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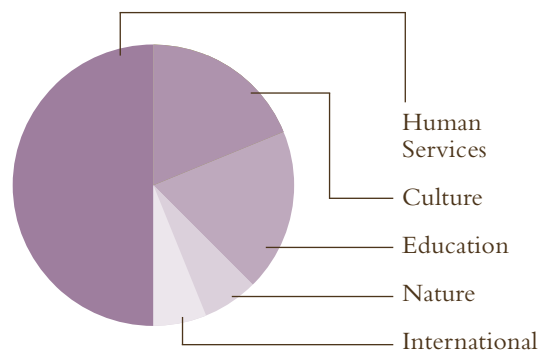
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# NATURE

Concerns about climate change have never been greater – from rising sea levels to diminishing biodiversity, from extreme weather patterns to food instability. This year’s powerful hurricanes, which devastated Houston, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the smaller Caribbean islands (warmer water contributed to their size and strength), are only one manifestation of this, and of the impact on quality of life, and life itself, that climate change can have. Despite changes in federal policy that dismiss these mounting threats, the charities in this year’s

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Catalogue still find ways to have a positive impact on our day-to-day lives: parks and rivers are more beautiful; communities and schools are greener; markets and school gardens offer healthy, fresh food for students and for neighbors in need. But take the long view, and we can see that the benefits to our society are much deeper – and much longer lasting. These charities pre-

serve and restore precious natural resources, from nurturing native plant seedlings, to protecting our region’s largest source of drinking water. Innovative curricula engage young people in the great outdoors, encouraging long-term healthy habits, enhancing academic achievement, and ushering in the next generation of environmental stewards. And perhaps most importantly, individuals and communities are empowered to act and to make their voices heard: raising the profile (and profits) of small farmers, promoting solar power and smart urban growth, and advocating for local and national policies that recognize the fragility of the natural world, and our responsibility for preserving it.





### FRESHFARM

WISH LIST \$250: *fresh food for 5 families for 1 month*; \$750: *sustainable agriculture workshop for 1 farmer*; \$1000: *supplies for 1 month of FoodPrints classes for 550 kids*

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Supporting 140 small family farmers and food producers from the Mid-Atlantic region, FRESHFARM educates the public about food and the environment, sustains the local food economy, and works to ensure wide access to breads, meats, dairy, and locally grown products. Offering a match for those using food stamps, WIC, or Senior Nutrition Coupons, each market also partners with a neighborhood emergency provider to donate leftover food for use in their daily menus. The Farmer Fund enables farmers and producers to learn more about sustainable farming, while FoodPrints shares the benefits of cooking with over 3,000 students at nine DC public elementary schools every year. Weekly markets bring the wealth of 10,000 acres of farmland into the heart of the city – along with demonstrations by 120 chefs, nutrition educators, and cookbook authors. There are so many ways to serve!

### REAL SCHOOL GARDENS

WISH LIST \$100: *herbs and vegetables for 1 raised bed*; \$250: *1 teacher bin with hands-on materials needed for outdoor learning*; \$2000: *1 shed for all garden materials*

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It's a tall order: boost students' academic achievement, heighten their environmental awareness, and encourage healthy eating – using just one program. REAL School Gardens is up to the task. Working with 480 teachers and 6,000 students at Title I elementary schools across Greater Washington, REAL School Gardens creates academically integrated outdoor classrooms and spends three years training teachers to use them effectively. These are more than just vegetable gardens: shaded classroom areas, ADA-compliant pathways, rainwater collection facilities, and numerous other educational and environmental features create hands-on classroom space for the entire school. A comprehensive teacher training program familiarizes educators with outdoor instruction and hands-on teaching techniques. The results? Greater teacher effectiveness and job satisfaction; 94% of teachers report an increase in student engagement; and pass rates on standardized tests in science increase by 12–15% at partner schools. Your support helps grow young bodies and minds.

