through street outreach and a drop-in center (where people often gather for warmth and coffee), staff slowly and methodically work to build clients' trust. Many then choose to join the daily meal program, use the showers and clothing closet, and access counseling and, ultimately, assistance with housing placement. Once housing is secured, a specialist steps in to connect clients to social services and to ensure a successful transition. For people who have housing but could lose it because of financial crises, small grants (sent directly to landlords or utility providers) prevent eviction, keeping hundreds of our neighbors safely housed each year. Your support shows you care too.

WISH LIST \$100: winter coats, hand warmers, long underwear, and blankets for 5 clients; \$500: grants to help 3 clients pay rent or utilities; \$1000: first-month housing deposit for 1 client

John Mendez, Executive Director 7728 Woodmont Avenue Bethesda MD 20814 Tel 301 907 9244 cfp-dc.org/bcares basic needs, food, & housing

WANDA ALSTON FOUNDATION

WISH LIST \$100: 1 week's transportation (to school, work, appointments) for 4 youth; \$500: new beds/dressers for 2 residents; \$1000: 2 computers for the on-site lab

June Crenshaw, Executive Director 300 New Jersey Avenue NW, Suite 900 Washington DC 20001 Tel 202 465 8794 cfp-dc.org/wanda Founded by transgender women of color, the Wanda Alston Foundation is dedicated to serving one of DC's most vulnerable populations: LGBTQ youth (ages 16-24) who are experiencing homelessness. Located in Ward 7, the Foundation offers 18 months of shelter with 24-hour care and support. A clinical supervisor and case manager complete a full intake assessment and create individual service plans, which they revisit at weekly meetings with each resident. These youth have experienced trauma, rejection, discrimination, and more, so the Foundation partners with mental and behavioral health specialists to help residents heal and improve their well-being. Meanwhile, youth receive daily meals, take part in practical life-skills lessons, and get assistance with securing permanent housing or employment, or with continuing their education – whatever they need to chart a new path. Most importantly, they experience acceptance and love. Every kid deserves that.

HOUSING UNLIMITED

WISH LIST \$100: subsidies for Tenants' Council social events; \$500: pots, pans, and kitchen supplies for a new home; \$1000: living room furnishings for a 2-bedroom condo

> Abe Schuchman, CEO 12125 Veirs Mill Road, Suite 201 Silver Spring MD 20906 Tel 301 592 9314 cfp-dc.org/housingunlimited

In 1994, a team of Montgomery County parents set a goal: independent housing for their adult children with psychiatric disabilities. They believed their children would grow happier and healthier when empowered to live safely on their own. Today, Housing Unlimited owns 76 homes, providing 210 individuals with housing – as well as the responsibilities it entails and great privileges it brings. Rents are based on each tenant's income and are capped both to provide security and encourage employment. Residents remain free to make their own decisions regarding therapy and medical care. A Tenants' Council strengthens leadership and organizational skills and ensures that tenants have a voice in their day–to–day lives. The current waitlist for this effective program is two years long: your contribution will help even more individuals in mental health recovery become proudly independent.

DISTRICT ALLIANCE FOR SAFE HOUSING

WISH LIST \$100: metro card for 1 month of transportation; \$500: bed and bath essentials for 5 families in emergency housing; \$1000: 1 month's rent for a family in transitional housing

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One in three women experiencing homelessness in DC cites domestic violence as the cause of her housing instability. So DASH offers a continuum of housing services, providing women and their children with safe emergency, transitional, and permanent affordable housing, and the tools to regain their safety and economic independence. Its Housing Resource Center serves as a hub of homelessness prevention, where survivors access one-on-one guidance and support, and service providers receive education and training to improve their response to victims. An emergency fund helps cover expenses (utilities, rent, medical or legal fees) so that survivors can maintain their current homes – and their freedom from abuse. A lifeline for over 350 survivors fleeing violence each year, DASH believes no one should have to choose between living with abuse and living on the streets. Don't you agree?



lotographer Violet King, Courtesy of Dreaming Out Loud

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DREAMING OUT LOUD

WISH LIST \$100: supplies for a community cooking class; \$500: 1-month CSA membership for 10 families; \$1000: a year of compost, tools, and seedlings for the Farm

Chris Bradshaw, Executive Director 80 M Street SE c/o WeWork Washington DC 20003 Tel 202 800 2612 ext 101 cfp-dc.org/dreaming Over 34,000 DC residents live in "food deserts" – over a mile from a supermarket – and many also struggle to pay for needed food. So DOL combines food access with economic opportunity, building food systems that are powered by the communities they serve. Since 2008, its community farmers markets have provided 40,000 low-income customers with 300,000 pounds of healthy food. At the Farm and Food Hub (its flagship program in Ward 7), DOL grows organic produce; runs a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program – members pay before the growing season and farmers share the harvest; conducts school-to-farm educational programs; and offers workforce development training. Partnering with regional farms, it also serves as a hub for storing, processing, and distributing local food that it shares with area schools, small businesses, and non-profits. Fueling local economies and creating food security: it's a win-win.

TRACY'S KIDS

WISH LIST \$100: hospital art room supplies for 2 weeks; \$500: 3 months of new art supplies for a bone marrow transplant patient in isolation; \$1000: frames for a hospital exhibit of artwork

