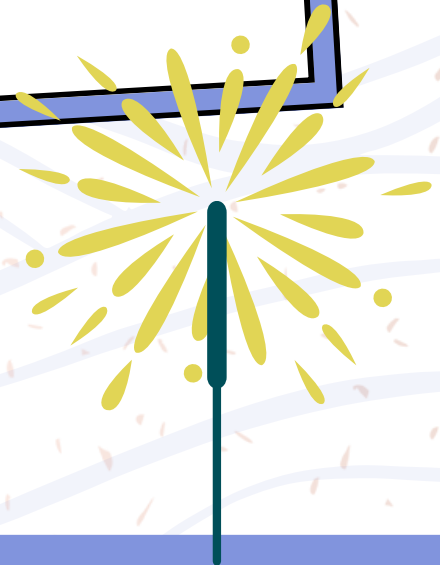


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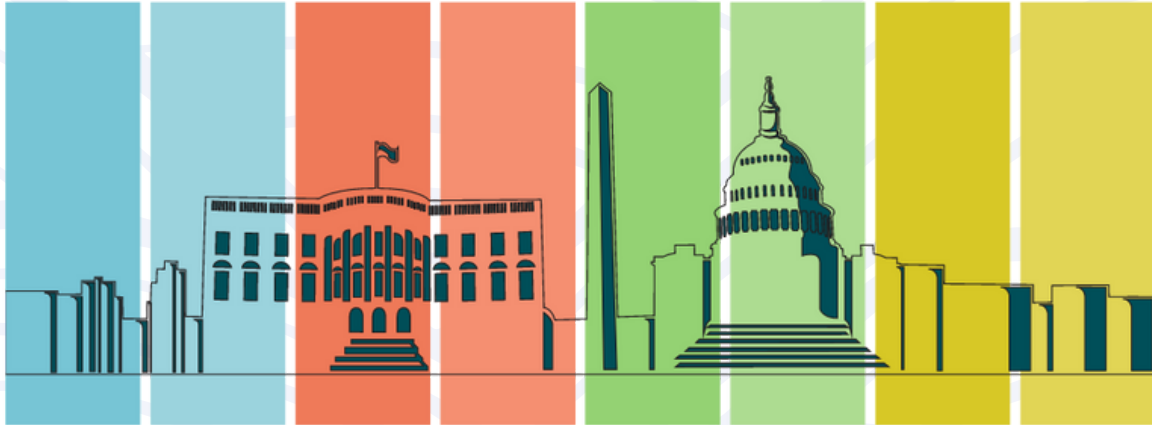
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2023



SUPPORT LOCAL NONPROFITS



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This holiday season, Spur Local encourages you to support small organizations doing critical work on-the-ground right here in the Greater Washington region. Over the last two decades, we've seen countless examples of how the solutions, leaders, and work we need to create a better future exists at a local level.

We are proud to present our 2023 Social Impact Holiday Gift Guide. In these pages, you will find gift ideas from dozens of organizations caring for our neighbors, mentoring DC's next generation, stewarding our region's environment, and more.

We hope you enjoy giving back with Spur Local and wish you safety, warmth, and joy as we end 2023!



Find more nonprofits
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Give the gift of supporting your
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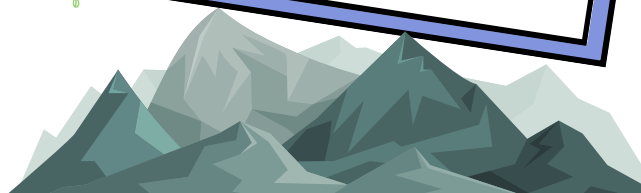
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City Blossoms cultivates the well-being of our communities through creative programming in kid-driven gardens.