### EARTH SANGHA

WISH LIST \$100: *1 year of wild seed for 1 native plant species*; \$500: *5 rain-garden plantings at local schools*; \$1000: *1 year of maintenance for 2 acres of forest in restoration*

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Some 1,000 native plant species occur naturally within 50 miles of the Washington Monument, but even within our parks, native plants are under siege by invasive alien plants, storm water runoff, and a host of other pressures. Earth Sangha (“sangha” means “community”) maintains a Wild Plant Nursery, with over 320 native species in propagation (all grown from locally collected seeds), providing the most comprehensive selection of native plant material in the region. Its restoration work – primarily invasive alien plant control and native plant revegetation – reaches 10 field sites a year and includes stream-buffer, forest, and meadow restoration. The School Greening program supplies native plants for gardening projects at 40 local schools per year. Most of us cannot name the plants we see daily or recognize an eroding stream bank. That disconnection – between our lives and our landscape – is something Earth Sangha works to repair.





Photographer Alicia Crawford, Courtesy of Potomac Conservancy

## POTOMAC CONSERVANCY

Since the days when George Washington built his home along its banks, the Potomac has been an anchor for our region's identity – and the source of 90% of its drinking water. The wildest river running through an urban area, it is home to more than 200 rare species and natural communities. But rapid population growth – and its accompanying urban sprawl – has led to an increase in pollution for the river and its streams. Potomac Conservancy provides effective, long-term conservation solutions: permanently protecting land from development (thereby preventing future pollution), and building a coalition of advocates for smart urban growth and river-friendly policies. Tree plantings, river cleanups, seed collections, and other hands-on activities improve the local environment and empower individuals to leave a healthier, cleaner legacy for generations to come. The Potomac faces unprecedented challenges – but you can be part of a lasting solution.

*WISH LIST \$66: planting and care for 2 native trees for 3 years; \$150: 20 environmental education kits; \$1000: trash bags for volunteers to remove 10,000 pounds of trash from waterways*

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### C&O CANAL TRUST

WISH LIST \$100: material to fill towpath potholes; \$500: removal of invasive species on 2 acres of parkland; \$1000: transportation for 280 students to an outdoor STEAM class

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With its 184.5-mile towpath, network of adjacent trails, access to the Potomac River, and historic structures, the C&O Canal National Historical Park is a premier destination for hikers, cyclists, families, and more. But despite record visitation in the past decade (4.8 million visits annually), federal funding has diminished. The Trust fills the void, raising funds to preserve the Park's natural and historical resources, and managing programs to promote outdoor learning, healthy living, conservation, and volunteerism. Each year 8,000–10,000 K–12 students engage in interactive, STEAM-based learning; more than 1,000 volunteers (many from local businesses) rally to preserve, clean up, and beautify the park; and 2,200 overnight visitors stay at one of six rehabilitated lockhouses – an award-winning program that highlights chapters in American history while protecting endangered historic structures. You can join the Trust in fostering a love of nature – and a sense of responsibility for its preservation.

### SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS

WISH LIST \$500: technical assistance for 20 residents; \$1000: info session for 50 new members; \$15,000: services to help 20-50 households go solar and generate \$1.5M in energy savings

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The vision: a future in which energy is clean, local, equitable, affordable, and reliable ... for everyone. SUN is catalyzing a grassroots clean energy movement, connecting citizens with the tools and resources they need to start renewable energy projects in their communities. At its core are co-ops in which groups of neighbors “go solar” together and get a bulk discount, making solar more affordable and accessible, and benefitting the local economy. SUN also manages the process with the installer – but that’s just the beginning. Co-op members are encouraged to take part in educational programs, volunteer work, and advocacy. The result: a network of empowered citizens who fight for energy rights and achieve significant policy wins. Now working in five states (including Maryland and Virginia) and in DC, SUN is paving the way to a clean energy future for us all.

### CITY BLOSSOMS

WISH LIST \$100: hands-on gardening workshop for 30 students; \$500: compost and mulch for 2 Community Green Spaces; \$1000: 2 months of support for 1 youth staff member

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For ten years, City Blossoms has been dedicated to transformation. It collaborates with community organizations, neighborhood groups, and schools to take unused or underused land and create urban gardens where children and youth use their creativity, intellect, and energy in new ways. Offering free and affordable in-school, after-school, and summer programming at 13 sites for children (toddlers to teens) who would otherwise have no access to green spaces, the focus is healthy living skills, artistic expression, environmental stewardship, and community development. Dozens of neighborhood organizations, thousands of volunteers, and over 45 schools have joined the greening effort, fostering healthy communities by developing creative, kid-driven green spaces and innovative resources. A new 32-recipe bilingual cookbook will encourage additional school and community leaders to incorporate gardens and healthy eating in unused spaces. Green thumb or not, you can help them grow.