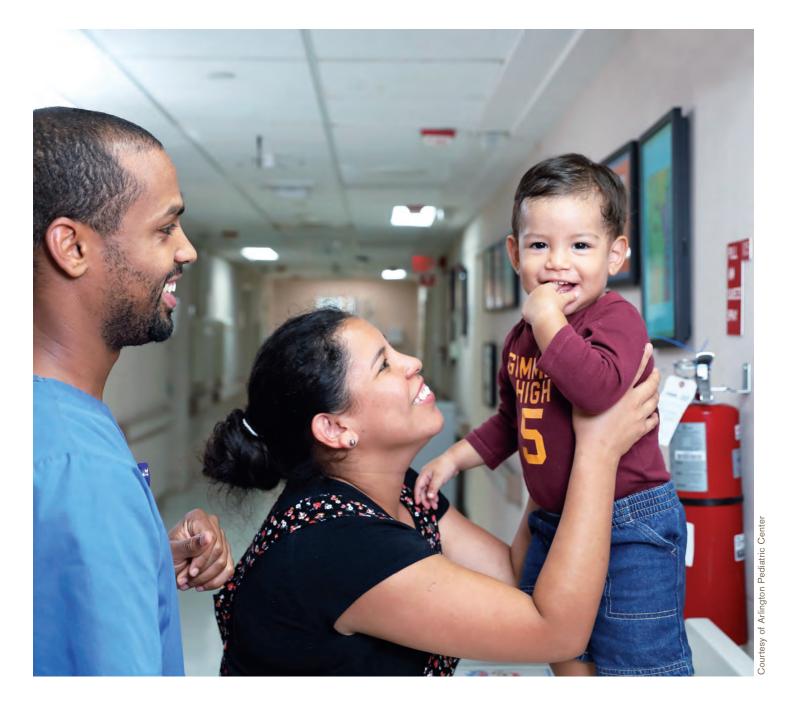
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Tracy's Kids helps young cancer patients cope with the emotional stress imposed by cancer and its treatment. Since its beginnings at Medstar Georgetown University Hospital in 1991, the program has expanded to eight hospitals and medical centers (five in the DC region), including a new program for the children of military service members at Walter Reed. Masters-trained art therapists work with patients and their siblings, free of charge. During chemotherapy or prolonged waits, at their bedsides or in groups with other patients and families, children decide what kinds of projects to work on – a gift at a time when so many decisions are made by others. Significantly, these artistic creations provide the professional therapists with insights into their patients' emotional health, which can be shared with the medical team. Your contribution brings art – and healing – to children who need it most.

LITTLE LIGHTS URBAN MINISTRIES

WISH LIST \$100: 2 weeks of homework help for 1 student; \$500: 1 month of employment for a resident of public housing; \$1000: 5 weeks at Summer Lights day camp for 1 student

Steven Park, Executive Director 760 7th Street SE Washington DC 20003 Tel 202 548 4021 cfp-dc.org/littlelights In the Potomac Gardens, Hopkins, and Benning Terrace public housing complexes of Southeast DC, families of four struggle to survive on annual incomes that average \$12-14,000. Most children live in one-parent households, attend under-resourced schools, and are at least one grade level behind in reading and math. So Little Lights intervenes: through one-on-one mentoring, tutoring, and enrichment programs, caring adults work with children to build a strong academic foundation. They're in it for the long haul – helping children gain leadership skills, avoid teen pregnancy and incarceration, graduate from high school, and move on to college or trade school. Parents are supported too, through basic services (like free diapers), computer access, and job readiness training that encourages economic mobility: in fact, half of Little Lights' employees are public housing residents. Your support makes so many futures brighter.



ARLINGTON PEDIATRIC CENTER

Poor health is both a cause and consequence of poverty, and too often children from low-income families face a lifetime of health risks. APC fights the trend as the primary provider of comprehensive medical care for children in Arlington County who are uninsured, or whose families live at or below 200% of the poverty level. Preventative care is the focus, but patients with special health conditions (prematurity, developmental delays, genetic diseases) also find their "medical home" at APC. When challenges arise – illiteracy, language barriers, transportation costs – parents receive tailored support. Partnerships with numerous agencies and public health programs help APC meet each child's needs without duplicating already-existing services. In 2018 alone, APC conducted 14,596 clinical visits, provided mental health services to 657 clients, and administered 9,389 vaccinations – serving 3,288 children. Good health is a gift every child should have.

WISH LIST \$50: Pack-n-Play for a sleeping infant; \$100: acute care office visit for 1 child; \$1000: a year of well-child care for 1 infant

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HEARTLY HOUSE

WISH LIST \$100: 90-minute counseling session for 1 child or adult victim; \$500: 3 nights of shelter for a survivor; \$1000: 2 corporate trainings on workplace sexual assault

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Heartly House is Frederick County's only provider of comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and child abuse. Its central access point is a 24/7 hotline: some callers need a supportive listener; others request hospital accompaniment, transportation, or emergency shelter. Heartly House provides these services and more, with survivors' holistic needs in mind. The shelter is more than a place to sleep: food, clothing, and toiletries are provided, and supportive staff help clients navigate their next steps. Therapy services include group counseling specifically designed for Spanish-speaking women, male survivors of child sexual abuse, and LGBTQ+survivors. Legal support – including court accompaniment, case preparation, and representation – empowers clients to seek justice. Heartly House served over 1,800 individuals last year, without charge. Your investment brings invaluable services to even more people who need them.

FAIRFAX COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

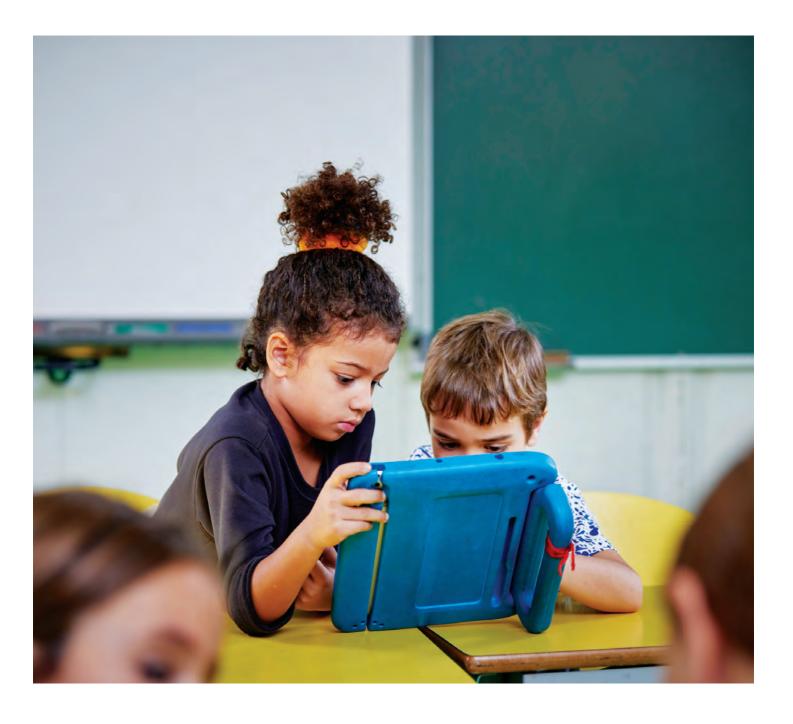
WISH LIST \$100: training manuals for 10 new volunteers; \$500: holiday or birthday gift cards for 10 teens; \$1000: 7 months of advocacy services for 1 child

Darcy Hubbard Cunningham, CEO & Executive Director 4103 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 200 Fairfax VA 22030 Tel 703 273 3526 ext 11 cfp-dc.org/fairfaxcasa Abused and neglected children in the court system deserve an advocate: a highly trained, dedicated, passionate adult who has the child's best interests at heart – and makes sure that the system addresses them. Over the past 30 years, that's just what Fairfax CASA has done for more than 7,000 children. An intensive recruiting and training process, complemented by ongoing support from professional staff, ensures the best advocates possible. CASA volunteers complete in-depth investigations of each case to give the court a clear picture of the child's needs and remain committed to the child until the case is closed (23 months on average), providing consistent support until a safe, permanent home is found. For many children, their CASA volunteer is the "promise keeper," the person they can count on in a complex and sometimes scary system. You can be a promise keeper too.