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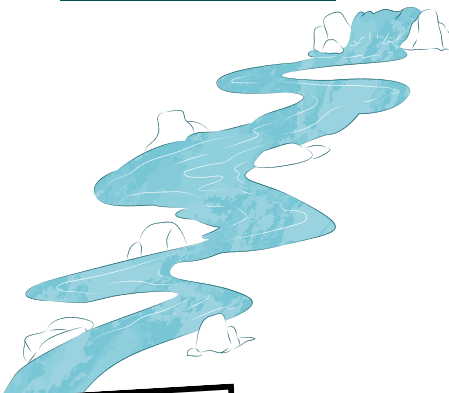
EcoLatinos engages and connects Latinos in pursuit of social and environmental justice, bringing equity to the environmental movement of the Chesapeake Bay region.

[You can also volunteer.](#)

Friends of Anacostia Park (FoAP) connects park revitalization to the uplifting of neighboring communities.

[Visit their merch store.](#)

Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) organizes inclusive and diverse outreach programs that connect the community with food, science, and public green-space at the U.S. National Arboretum.



Urban Adventure Squad brings equitable outdoor learning to every child.

[You can also donate in-kind essentials through their Amazon wishlist.](#)

ACTIVE...

Phoenix Bikes uniquely combines youth educational programs with a full service bike shop in order to harness the power of bikes to help youth build passion, purpose, and a place in the community.

[You can also donate a bike.](#)

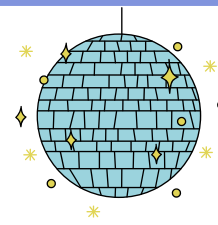
Dance Place hosts a thriving theater, dance school, and community resources.

[Purchase tickets to a performance or attend a kids or adult class.](#)

Capitol Movement Inc (CMI) builds self-esteem, health, and wellbeing for youth who do not have access to high-quality dance instruction.

[You can also gift a membership.](#)





The Atlas Performing Arts Center is a theater like no other in DC, rooted in the community, and created as a catalyst for growth, change, and development on the H Street corridor.

[You can also gift a membership.](#)

Educational Theatre Company (ETC) changes lives through the arts by reaching all students where they are and working to meet the needs of all learners through theatre education.

[You can also volunteer.](#)

The Theatre Lab is a hub of theatre education in our nation's capital, nurturing aspiring artists and providing a platform for diverse and often unheard voices.

[You can also volunteer.](#)



Playtime Project's mission is to cultivate resilience in children experiencing family housing insecurity by providing and expanding access to transformative play experiences.

[You can also volunteer.](#)

BlackRock Center for the Arts brings inspiring performing and visual arts experiences to diverse audiences in a welcoming & intimate setting.

[You can also gift a membership.](#)

InterAct Story Theatre is a touring theatre that creates meaningful, accessible, and interactive theatre & arts learning experiences for young audiences.

[You can also donate items.](#)

Traveling Players Ensemble is an educational theatre company serving students in grades 3-12 that brings theatre into the great outdoors.

[Purchase tickets to a performance or attend camp.](#)

Anacostia Playhouse offers theater performances, exhibitions, and instruction in an under-served neighborhood.

[You can also gift a membership.](#)

Because everyone deserves high-quality theater education that centers their voices, Young Playwrights' Theater (YPT) provides opportunities for young artists to develop and share their stories.

[Adults can also enroll in a playwright program.](#)



Action Youth Media creates communities where young people build the confidence and media skills to express themselves.

[You can also volunteer.](#)

MUSIC LOVERS



Frederick Children's Chorus creates an inclusive and supportive environment where children of all backgrounds and abilities can come together to enjoy the joy of singing and music.

Girls Rock! DC provides music programs for young people to learn, grow, and use the power of their communities.

National Philharmonic engages, inspires, and unites diverse communities through music performances and education programs.

Thomas Circle Singers hosts choral concerts providing support for local social service organizations.

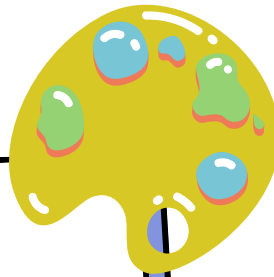
[You can also donate instruments & equipment.](#)

Words Beats and Life are unapologetic advocates for the transformative power of Hip-Hop culture.