# CULTURE

One of the most compelling arguments for supporting the arts is the impressive economic impact they generate. According to the latest study from Americans for the Arts, 4.8 million Americans are employed in the arts and culture industries, which adds \$730 billion to our GDP. But for most of us, return on investment is about much more than good business: nearly nine in ten Americans believe the arts are important to our quality of life. The local nonprofits

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featured in these pages make the Greater Washington region culturally rich and alive with artistic talent. They present one-of-a-kind ballet performances and cutting-edge exhibits, launch new artists' careers and celebrate established professionals, develop school partnerships that infuse arts into the curriculum, and run after-school programs that provide kids with a safe haven while nurturing their creativity. High-quality training in playwrit-

ing, poetry, photography, dance, voice, and instrumental performance ensures that the next generation of talent has the opportunity to grow. And whether through free performances and admission, public exhibits, or community outreach, this year's charities include and engage citizens who are so often left out: young people of color, seniors, people with disabilities, teen parents, incarcerated youth, and more. For many of these individuals, engaging with the arts is also a means of amplifying the call for justice and human rights. Let's not lose sight of what is at stake here: our identity as a nation that welcomes and celebrates people of all cultures and backgrounds, and ensures that all voices are heard.





Photographer Amanda Voisard, Courtesy of PEN/Faulkner Foundation

## PEN/FAULKNER FOUNDATION

PEN/Faulkner brings writers and readers together to foster a literate, creative society. Perhaps best known for administering two preeminent awards for fiction, it also co-sponsors the Eudora Welty Lecture on a writer's beginnings, hosts a reading series that brings world-class authors to the District, and coordinates Writers in Schools (WinS), a free literary arts outreach program that brings nationally recognized authors into DC schools and provides 5,000 free copies of their books to 3,000 students a year. Author visits to youth in detention facilities in DC and Maryland and a book club for pregnant and parenting teens encourage a love of literature in those who have little access to enrichment programs. Author visits are personal encounters between living writers and young people who express astonishment that a "famous" writer has taken them seriously – and inspired in them a desire to write. You can inspire them, too.

WISH LIST \$100: lunch for 3 Teen Parent Book Club sessions; \$500: books for 25 DCPS students before an author visit; \$1000: entire WinS visit, including books and author honorarium

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## CHAMBER DANCE PROJECT

WISH LIST \$100: 1 pair of pointe shoes; \$1000: rehearsal space for 2 weeks; \$2500: 3 dance workshop days (with artistic director and 2 dancers) for a local social service agency

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The only ballet company of its kind in the nation, Chamber Dance Project brings together outstanding professional dancers and musicians, who together perform contemporary works in intimate settings – not only with live music, but with the musicians onstage. Each spring, eight dancers from nationally recognized ballet companies dedicate their off season to CDP, collaborating with guest musicians and the company's own string quartet, all under the guidance of award-winning choreographer Diane Coburn Bruning. Community engagement is center stage: partnering social service agencies have access to free open rehearsals in the studio, and CDP annually donates to them 100 summer performance tickets. Audio description for visually-impaired audience members and free performances ensure broader access to the arts. CDP offers heightened artistic experiences to more than 2,000 audience members each year. You can be part of the creative process.

## THE DELAPLAINE ARTS CENTER

WISH LIST \$100: 5 art kits for youth in crisis; \$500: design, printing, and marketing for 1 gallery exhibition; \$1000: 6 months of art classes in partnership with the housing authority

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As the only full-service arts organization in the Frederick region, the Delaplaine pursues its rallying cry – “Everyone deserves art” – with gusto. Each year, 84,000 individuals visit the award-winning facility, where eight on-site galleries (plus three satellite sites at area public libraries) feature 55 exhibits in painting, ceramics, jewelry, printmaking, and more. Admission is always free. Art instructors and visiting artists lead 270 classes for all skill levels, from the “art curious” to the art professional, and needs-based scholarships ensure that anyone can participate. The Delaplaine also partners with local service providers to bring customized art programs to their clients – from preschool children from low-income families, to adults with early stage Alzheimer's disease. And public programs, including an annual Art Carnival, drop-in art activities, and free gallery talks, further integrate art into the community. Enhancing quality of life for so many, the Delaplaine will reward your support.