DC ALLIANCE OF YOUTH ADVOCATES

WISH LIST \$100: 1 community input meeting; \$500: 12-month Youth Leadership Academy for 1 youth; \$1000: 4 meetings between youth advocates and elected officials

Amy Davenport, Board Chair 1220 L Street NW Suite 605 Washington DC 20005 Tel 202 587 0616 cfp-dc.org/dcaya Can a single organization benefit all children and youth in the District, from cradle to career? Indeed. DCAYA works in concert with young people, government agencies, elected officials, and local youth-serving organizations to tackle the biggest problems affecting our children today. Through research, policy development, and advocacy, it addresses system-level failures in areas like education, housing instability, and youth unemployment. Its 130 member organizations share cutting-edge research in youth development, which DCAYA combines with its own research and data collection. The next step? Using the evidence to raise awareness, craft policy, increase public funding for youth causes, and influence key decision-makers – affecting thousands of young lives. DCAYA also provides networking opportunities for members and youth to share challenges and best practices, uniting our city's leaders and strengthening their programs. Support this alliance, and you help generations to come.



HOMELESS CHILDREN'S PLAYTIME PROJECT

Every week, at emergency shelters and transitional housing programs across DC, some 150 volunteers give children a much-needed opportunity: the chance to play. The Playtime Project nurtures healthy child development and reduces the effects of trauma by creating playrooms where kids can be kids – playing games; exploring math, reading, and art; and eating healthy snacks. Meanwhile, parents have time to rest, run errands, and take classes. Monthly field trips introduce children to baseball games, the National Zoo, and the Smithsonian; seasonal parties give families opportunities to socialize and relax. Backpacks filled with games, books, and toys keep children engaged when they are away from the program. All the children are experiencing the trauma of homelessness, and some have also experienced domestic violence. These playtimes help restore comfort, safety, and joy. Won't you lend a hand?

WISH LIST \$100: art supplies for 4 playtime sessions; \$300: 1 week of fresh produce snacks for all programs; \$500: 1 field trip (and lunch) for 10 kids

Jamila Larson, Executive Director 1525 Newton Street NW Washington DC 20010 Tel 202 329 4481 cfp-dc.org/hcpp

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SECOND STORY

WISH LIST \$100: 3 weeks of food for a young mother and her child; \$500: 3 weeks of daily therapy for 2 teens; \$1000: healthy snacks for 100 children in after-school programming

Judith Dittman, CEO 8221 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 105 Vienna VA 22182 Tel 703 506 9191 cfp-dc.org/secondstory For 47 years, Second Story has operated the only emergency home for youth in Northern Virginia; today, it does that and more, providing a range of safe spaces and services for youth in crisis. Young people experiencing homelessness receive long-term housing support as well as case management, therapy, life skills education, tutoring, and emergency food and supplies. Community outreach programs provide safety and educational support after school – helping kids stay on track academically while steering clear of gangs, drugs, and violence. For homeless young mothers and their babies, Second Story offers safe housing, job training, and parenting support while moms continue their education and save for the future. And Family Resource Centers bring together language and computer classes, legal services, tutoring, and joint parent-and-child programs. For young people with nowhere else to turn, your support opens doors.

BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS THE RIVER

WISH LIST \$100: supplies for 2 community farming education programs; \$500: 25 tickets to a performance at THEARC Theater; \$2000: financial counseling for 50 residents

Rahsaan Bernard, President 1901 Mississippi Avenue SE Washington DC 20020 Tel 202 889 5901 ext 104 cfo-dc.org/bbar Established in 1997 to build and manage the Town Hall Education Arts Recreation Campus, familiarly known as THEARC, BBAR's importance to the revitalization of southeast DC cannot be overstated. Today, the campus houses over a dozen nonprofits in the arts, education, health, recreation, and workforce development fields, and BBAR manages two theaters, a farm, a technical theater program, and more. It is the engine behind it all, providing nonprofit partners with space, marketing, and management free of charge, and leading projects like the Skyland Workforce Center and the 11th Street Bridge Park, a new outdoor venue designed to generate economic opportunity for the surrounding communities. It's all about making collaboration a force multiplier – addressing multiple disparities, creating better outcomes for the people THEARC serves, and equipping the residents of Wards 7 and 8 not only to survive, but to thrive.

LAWS (LOUDOUN ABUSED WOMEN'S SHELTER)

WISH LIST \$500: gas gift cards for 20 clients; \$750: a month of emergency shelter for 1 client; \$1000: legal consultations for 3 survivors

> Judith Hanley, PhD, Executive Director 105 East Market Street Leesburg VA 20176 Tel 703 771 3398 ext 511 cfp-dc.org/laws

In 1985, LAWS opened its doors, providing a safe haven to survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Today, in addition to operating a 24/7 emergency shelter for adults and children, it offers comprehensive support services to help clients live free from fear, anxiety, and danger. A 24-hour hotline, referrals, safety planning, counseling, support groups, legal services – all are provided with complete confidentiality, and at no cost to clients. In cases of child abuse and neglect, the LAWS Child Advocacy Center provides forensic interviews and family advocacy in a welcoming, child-friendly environment. In addition to serving some 1,000 clients directly each year, LAWS also conducts extensive outreach and prevention programs, striving to end domestic violence and sexual assault in our community. It's all made possible through the work of 35 professional staff, committed volunteers – and supporters like you.