[Buy tickets to their concerts or visit their merch store.](#)

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ART LOVERS



Armed Services Arts Partnership (ASAP) builds communities for veterans and their families through art.

Through regular participation in the arts, Arts for the Aging engages older adults and caregivers with diverse abilities and backgrounds in health improvement & life enhancement.

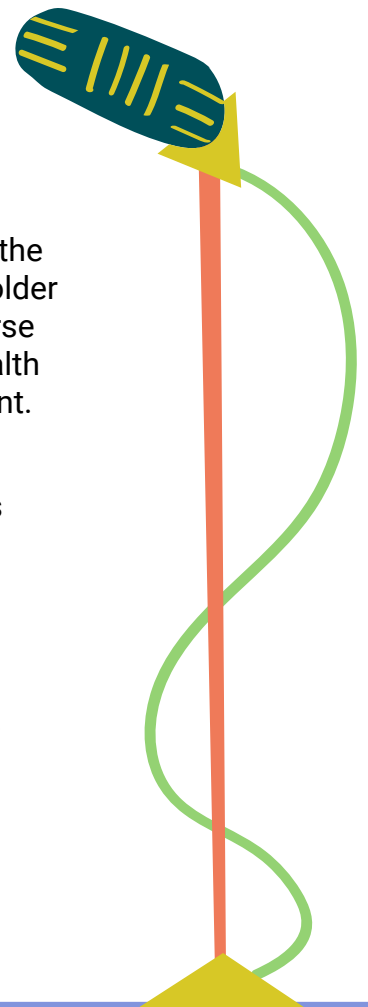
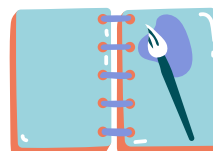
Art Enables is a vocational program and art gallery for people with disabilities.

At Sitar Arts Center, students engage in affordable, high-quality education and workforce development in the visual, digital, and performing arts.

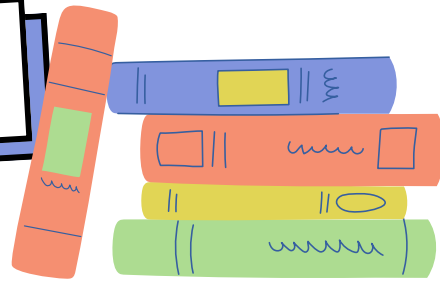
[Purchase their artwork.](#)

[Visit their merch store.](#)

Justice Arts Coalition unites artists and art advocates who are or have been incarcerated & their allies, harnessing the power of the arts to reimagine justice.



BOOK LOVERS



All Ages Read Together is dedicated to educating children in need with free preschool programs in their communities.

[You can also volunteer or donate supplies.](#)

Reach, Incorporated's Teen Publishing Project provides teens with coaching by authors and teachers to publish their own books that are accessible to second and third-grade readers.

[Buy their books through Shout Mouse Press.](#)

Reading Partners' one-on-one tutoring model empowers young readers to succeed in reading and in life through the engagement of community volunteers.

[You can also volunteer.](#)

Everybody Wins DC (EWDC) provides one-on-one mentoring hours, hosts read-aloud events, and distributes free books to kids across the DC area.

[You can also donate books.](#)

From writing workshops to book publication to public speaking, Shout Mouse Press amplifies underheard youth voices.

[Visit their bookstore.](#)

As the hub of English language learning in Montgomery County, MCAEL supports ESOL programs, instructors, and an ever-growing adult learner community.

Read Early And Daily (READ) addresses inequities in literacy resources in Arlington. It generates 65% of its funding through its nonprofit children's bookshop.

[Shop the READ Book Nook.](#)

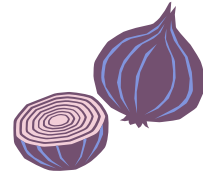
Through books, writing, and peacebuilding, Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop assists incarcerated and formerly incarcerated youth & adults to become powerful voices of change.

[You can also volunteer, purchase their merch, or donate books.](#)

An Open Book Foundation nurtures a life-long love of reading and support equitable access to engaging, entertaining, and informative literacy events.