## CAPITAL FRINGE

WISH LIST \$125: 2 five-gallon buckets of primer paint; \$575: participation fee for 1 festival artist; \$1500: 2 artist stipends for participation in the upcoming Fringe Festival

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Take a community of emerging artists who need opportunities to share and develop their work. Pair that with an adventurous local audience eager to experience cutting-edge work. Then watch Capital Fringe unfold. Since 2005, the summer Fringe Festival has infused energy into the local arts scene – presenting 11 major festivals featuring more than 39,000 artists to over 325,000 ticket buyers. The festival is unjuried and open to all; Capital Fringe provides the performance space, staffing, and promotion, enabling each group to focus on the art – and helping artists generate \$2 million in revenue since the event's debut. And year-round, artists and audiences come together to explore art, theatre, dance, music, and creative events at the Logan Fringe Arts Space in DC's Trinidad NE neighborhood and throughout our city. What's next? Renovating the Arts Space to expand opportunities for all. Help set the scene!





Photographer Chelsea Iorlano, Courtesy of Split This Rock

### SPLIT THIS ROCK

WISH LIST \$100: supplies and refreshments for 4 writing workshops; \$500: travel costs for a festival-featured poet; \$1000: 1 teaching artist in a DC-area school for 7 weeks

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Split This Rock cultivates, teaches, and celebrates poetry that bears witness to injustice and provokes social change. Year-round, thousands of people attend and participate in readings, writing workshops, slams, open mics, and other events that give voice to the voiceless and insist on equal rights for all. After-school poetry clubs, performance and writing workshops, youth slams and festivals reach young people across the region, and in-depth arts training and leadership programs (including the award-winning DC Youth Slam Team) immerse young poets in the craft, teaching them to tackle injustice through creative expression. At the biennial Split This Rock Poetry Festival, writers from around the world converge on DC for three days of readings, workshops, discussions, youth voices, and activism. Most programs are free, including those in DC-area schools, and scholarships make even modestly priced events affordable. You can contribute your voice – and support – to the cause.

### YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS' THEATER

WISH LIST \$120: commissions a student playwright's work; \$500: underwrites a staged reading; \$5000: brings 1 semester of the In-School Playwriting Program to a Title I school

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Low-income students need the cognitive, social, and personal skills that arts education is uniquely suited to offer, but that today's school budgets just don't provide. Working with students ages 8-18, its In-School Playwriting Program integrates artist-taught workshops into the DCPS curriculum, using playwriting to enhance literacy, creative expression, and communication. Each participant writes a play and sees it performed by professional actors in the classroom or at the New Play Festival. Students can further hone their skills through after-school and summer programs, and a social justice workshop series brings together youth, artists, and activists to respond to urgent concerns like police brutality, racism, and xenophobia through "rapid response" playwriting. Strategically targeting the areas of greatest child poverty in DC, and creating continuums of programming that serve the same kids in elementary, middle, and high school, YPT helps the most at-risk kids find – and share – their voices.

### ARTSTREAM

WISH LIST \$50: full costume for 1 actor; \$250: public speaking/self-advocacy workshop for 25; \$1200: 1 month of art sessions for wounded service members and their families

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Few theatres provide challenging arts opportunities for adults with disabilities and fewer still encourage them to be artists as well as audience members. ArtStream's six Inclusive Theatre Companies invite actors with intellectual and developmental disabilities to collaborate with theater professionals and trained volunteer mentors to develop and present original musical theatre productions. Participants can also take theatre-based classes to boost self-confidence and strengthen communications and social skills. And the arts can heal, just as they can educate and entertain, so ArtStream brings highly-trained artists into Walter Reed National Military Medical Center: wounded service members, their families, and caregivers channel pain and trauma into creative work, while arts-based activities build resilience and morale among hospital personnel. Partnerships with schools, community organizations, and others ensure that adults and children can access the arts in a way that is meaningful, powerful, and healing. Your contribution makes it happen.