GIRLS ON THE RUN NOVA

Each year, GOTR NOVA helps nearly 5,000 girls in grades 3-8 develop the confidence and character they need to become strong, healthy, and ready for any challenge. At 142 sites across Northern Virginia, trained volunteer coaches lead girls through a 10-week interactive, research-based curriculum that creatively integrates running and culminates in a non-competitive 5k event. Each session, held before or after school, combines a developmentally appropriate topic with a significant workout: girls build physical endurance while gaining skills related to self-awareness, self-care, healthy relationships, helping others, and more. Aid packages, program fee discounts, and active recruitment in lower income communities ensure that all girls can participate, regardless of financial need. The result: GOTR participants demonstrate long-term improvements in confidence, physical activity, life skills, and more. A track record of 65,000 runners in 19 years is beyond impressive. Let's cheer them on.

WISH LIST \$150: 1 season of financial aid for 1 girl; \$250: supplies and curriculum for 1 team; \$1000: CPR certification for 15 coaches

Katey Comerford, Executive Director 10301 Democracy Lane, Suite 100 Fairfax VA 22030 Tel 703 273 3153 cfp-dc.org/gotrnova

COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR SAFE SPACES

WISH LIST \$100: 5 Metro cards for job training participants; \$500: 2 laptops for staff to engage in policy work; \$1000: 10 group meals for volunteers

Liz Hague, Board Chair PO Box 66231 Washington DC 20035 Tel 314 517 4741 cfp-dc.org/cass Dedicated to creating a safer DC, CASS empowers communities to interrupt and eliminate public, gender-based harassment and assault, including street harassment. Its work centers on those who are disproportionately affected by street harassment (women, people of color, LGBTQIA+ folks), and particularly on those with multiple marginalized identities. Through bystander intervention training, participants learn that it's up to everyone (not just the criminal legal system) to stop the harassment. The Safe Bar Collective equips bar and restaurant staff to create safer environments, while CASS simultaneously trains LGBTQIA+ people in restaurant skills and connects them to jobs at partner bars. A program with WMATA combines staff training, data collection, and awareness campaigns to address sexual harassment on public transportation. And thanks to CASS-led advocacy, DC passed the Street Harassment Prevention Act in 2018. But there's more to do. Let's make DC safer ... for everyone.

DAWN

WISH LIST \$100: a week of food for a survivor and her children; \$500: 1 month of emergency temporary housing for 1 survivor; \$1000: life skills classes for 5 clients

> Najma Johnson, Executive Director 1140 3rd Street NE, 2nd Floor Washington DC 20002 Tel 202 559 5366 cfo-dc.org/dawn

The Deaf community experiences sexual and domestic abuse at higher rates than the hearing community ... and communication barriers frequently prevent Deaf survivors from seeking help. In 1999, five Deaf women founded Deaf Abused Women's Network to address this critical issue in DC, home to one of the largest Deaf populations in the US. Today, DAWN remains the only local agency providing support in American Sign Language to survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse, and now serves Deaf people of all gender identities. Its support is comprehensive, including safety planning, court, and hospital accompaniment, and case management where Deaf advocates ensure that survivors can access appropriate services for themselves and their children. DAWN also conducts preventive outreach education, working to end abuse in the Deaf community. Demand for DAWN's services far exceeds its capacity. That's where you come in.

COMMUNITY BRIDGES

WISH LIST \$100: annual activity fees for 4 girls; \$500: college visit for 15 juniors and seniors; \$1000: recruitment, training, and placement of 40 mentors

Shannon Babe-Thomas, Executive Director 8757 Georgia Avenue, Suite 540 Silver Spring MD 20910 Tel 301 585 7155 ext 108 cfp-dc.org/cb The results are impressive: 100% of participants in Community Bridges' Girls Program graduate from high school, and 100% achieve college acceptance and enrollment. But the program is about more than numbers – it's about equipping girls to think critically, make healthy choices, and become life-long leaders. Working with girls in 4th through 12th grades from diverse backgrounds in Montgomery County (where immigrants represent 35% of the poorest residents), CB engages girls in school, after school, and on weekends. Through a continuum of services (from mentorships and leadership development, to field trips, debates, and service projects), girls explore their identities, build character, and realize their potential. College and career coaching assists them with critical steps toward postsecondary education, and family workshops equip parents to champion their daughters' growth and success. These girls can break the cycle of poverty ... with your support.



Photographer Nick Farano, Courtesy of Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington

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PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

WISH LIST \$100: 1 month of support groups for seniors with vision loss; \$500: vision screening for 2 area preschools; \$1000: new prescription glasses for 13 children

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Most of us can't imagine navigating the world without our sight – but thousands of people in our region are at risk of vision loss, and many struggle to access the screenings, treatment, and support they need. For more than 80 years, POB has been improving and preserving sight for individuals of all ages in Greater Washington. Each year, it provides vision screening for thousands of preschoolers and hundreds of school-age children. A pediatric mobile clinic brings these services to under-resourced communities, and POB follows up with referrals, exams, and prescription glasses as needed. Adults receive free glaucoma screening (offered at convenient locations across the region), low- to no-cost eyeglasses, and personalized low-vision rehabilitation services. Support groups and resources help patients address the emotional costs of vision impairment, like depression and isolation. Your generosity improves vision ... and quality of life.

CAPITOL HILL VILLAGE

WISH LIST \$100: 1 month of care services for a high-needs member in medical crisis; \$500: 2 monthly educational programs; \$1000: a year of care management for 1 low-income senior

> Molly Singer, Executive Director 725 8th Street SE, 2nd Floor Washington DC 20003 Tel 202 543 1778 cfp-dc.org/chv

CHV is a network of neighbors helping neighbors, where volunteers unite to help older adults age comfortably in their own homes. When one of its 800 "villagers" is in need, some 340 volunteers are ready to provide a ride to the doctor or grocery store, help with housekeeping or meal preparation, gardening advice, and even sidewalk shoveling. For major repairs, home care assistance, or medical support, CHV efficiently links members with community-vetted vendors and partners. For low-income neighbors, discounted membership dues provide what all members receive, plus financial assistance with essential home repairs. Informative lectures, theater outings, exercise classes, and group dinners provide opportunities to learn and socialize. In a country that anticipates doubling its older population by 2050, CHV is a national leader in holistic, community-based care – because aging at home should never mean aging alone.