FOODIES & COOKS



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This season, Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington is distributing 1,200 Food Baskets to needy families in the community.

[You can also donate items.](#)

Dog Tag Bakery empowers service-disabled veterans, military spouses, and caregivers through entrepreneurship programming.

[Shop their holiday gift boxes.](#)

FRESHFARM supports local farmers, food access, education, and outreach.

[You can also volunteer.](#)



ACCA provides high quality childcare and serves as a principal source of emergency assistance, including food, furniture, and financial support, for our vulnerable neighbors in Fairfax County.

[You can also volunteer or donate items.](#)

Kitchen of Purpose promotes healthy jobs and empowers immigrants with culinary jobs and entrepreneurship skills. Its Culinary Training Program transforms lives with a 90% job placement rate.

[You can also volunteer or visit their cafe.](#)

Crossroads Community Food Network is building a more resilient and inclusive food system by reducing food insecurity, improving community health, and empowering small food businesses to build wealth and create jobs.

The Father McKenna Center cares for families struggling with food insecurity and men experiencing homelessness by providing food, clothing and services to support their journey toward stability and hope.

[You can also volunteer or donate items.](#)

The Shepherd's Table welcomes all to their community table for meals and access to social services, provided with compassion and respect.

[You can also donate items.](#)

Stroke Comeback Center supports programs for stroke- and brain-trauma survivors.

[You can also purchase a star for their Caring Tree in recognition of someone special.](#)

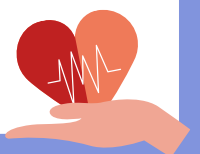
Christ House provides medical respite care for people experiencing homelessness.

[You can also donate items.](#)

Prevention of Blindness Society offers vision screening and blindness prevention services.

[You can also volunteer.](#)

HEALTHY...





MINDFUL & HEALING...

The Alliance of Concerned Men mentors at-risk youth and their families, as well as provides wraparound services to eradicate violence and provide opportunities for youth & their families to prosper.

Potomac Community Resources provides social, recreational, and respite care programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities



Empower DC empowers and organizes low-income residents to achieve social justice.

Hope Multiplied addresses underserved DMV communities with solutions tailored to their needs.

Immigrant and Outreach Refugee Center welcomes newcomers by providing material support, education, and community.

[You can also volunteer.](#)

Peace of Mind educates students about mindfulness, brain science, conflict resolution, & social justice to help them enhance their well-being and become peacemakers.

[Visit their merch store.](#)




COMMUNITIES

The Prince William County Community Foundation builds philanthropic resources that will sustain vital & healthy communities now and into the future.

[You can also donate items.](#)

REACT DC provides nationwide resettlement support for Sponsorship and wraparound assistance for refugees, visa holders, and parolees in the DC metro area to help newcomers thrive.

[You can also volunteer.](#)

Solutions in Hometown Connections supports refugee families through a network of mentors, tutors, and communities.

[You can also volunteer.](#)

Silver Spring Village maximizes independence and reduces isolation among vulnerable senior citizens.