Photographer Camelia Watkinson, Courtesy of Young Artists of America at Strathmore

## YOUNG ARTISTS OF AMERICA AT STRATHMORE

A premier music theater training and performance organization, YAA trains high school and middle school students to perform fully orchestrated works at state-of-the-art venues, including its home stage at the Music Center at Strathmore. But what makes the program truly unique is its mentorship component: students receive individualized instruction from major performing artists and teachers in leading university programs. Each year, more than 350 students from 80 regional schools receive 150 hours of training (plus another 100 hours at a summer performing arts intensive program) in vocal and orchestral performance, dance, and acting. Over \$20,000 in scholarships is available for talented students in need of tuition assistance. Outstanding performances – including musical theater productions, community concerts, and master classes – are offered at low or no cost to more than 3,000 audience members each year. Your support nurtures young artists, preparing them to take the stage today ... and for years to come.

*WISH LIST \$100: musical scores for 5 musicians; \$500: a full year of training and performances for 1 instrumentalist; \$3500: 2-week performing arts residential summer camp for 1 student*

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MGI is the heart and soul of the classical guitar community in Greater Washington, offering affordable, accessible, world-class performances to diverse audiences. The Marlow Guitar Series has wowed local audiences for 23 years, presenting six annual performances with the best concert guitarists from around the world. Free pre-concert lectures and affordable tickets (including free admission for children with parents, and half-price tickets for students) attract more than 2,400 audience members each year. Dozens of budding guitarists ages 6-18 compete in the annual Beatty Music Scholarship Competition at no cost, building students' performance skills and the confidence to continue their musical education. And MGI introduces hundreds more students and community members to this exquisite instrument, bringing guitar performances into public school classrooms and libraries throughout the region. Your support enriches our arts community and brings new music lovers into the fold.

#### CRITICAL EXPOSURE

WISH LIST \$35: framed print of a student photo; \$150: 2 digital cameras for new CE students; \$1000: printing and framing for 10 student photographs at a gallery exhibition

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First, capture your world; then, change it. That is the guiding principle of Critical Exposure, which empowers underserved DC youth through photography, writing, and community organizing. In semester- and year-long programs, 130 students learn the fundamentals of photography and then use their training to document the issues – the school-to-prison pipeline, school culture, relevant curricula – and work to convince decision-makers to implement solutions. Public exhibits inform and engage the community, while youth-led campaigns, public hearings, and meetings with legislators teach civic engagement and forge connections between those who make policy and those who profoundly feel its day-to-day effects. Visits from professional photographers also encourage students to see photography as a career – and a life-long outlet for self-expression. The union between art and policy creates a sense of empowerment that is otherwise in short supply for these young people. You can be part of the picture.

#### JOE'S MOVEMENT EMPORIUM/WORLD ARTS FOCUS

WISH LIST \$200: 1 week of camp tuition; \$340: a month of daily after-school arts education for 1 student; \$1400: employment training in digital media and theater tech for 2 teens

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Open 350 days a year for classes, rehearsals, performances, and arts education programs, Joe's is a hub of cultural and community activity. The largest independent performing arts center in Prince George's County, it is a safe, after-school haven for youth, offering arts activities that nurture self-confidence and self-esteem. Performing Arts Summer Camp (7:30am to 6pm) for children ages 4-13 focuses on in-depth study of cultures and their art forms. For teens, CreativeWorks teaches the basics of working backstage and offers academic and employment skills training, and a year of follow-up support. Joe's also matches school teachers with local artists who infuse arts into the curriculum. And year-round, anyone can swing by Joe's for classes in yoga, hip hop, Pilates, aerial dance, hand dance and belly dance – or a performance in the intimate 150-seat theater. At Joe's, artists and residents build community – for the greater good.