JOSEPH'S HOUSE

WISH LIST \$100: transportation to medical appointments for 1 week; \$500: 100 home-cooked meals; \$1000: a full-time trained caregiver for 1 week

Kowshara Thomas, Executive Director 1730 Lanier Place NW Washington DC 20009 Tel 202 328 9161 cfp-dc.org/josephshouse From streets, shelters, prisons, and hospitals, each year Joseph's House welcomes approximately 35 individuals, all of whom have AIDS or terminal cancer, to its eight-bed home in Adams Morgan. Serving the homeless and those with unstable housing, it offers physical, emotional, and spiritual nourishment, 24-hour nursing care, medical case management, and addiction recovery support, as well as home-cooked meals and communal activities. Staff and volunteers hold vigil for the dying, providing constant love and care in the final hours. Other residents regain their health and, when they do, Joseph's House encourages them toward independence while continuing to help with medication management, transportation, and other basic needs. In a city with some of the nation's highest rates of HIV infection, cancer mortality, and homelessness, Joseph's House offers a home – and community – to those who come through its doors.



Photographer Debbie Billet Roumell, Courtesy of Silver Spring Village

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SILVER SPRING VILLAGE

WISH LIST \$100: training in medical note-taking for 2 volunteers; \$500: transportation subsidy for 1 member with a disability; \$1000: 3 Village memberships for low-income seniors

> Peggy Gervasi, President 8700 Georgia Avenue, Suite 306 Silver Spring MD 20910 Tel 301 503 7401 cfp-dc.org/ssvillage

Caring neighbors helping older neighbors to thrive: that's the vision at Silver Spring Village, where just three staff and over 100 trained volunteers serve more than 200 members – older adults who wish to remain in their homes as they age. Volunteers provide transportation (with stipends for members with disabilities who need specialized transport), take notes at medical appointments, and assist with household tasks and errands. Regular visits and phone calls reduce isolation and help identify when more support is needed, at which point members are referred to the Village's vetted professional partners. And a full calendar of more than 300 educational, recreational, and social events (many of which are open to the public) encourage seniors to make friends, learn new things, and stay healthy. Support the Village, and you can help build a community where seniors feel truly valued.

MOBILE MEDICAL CARE

WISH LIST \$100: flu shots for 10 people; \$1000: 1 week of mobile van operations; \$2500: 50 primary care visits for uninsured clients

> Peter F Lowet, Executive Director 9309 Old Georgetown Road Bethesda MD 20814 Tel 301 841 0841 cfp-dc.org/mobilemed

Tens of thousands of Montgomery County residents – hailing from 100 countries and speaking 25 languages – lack health insurance. So Mobile Medical Care operates a network of nine low-cost health centers in fixed locations and on mobile vans. Created in collaboration with community partners and volunteer clinicians in the neighborhoods where patients live and work, the centers provide high quality medical care that is culturally sensitive and accessible. In addition to primary and preventive care, MobileMed also offers a weekly women's clinic and two specialty clinics (Heart and Endocrine) in collaboration with NIH and Suburban Hospital. Patients receive free medications, referrals to exceptional pro-bono specialists, and donated diagnostic testing. Each year, MobileMed treats 4,500 patients in over 16,000 medical and behavioral health visits. In its 50-year history, not one patient has been turned away.

NAMI MONTGOMERY COUNTY

WISH LIST \$500: 9 support group sessions; \$2500: training for 10 volunteers to support caregivers at local hospitals; \$4000: yearlong suicide prevention program at 1 school

Stephanie Rosen, Executive Director 9210 Corporate Boulevard, Suite 170 Rockville MD 20850 Tel 301 949 5852 cfp-dc.org/nami In the US, one in five adults experiences mental illness each year. And, tragically, suicide is the second leading cause of death among our youth. NAMI MC works to ensure that anyone in Montgomery County affected by mental illness can experience resilience, acceptance, and wellness. It offers free classes and support groups to people living with mental illness, and to their caregivers and family members. Taught by trained volunteers who have lived similar experiences, these programs help participants to feel less alone while accessing critical resources and information. Awareness presentations throughout the county break the silence around mental health, educating youth and adults about the warning signs and ways to help themselves and others. NAMI MC also partners with 18 local schools to provide Sources of Strength, an evidence-based suicide prevention program. Simply put: this place saves lives.



HERO DOGS

WISH LIST \$100: puppy starter kit (collar, leash, toys, etc); \$500: kennel starter kit (crate, feeders, bed); \$1000: 12 months of puppy training

> Nikki Charles, Executive Director PO Box 64 Brookeville MD 20833 Tel 888 570 8653 cfp-dc.org/hero

Today's warriors return from the front lines with complex challenges; many grapple with physical disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, and PTSD. In these cases, a well-trained service dog is invaluable, increasing veterans' independence and helping them adjust to civilian life. Hero Dogs raises, trains, and provides exceptional service dogs to DC-area veterans and first responders. This intensive process takes three years to complete: from raising the puppies (supported by 100+ volunteers) to providing intensive service training (conducted over 6-8 months by professional trainers) to placing and supporting the new veteran/service dog team ... all provided without charge. Each dog is trained to meet its owner's needs – whether learning to open doors, helping with balance, or seeking assistance in emergencies. Hero Dogs also trains facility dogs for placement in hospitals, clinics, and schools. An investment here means independence, confidence ... and companionship.

DOG TAG INC

WISH LIST \$100: business administration textbook for 1 Fellow; \$500: 1 month's rent for 15 laptops; \$1000: 2 Georgetown classes for 1 Fellow

> Meghan Ogilvie, CEO 3206 Grace Street NW Washington DC 20007 Tel 202 527 9388 cfp-dc.org/dogtag

Through its one-of-a-kind entrepreneurship program, Dog Tag Inc empowers service-disabled veterans, military spouses, and caregivers to discover their passions and talents. Twice a year, small cohorts (13-15 people) of DTI Fellows engage in five months of hands-on entrepreneurship training, culminating in a Certificate of Business Administration from Georgetown University's School of Continuing Studies. Fellows gain real-life small business experience – from product development to human resources – through rotations at DTI's successful social enterprise, Dog Tag Bakery. Additional Learning Labs in a variety of topics help them to reflect on their goals, develop soft skills, and improve their overall well-being. Ultimately, 91% of Fellows graduate, moving on to start new businesses or jobs, continue their education, or focus on their health and recovery – with many choosing to give back to the veteran and military communities. Won't you give back too?