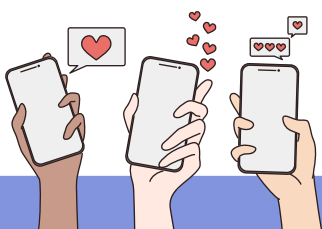
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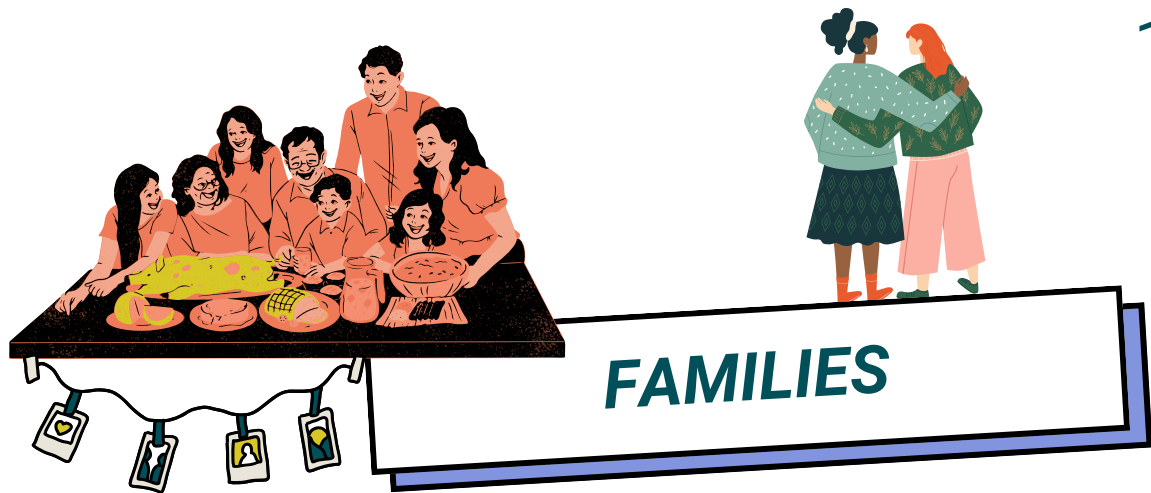
The DC LGBTQ+ Community Center educates, empowers, celebrates & connects LGBTQ residents.

[Buy a brick and support their new home.](#)

Volunteer Fairfax strengthens the Northern Virginia community through volunteerism.

[You can also volunteer.](#)





AppleTree Institute creates and provides evidence-based early education for under-resourced students.

Family & Youth Initiative creates a supportive community and lasting relationships for teens & young adults who are in or have aged out of foster care.

The Children's Science Center Lab is an interactive museum where children, families, and school groups can explore STEM concepts through fun, engaging hands-on exhibits, activities, and programs.

[Gift a membership.](#)

The Washington School for Girls inspires lives of faith-filled purpose, leadership, and service for students with big dreams.

[You can also volunteer.](#)



GOODProjects empowers families to live fulfilling lives free from poverty.

[You can also donate items and volunteer.](#)

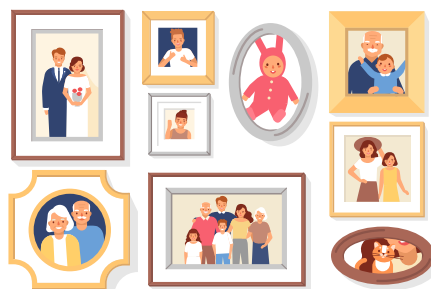
Healthy Babies Project empowers DC youth to build healthy, stable, future-filled lives.

[You can also donate items.](#)

PAVE connects, informs, and empowers parent leaders to give families in DC a voice and choice in the vision for education in our city.

The Platform of Hope amplifies the ability of families to define and pursue goals.

[You can also volunteer.](#)



By providing an adequate and reliable source for basic baby needs and personal hygiene products, Greater DC Diaper Bank empowers families & individuals in need.

[You can also donate items or donate through their Amazon wishlist.](#)

Main Street CDC prepares students for kindergarten through quality, affordable childcare.

[You can also volunteer.](#)

The Barker Adoption Foundation recruits, trains, and supports families to adopt older youth languishing in foster care, providing adoption competent mental health support for a lifetime.



TEACHERS & MENTORS



Aspire! Afterschool Learning bolsters upper elementary students' reading by providing supportive programs.

BEST Kids offers long-term mentoring to those in the child welfare system.

You can also donate gift cards for their mentees to purchase holiday gifts.

CASA/Prince George's County trains and supervises volunteers from the community who advocate for the best interest of children living in foster care who have suffered from abuse and neglect.

You can also volunteer.

The DC Arts and Humanities Education Collaborative makes art/humanities education accessible for DC public school students.

Gift a membership.

Edu-Futuro empowers youth and families through education and leadership development.

Future Link launches bright futures through self-advocacy, academic support, and workforce development.

You can also volunteer.

Higher Achievement offers year-round academic intervention programming for middle school students.