# EDUCATION

“Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.” These are the words of educator Rita Pierson, who spent forty years – the majority of her life – working with underserved students. It’s easy to read her words and agree; it’s another thing entirely to take them to heart and act. But for the community-based organizations on the following pages, championing is what they do, day in and day out. Throughout Greater Washington, they

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walk alongside students through every step of their education and give them what they need to thrive – from providing low-income first-graders with full backpacks, to preparing first-generation students for college, to helping adults build literacy skills that allow them to

support their families. Innovative programs make learning fun and engaging, whether a student is tinkering in a science lab, writing a poem, or embarking on a wilderness adventure. Mentorship and leadership initiatives connect students with caring adults who not only help them stay on track academically, but teach them how to think critically, make healthy choices, and be active citizens in their community and their world. Meanwhile, teachers and parents receive training and tools to improve their own skills so that they can better contribute to students’ success. After all, it’s not just about being a champion – it’s about building a community of champions, united in our resolve to stand up for the education we know every child deserves.





Photographer David Schellhaas, Courtesy of Casa Chirilagua

## CASA CHIRILAGUA

It all started in 2008 with an after-school reading club for a few kids in Chirilagua, a Latino immigrant community in Alexandria. Since then, Casa Chirilagua has blossomed into a neighborhood hub of activity: Kids Club is now a full-fledged after-school program serving 42 children and their families five days a week, and offering an entry point to additional programs that nurture children's development and strengthen family and community bonds. Eleven staff members, 100 volunteers, and 20 community and church partnerships make it all possible: summer enrichment programs, one-on-one mentoring, a Teens Club, professional development for college-age youth, and parental engagement. Many of these kids face unresolved trauma from their migration journeys; most are learning English as a second (or third) language; all come from low-income households. This year, Casa Chirilagua opened a new community center in the heart of this vibrant neighborhood. Let's give them a warm welcome.

*WISH LIST \$100: materials for a Fun Friday at Kids Club; \$500: dinner for 20 families in need; \$1000: 1 month of utilities at the new community center*

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#### AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS DC

WISH LIST \$100: supplies for 1 Top  
Chef Healthy Cooking class;  
\$500: 2 cameras for a digital media  
STEM class; \$1200: entire year of  
after-school programming for 1 student

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The vision: that all children have the chance to grow up safe and healthy, go to college, find careers they love, and give back to their communities. ASAS brings these goals within reach for nearly 500 of the District's most at-risk youth, providing free, comprehensive after-school programming at six Title I middle schools. From 3-6 pm (when youth violence and drug use are most likely to occur), it offers academic support, enrichment activities, and health and fitness programs – a combination known to improve student achievement significantly more than academics alone. Additional initiatives target key issues: high school readiness, career exploration opportunities, and sports activities that double as lessons in topics like leadership, teamwork, and gender equality. Through it all, kids connect with caring adults who believe in their potential for greatness. Part of a national program, this local branch is in high demand: let's help it grow.

#### KIDS R FIRST

WISH LIST \$100: 120 school  
supplies for 10 students;  
\$500: 50 backpacks with required  
supplies for two classes; \$1000:  
custom supplies for over 100 kids

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For families who struggle monthly to make rental payments or buy groceries, purchasing back-to-school supplies can be quite a stretch. So Kids R First steps in. Participating Fairfax and Loudoun County schools submit custom orders; supplies are purchased wholesale from corporate partners; volunteers unload trucks and sort bulk orders to fill backpacks and school kits for 32,000 kids at 110 schools – all by the first bell. Each child receives a dozen grade-appropriate items required by their school, eliminating waste and reassuring students that they are ready for class. Education can be the road out of poverty, and Kids R First is determined to ensure that all students can participate fully in their educational experiences. Thanks to leadership and support from dedicated volunteers, faith-based groups, and community and corporate partners, 96% of all donations go to support kids in need. Think of the impact.

#### REACH INCORPORATED

WISH LIST \$100: set of 20  
teen-authored books for 1 classroom;  
\$500: monthly tutor stipend for  
5 teens; \$1000: 6-week Summer  
Leadership Academy for 1 teen

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By third grade, more than half of DC students have fallen behind in reading. This shortfall has serious, long-term implications because reading ability is a strong predictor of high school completion, college success, and stable employment. So Reach takes a novel approach. It recruits as tutors teens who have experienced significant academic challenges themselves. Professional instructors guide them in preparing lesson plans with a focus on decoding and comprehension skills, and Reach entrusts them with tutoring elementary school students in need. Tutors gain 120 hours of teaching (and learning) experience and, significantly, 91% graduate from high school. Their young charges receive 60 extra hours of reading instruction. The results? Both groups experience significant growth: 1.5 years for tutees and ... two years for their tutors. For the teens who learn by teaching, and for the children who benefit, it's a win-win. Reach out and support it.