OPERATION SECOND CHANCE

WISH LIST \$100: groceries, toiletries, clothing for a family in crisis; \$500: 1 family-friendly event for veterans and their loved ones; \$1000: emergency funds to prevent a family's eviction

Cindy McGrew, Founder & CEO 20251 Century Boulevard, Suite130 Germantown MD 20874 Tel 301 972 1080 cfp-dc.org/osc Founded by and for military families, OSC provides direct support to wounded service members in financial crisis – most of whom have experienced combat injury or illness but are awaiting the initiation of veterans' benefits. Assistance for essential expenses like rent, utilities, and mortgage payments helps prevent families from going into debt or losing a home. OSC also coordinates retreats, sports events, hospital visits, and more – boosting morale and helping veterans transition back into civilian life, reconnect with family, and build a network of peers. Referrals to other resources help meet additional needs, whether it's counseling for post-traumatic stress disorder, or home renovations to improve wheelchair accessibility. And through Operation Giving Back, veterans and their family members can support OSC's mission, working as paid interns to serve others like themselves. These families have given ... so much.



Courtesy of Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

legal services & justice programs

MID-ATLANTIC INNOCENCE PROJECT

WISH LIST \$100: staff trip to visit 1 client in prison; \$500: 1 hour of a forensic expert's time to review evidence; \$1000: testing for 1 piece of DNA evidence

> Shawn Armbrust, Executive Director 2000 H Street NW Washington DC 20052 Tel 202 994 4597 cfp-dc.org/maip

More than 600 years. That's how long, collectively, 33 innocent men spent in prison for crimes they didn't commit – until MAIP helped restore their freedom. Focused on cases in DC, Maryland, and Virginia, MAIP rigorously screens and investigates innocence claims from prisoners and their families. It then represents prisoners in court or files clemency petitions (pro bono, of course) – achieving one of the highest success rates of any innocence organization in the country: nine victories in the past two years alone. This work secures justice for the wrong-ly-imprisoned and serves the public by revealing that the real perpetrators of a crime are still at large. MAIP also leads a policy reform effort whose improved legislation can prevent wrongful convictions before they happen. Returning innocent citizens to their rightful lives is, simply, the right thing to do.

DC - MD JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

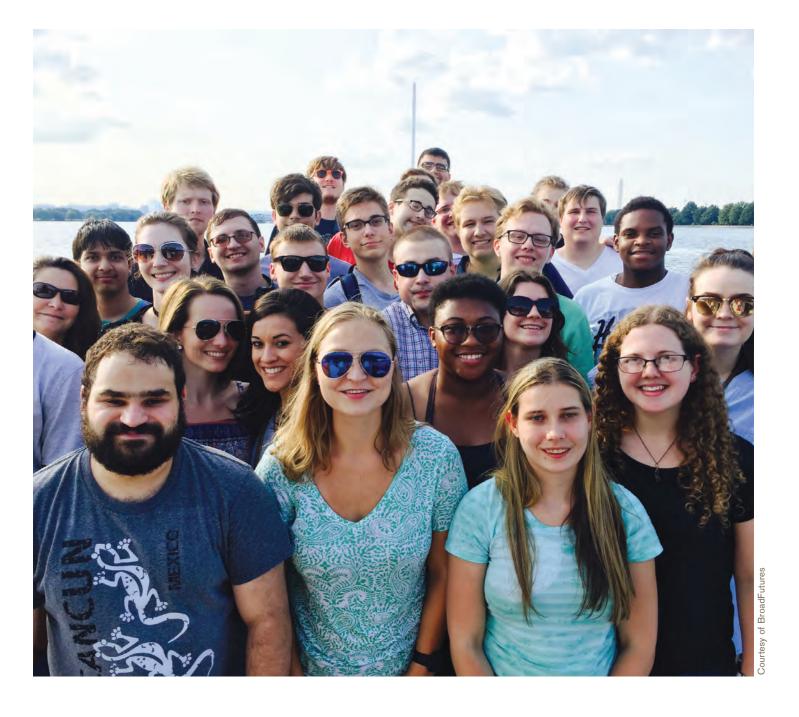
WISH LIST \$100: advice and counseling session for 1 low-income asylum seeker; \$500: 2 days of paralegal assistance; \$1000: 2 years of legal representation for 1 asylum seeker

Cynthia Cotte Griffiths, Executive Director 30 Courthouse Square, Suite 405 Rockville MD 20850 Tel 240 825 4424 cfp-dc.org/jfon Many immigrants arriving in the US today have endured the unthinkable: some have fled persecution, violence, and torture; others are victims of human trafficking. Here, they face additional challenges, including a legal system devoid of compassion and difficult to navigate. Founded by the United Methodist Church (but serving all, regardless of religious beliefs), DC-MD JFON provides free legal services to low-income immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. After an initial screening, prospective clients are assigned to a legal clinic or given targeted referrals. Each client consults individually with an attorney, who offers free advice and counsel, and retains select cases (600+ in the past three years). Helping to secure green cards and US citizenship, achieving justice for survivors of trafficking and abuse, keeping families together and safe from deportation – these services are needed more than ever. So is your support.

COURT WATCH MONTGOMERY

WISH LIST \$100: transportation to court for 10 survivors; \$500: training for 20 citizens to monitor court hearings; \$1000: videos in 5 languages explaining court processes

Laurie Duker, Co-Founder & Executive Director 1112 Noyes Drive Silver Spring MD 20910 Tel 240 606 6620 cfp-dc.org/courtwatch After years of abuse, many domestic violence victims take a brave step: they come to local courts to seek legal protection. Too often, however, they experience inadequate safety measures, inappropriate demeanor by court staff, and insufficiently trained judges — and these impede their efforts to stop the violence. Court Watch is determined to change that. Its cadre of volunteers collects data about what is actually happening in civil and criminal domestic violence courtrooms in Montgomery County, uses the data to advocate for systemic change in local courts, and shares promising new court practices. And it works. Today, because of CW's efforts, more survivors are protected from contact with their abusers in court; more children have safe, court-supervised visits with their non-custodial parent; and fewer abusers have access to guns. An investment here means justice — and safety — for thousands.



BROADFUTURES

Fewer than half of young people with learning disabilities obtain regular, paid employment within two years of high school graduation. And yet programs to help them successfully transition into employment are scarce. BroadFutures is filling the gap, preparing youth with learning disabilities and ADHD (ages 18 – 26) for the workforce. Using drama, graffiti arts, yoga, and more, a two-week training program creatively engages youth to strengthen their resumes, interview skills, communications, and overall professionalism. Through partnerships with more than 50 diverse employers, participants then work at least 20 hours per week at paid internships designed to match their interests and aspirations. Meanwhile, BroadFutures provides ongoing mentoring and supervision, working together with interns and employers to address successes and challenges. Over 90% of graduates are gainfully employed or continuing with higher education: a broad (and bright) future indeed.