Kid Power inspires youth leadership through academics, wellness, and civic engagement.

You can also volunteer.

Live It Learn It closes the achievement gap, one field experience at a time.

The Abramson Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships & mentoring to students to increase college graduation.

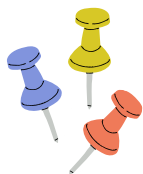
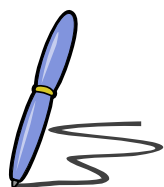
You can also volunteer.

The Washington Jesuit Academy is a tuition-free, academically demanding, private middle school for low-income boys.

WETATi Academy empowers and educates disadvantaged youth to become financially independent.

Youth Activism Project eliminates barriers to teen civic engagement in the DMV.

One World Education gives students and teachers the tools they need to improve student literacy rates.



HOUSING & CLOTHING



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Community Reach of Montgomery County provides the most vulnerable of residents with basic health & human services, & advocates on their behalf to help them achieve & maintain self-sufficiency.

[You can also donate items.](#)

The mission of Good Shepherd Housing is to reduce homelessness, increase community support, and promote self-sufficiency.

[You can also volunteer.](#)

Operation Renewed Hope Foundation mobilizes veterans to end veteran homelessness.

[You can also volunteer.](#)

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries is Western Fairfax's go-to referral for emergency needs assistance.

[You can also volunteer.](#)

Doorways creates pathways out of homelessness, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

Mobile Hope improves the lives of precariously housed youth and youth experiencing homelessness.

[Purchase a gift card at their funky, artsy thrift store.](#)

Rebuilding Together DC Alexandria is a volunteer-based organization providing free home repairs to low-income homeowners.

[You can also donate items.](#)

As the only service provider of its kind in Georgetown, GMC is a critical resource for over 1000 individuals experiencing homelessness each year, forming relationships with them to move them off the streets and into stable housing.

[You can also donate items.](#)

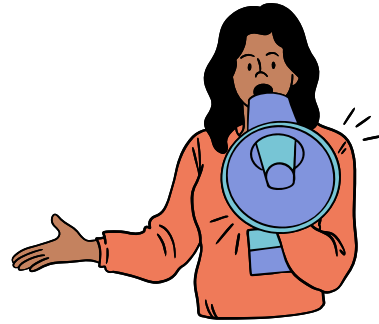
Through providing professional attire, mentoring, and job-readiness education, Suited for Change empowers women by increasing their employment and job retention potential.

Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless provides legal services, advocacy, outreach, and education to address homelessness and affordable housing.

[You can also volunteer.](#)



JUSTICE



Council for Court Excellence is a trusted, nonpartisan source of information for policymakers and residents alike, providing accurate data, conducting community-centered research, and identifying best practices that can help ensure that DC's laws are effective and equitable.

[You can also volunteer.](#)

Jubilee Jobs offers free, compassionate, workforce-development and job placement, giving others the chance to invest in their future.

[You can also volunteer.](#)

DC Abortion Fund funds abortions for anyone in the DMV.

[Visit their merch store.](#)

DC Appleseed advocates for systematic change in health, environmental, and education policy.

NVRDC provides free, holistic and trauma-informed advocacy, legal and therapeutic services to survivors of any type of crime in the District of Columbia.

[You can also donate items.](#)

DC Affordable Law Firm delivers accessible justice to modest-income DC residents who do not qualify for traditional sources of free civil legal services and cannot afford standard representation.

Tenants and Workers United organizes and builds power to advance social, racial, and economic justice. [Sign up for their newsletter!](#)

Believe in the power of redemption and transformation at Voices for a Second Chance, which serves justice-involved citizens pre- and post-release.

[You can also donate items.](#)



At Spur Local, strengthening communities is our life's work.

ABOUT SPUR LOCAL

We create a stronger, more resilient, and more equitable region by cultivating critical connections between residents and the nonprofits in their neighborhoods. We have raised more than \$57 million for our network of 400+ small, local nonprofits and trained over 25,000 nonprofit professionals.

[Visit our website to find other small local nonprofits!](#)