Photographer Steve Abraham, Courtesy of Wilderness Leadership & Learning



## WILDERNESS LEADERSHIP & LEARNING

WISH LIST \$150: transportation for a program day for 25 youth; \$500: boat for Potomac & Anacostia Rivers Day; \$1250: 7-day backpacking expedition on the Appalachian Trail for 1 youth

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For students at WILL, the natural and cultural worlds of Greater Washington are their classrooms. On Saturdays, school holidays, and summer break, youth from underserved DC neighborhoods learn and explore: day trips on the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers; a ropes course challenge; a scavenger hunt on the National Mall; a seven-day backpacking journey on the Appalachian trail; a forum on college admissions; workshops on inclusion and diversity, financial literacy, healthy eating – all are designed to develop their inherent strengths, decision-making, leadership, goal-setting, and life skills. Service learning is integral and all WILL youth learn the importance of giving back. Last year, 36 students made the 335-hour full commitment to explore and grow. To date, 100% of those who completed the program have graduated from high school or are on track to do so. You can catalyze their next adventure and keep them on track to succeed.

## GLOBAL KIDS

WISH LIST \$100: 1 week of after-school healthy snacks; \$500: trip to NYC for 2 students for the Annual Youth Conference; \$1000: 3 weeks of intensive summer learning for 1 student

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Too often, students in our nation's capital do not receive the education they need to be engaged citizens. Focused on under-resourced schools and neighborhoods, Global Kids provides local youth with the tools to become successful students – and ultimately leaders – in a global society. In after-school programs at four high school sites, a citywide program at the Global Kids DC headquarters, and a global education program run in partnership with the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute, young people learn about global issues and how they relate to experiences in their own lives. Students design and lead service-learning and civic engagement activities, exploring how to catalyze change in their communities. College and career prep activities are central to the program; guest speakers include diplomats, policymakers, and international business leaders. Today's workplace demands critical thinking, problem solving, and broad-based knowledge of our world. Let's give our young people these essential skills.

## DC SCORES

WISH LIST \$1000: programming for 1 student for a year (24 weeks); \$5000: writing program for a team of 32 kids (12 weeks); \$10,000: annual citywide soccer festival for 2200 students

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DC SCORES believes in equipping every child with the skills and confidence they need to succeed on the playing field, in the classroom ... and in life. Serving 2,200 low-income DC youth, the innovative model combines poetry and spoken word, soccer, and service-learning projects, and proudly hosts the city's biggest poetry slam and only public elementary and middle school soccer leagues. Each season, teams of 32 students participate in all aspects of the program: kids who join to play soccer end up reciting poetry on stage; students drawn in by community service end up scoring their first goal on an athletic field – all with a team of peers supporting them along the way. Dedicated DC SCORES coaches work with elementary and middle schoolers during the critical after-school hours for over 24 weeks each year, stepping in where others have stepped out. Won't you join this winning team?





Photographer Melanie Read, Courtesy of Children's Science Center



### CHILDREN'S SCIENCE CENTER

WISH LIST \$100: *supplies for a classroom field trip to the Lab*; \$500: *2 months of transportation for mobile science programs*; \$1000: *2 STEM educators at the Lab for 1 month*

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In the next decade, 51% of new jobs in Northern Virginia will require skills in science, technology, engineering, and math – subjects in which the most disadvantaged students lag significantly behind their more affluent peers. But each year over 70,000 visitors explore, create, get inspired ... and build 21st-century skills at the Children's Science Center. Mobile programs deliver fun, interactive STEM experiences to schools, libraries, and festivals across Northern Virginia. The Lab, a 5,400-square foot, hands-on facility at Fair Oaks Mall in Fairfax, transforms a mall outing into a scientific journey through themed "experience zones" where learners of all ages tinker, build, and experiment. Subsidizing programs in dozens of Title I schools in five counties, the Center is dedicated to closing the STEM achievement gap. Next up: building a world-class children's science center on donated land in Dulles, VA. You can help lay the foundation.