WISH LIST \$100: training materials for 1 intern; \$500: 1 year of materials for arts & mindfulness curriculum; \$6000: full scholarship for 1 intern

Carolyn Jeppsen, Co-Founder & CEO 2013 H Street NW, 5th Floor Washington DC 20006 Tel 202 521 4304 cfp-dc.org/futures life skills, training, & employment

PUBLIC ALLIES WASHINGTON, DC

WISH LIST \$100: emergency transportation or food assistance for 4 Allies; \$500: overnight team-building and goal-setting retreat for 3; \$5000: 1 year of full programming for an Ally

Nakeisha Neal Jones, Executive Director 1900 L Street NW, Suite 500 Washington DC 20036 Tel 202 683 1302 cfp-dc.org/publicallies Today's young Americans are inheriting some of our country's greatest challenges but, too often, promising young people who want to make a difference in their communities lack the resources, support, and confidence to do so. Public Allies recruits leaders who are often overlooked: young men and women of color (ages 18–30) from low-income or underserved communities in the DC area. Through the AmeriCorps Ally Program, this diverse group of young adults engages in 10 months of leadership training, mentorship, peer support, and full-time, paid apprenticeships at local nonprofits. The Pathways program offers a series of trainings, activities, and supports to help the Allies successfully transition to careers, higher education, and continued service. With nearly 90% of Public Allies' alumni (8,000 nationally, 300 locally) pursuing careers in public service, your support transforms the trajectory of young lives ... and advances the common good.

CAPITAL AREA ASSET BUILDING CORPORATION

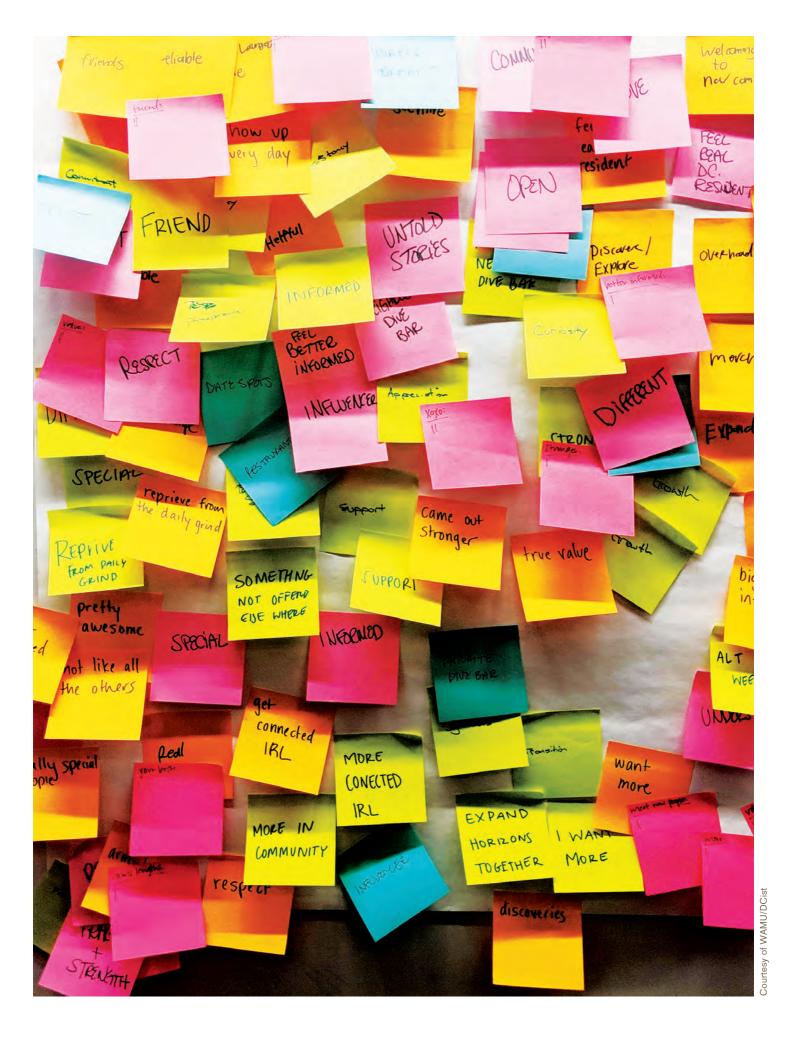
WISH LIST \$100: educational materials for the Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign; \$500: 1 CAAB match for a successful saver; \$1000: 2 laptops for financial training

Joseph Leitmann-Santa Cruz, Executive Director 1100 H Street NW, Suite 200 Washington DC 20005 Tel 202 419 1440 ext 102 cfp-dc.org/caab For those living in "asset poverty," without a credit history or even a savings account, taking steps toward a prosperous future can seem daunting. CAAB makes it possible, working with single mothers planning to buy their first homes, aspiring entrepreneurs working to launch a business, and individuals hoping to rebuild their credit. Classes and coaching cover the basics: managing money, saving, investing, understanding credit scores and financial rights. Supported savings accounts, capped between \$250 and \$1,500, help clients save money toward their goals, with CAAB matching their dollars at least three to one. And through the DC Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign, CAAB provides free tax preparation so that low- and moderate-income households (4,500 last year) can access the benefits to which they are entitled. In a vital community everyone has incentives and opportunities to save for the future. Won't you invest too?

SOUTHEAST MINISTRY

WISH LIST \$100: gift cards to celebrate clients achieving their goals; \$500: career-mapping sessions for 10 clients; \$1000: 9-week foundational education class for 1 student

Valarie Banks Ashley, Executive Director 212 East Capitol Street NE Washington DC 20032 Tel 202 562 2636 cfp-dc.org/ministry Southeast Ministry understands its clients well enough to know that they don't just need a job – they need to believe that they can succeed. Working primarily with adults living in Wards 7 and 8, it combines job readiness programming with coursework that explores self-development, family strengthening, and life skills. Adult Basic Education classes help clients boost their math and reading skills to meet eligibility criteria for vocational training programs or community college. GED programs prepare students to take the official test, including study groups and private tutorials. And support for some of the little things (transportation to class, opening checking and savings accounts, acquiring a uniform for a new job) helps remove barriers that could otherwise block the path to success. Self-worth – economic and personal – is what it's all about. Your support helps rebuild an entire community.



community & civic engagement

DCIST

WISH LIST \$100: 1 freelance story; \$500: citizen journalism workshop for 10 people; \$1000: community discussion panel about important coverage

> Rachel Sadon, Editor in Chief 4401 Connecticut Avenue NW Washington DC 20008 Tel 202 885 1349 cfp-dc.org/dcist

Over the past 15 years, more than one in five newspapers have closed and many that remain open are a shell of their former selves. Studies show that the loss of local journalism leads to decreased civic engagement and increased polarization of communities. Founded in 2004 and relaunched in 2018 as a public media outlet, DCist reports on the District (rather than federal Washington) with relentless curiosity. Now owned by WAMU, the site publishes more than a dozen stories a day (drawing 1 million unique pageviews each month), digging into local topics that matter – city politics, transportation, the arts, education, housing, and more. DCist is determined not to restrict its journalism behind a paywall, but instead to engage readers directly through feedback, story input, and citizen-led, ground-level reporting. This is the future of local journalism, and you can be part of it.

THE DC POLICY CENTER

WISH LIST \$100: infographic of quick DC-related facts; \$1000: in-depth report on affordable housing in DC; \$20,000: original dataset tracking the history of businesses in Wards 7 & 8

Yesim Sayin Taylor, Executive Director 1310 L Street NW, Suite 325 Washington DC 20005 Tel 202 223 2233 cfp-dc.org/dcpolicy The DC Policy Center is dedicated to advancing policies for a strong and vibrant District of Columbia. This one-of-a-kind, non-partisan think tank is singularly focused on DC's economy and demographics, providing high-quality data on what is happening in the city and why. Since its launch in 2017, the Center has published over 140 unique analyses, revealing nuanced trends on issues like food deserts, affordable housing, diversity in schools, DC's business climate, and more. Armed with this research, the Center works with policymakers, advocacy organizations, and other stakeholders to drive positive policy change. Rapidly becoming the go-to expert on DC's economy – its website has attracted over 110,000 unique users and over half a million views – the Center's work highlights the driving forces behind our city's inequities and the opportunities to address them. Your support builds a stronger city for everyone.

VOLUNTEER FAIRFAX

WISH LIST \$100: 1000 handmade valentines for teens in foster care; \$500: 75 weekend meal packets for children; \$1000: hygiene items, blankets, food for 40 vulnerable people

Steve Mutty, CEO 10700 Page Avenue, Suite 101 Fairfax VA 22030 Tel 703 246 3460 cfp-dc.org/volunteerfairfax Supporting more than 13,000 volunteers who annually give over 47,000 service hours to hundreds of area agencies, nonprofits, and businesses, Volunteer Fairfax is the region's central resource for community engagement. Now in its 45th year, it mobilizes citizens, corporations, and local governments to meet a wide range of essential needs – and makes it clear that everyone can do their part. RSVP Northern Virginia engages adults ages 55 and older in meaningful service; kids and parents unite for hands-on projects through annual events like Give Together (held on MLK Day) and VolunteerFest; BusinessLink helps businesses meet their corporate social responsibility goals by engaging their employees in giving back. A regional leader in emergency response, Volunteer Fairfax readily deploys volunteer corps in urgent situations. Its 24-hour accessible database regularly has 400 volunteer openings. Won't you join the team?



Courtesy of PAVE

community & civic engagement

PAVE

WISH LIST \$100: food/materials for 1 family engagement meeting; \$500: childcare, food/materials for 1 parent leader board meeting; \$1000: a year of advocacy materials for 1 board

> Maya Martin Cadogan, Founder & Executive Director 1342 Florida Avenue NW Washington DC 20009 Tel 202 677 9412 cfp-dc.org/pave

Parents are the ultimate experts on their children, yet they are rarely consulted about the education policies that impact their children's lives. So PAVE steps in, empowering DC parents to engage in the policymaking process and demand great schools for every child. Trained parent leaders serve on Wardbased and city-wide Parent Leader in Education Boards, meet with elected officials, mobilize other parents, and build targeted campaigns. PAVE equips them with information and resources, and also partners directly with schools, state agencies, and policymakers to improve their family engagement practices. Here's how it comes together: in 2018, PAVE parents identified out-of-school programming as a top priority. Their activism resulted in a \$10.5 million budget increase to support these activities — a huge win for DC families. We need more wins to secure what we all want — excellent schools for all.

RAINBOW FAMILIES

WISH LIST \$100: printed literature about Rainbow Families' services; \$500: 1 year membership for 14 lowincome families; \$3500: venue rental for the annual family conference

Darren Vance, Executive Director 5614 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 309 Washington DC 20015 Tel 202 747 0407 cfp-dc.org/rainbow In the early 1990s, two pioneering gay dads started a listserv to connect LGBTQ families to one another. Today, with more than 1,000 members, Rainbow Families is the region's only nonprofit dedicated solely to supporting LGBTQ families. Here, they find trusted resources and compassionate services – from college scholarships for teenagers to adoption support groups. Maybe Baby, its signature five-week program for prospective LGBTQ parents, provides information and guidance about surrogacy, adoption, and fostering, including racial, financial, and legal considerations. A yearly conference (declared Rainbow Families Day by the DC Mayor's office) offers workshops and panel discussions, a resource fair, and more. And annual events (picnics, dances, camping weekends) provide safe spaces where parents and kids can be around other families like theirs. Membership dues are just \$35, with financial aid available, because all are welcome. Your support is welcome too.

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Larry Stafford, Executive Director PO Box 6988 Largo MD 20792 Tel 202 907 9597 cfp-dc.org/progressive A higher minimum wage. Paid sick leave. More affordable childcare and prescription drugs. Bail and police reform. These are just a few of the victories that Progressive Maryland has helped to achieve since 2004, affecting thousands of people across the state. Its grassroots approach empowers communities to advocate for reforms to the economic and social systems that oppress them. That means training leaders from marginalized communities – particularly people of color, LGBTQ+ folks, and low-income individuals – in grassroots organizing at the Maryland People's Leadership Institute. It also means educating everyday voters about how state and city governments affect their lives (from job opportunities to air quality), and how, as voters, they can create positive change. More than 125,000 Marylanders across nine state chapters have joined the fight for justice, demanding a Maryland that works – for everyone.

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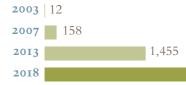
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