### ONE WORLD EDUCATION

WISH LIST \$300: *OWE program for 5 students*; \$500: *1 teacher professional development session and program for 1 class*; \$1000: *college scholarship for 1 senior*

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Fewer than 21% of DC public school students are prepared for college-level reading and writing, compared to 64% nationwide – a startling statistic. But OWE tackles this disparity head-on, equipping educators effectively to teach critical thinking, and empowering students to write about issues that matter to them. Teachers receive a practical toolbox of curricula and lesson plans, coupled with professional development training and support from other experienced educators. Across four to six weeks, students in grades 5-12 learn the core skills and concepts of a rigorous research and writing project, and engage with ideas to solve real-world problems. A semester-long college prep class primes seniors to excel at the next level, in higher education. And it works. Last year, 93% of partner schools saw statistically significant increases in student performance. Working with 6,000 students across 25 schools, this program is cultivating a generation of critical thinkers. Our world needs them.

### CENTER FOR INSPIRED TEACHING

WISH LIST \$100: *feedback via video coaching for 1 teacher for a year*; \$500: *stipend for 4-month professional development program for 1 teacher*; \$1000: *4 months of mentoring for 1 fellow*

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What is the most influential school-based variable in student achievement? The teacher. Since 1995, Inspired Teaching has fostered better classroom experiences for kids through innovative teacher training. Its two-year certification program for new teachers, and one-year professional development program for existing teachers, trains them to teach students not what to think but how to think, and ensures that all teachers are effective in the classroom when they take charge. Teachers also combine instruction with emotional support – a key factor in student success. Working with DCPS educators to improve student achievement and create rich academic experiences, Inspired Teaching also developed the first-ever Common Core-aligned "modules" for both science and social studies. Its Real World History builds the skills of a historian and provides internship opportunities at historical sites and museums – connecting learning with our world. Want to see lasting, systemic change in our schools? This is where it begins.





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## MENTORPRIZE

WISH LIST \$100: support for mentoring advocacy efforts; \$500: matchmaking for 2 mentor-mentee pairs; \$1000: sponsorship of a mentor recruitment event

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Greater Washington is home to thousands of individuals who want to become mentors yet struggle to find programs that match their interests and availability. Meanwhile, mentoring programs lack the resources for quality recruitment. MentorPrize bridges the gap, uniting people across communities and boosting the chances of a successful mentor-mentee match. Through presentations at corporations, outreach at public events and volunteer fairs, and regular posts on volunteer websites, MentorPrize recruits suitable mentors for over 20 area nonprofits, allowing them to focus on direct service to the people they serve, from foster kids to teen parents seeking a foothold in the job market. The program sets a high bar: participating nonprofits must employ best practices and MentorPrize's regular follow-ups with partners and volunteers help promote quality mentoring relationships. For both mentor and mentee, these connections can be transformational. You can make the next match.

## COLLEGIATE DIRECTIONS, INC

WISH LIST \$100: 1 meeting with CDI's mental health counselor; \$500: 1 scholar's application fees and college visit costs; \$5000: wraparound support for 1 scholar for a year

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Low-income and first-generation students face long odds on the path to earning a college degree: the graduation rate for this population is just 9% nationwide. CDI helps local students overcome these challenges by selecting motivated, low-income, first-generation high schoolers and providing wraparound support from 11th grade through college graduation – a unique, six-year commitment. CDI provides comprehensive college advising, individualized test preparation, support in finding “best-fit” schools, help negotiating aid packages, and one-on-one assistance through college. Each year 100% of CDI scholars are admitted to selective four-year schools with average grants and scholarships of \$30,000. Most importantly, scholars have posted an incredible 97% college graduation rate since 2005. Your contribution supports 200 scholars directly and affects even more through the School Support Program, which partners with local public schools to strengthen their college advising services. Think of the possibilities.

## BUILD METRO DC

WISH LIST \$100: classroom materials for 5 first-time students; \$500: seed capital to launch a youth business; \$1000: SAT/ACT prep course and test fee for 1 senior

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“We want to start a business.” These words first inspired BUILD's founder, who agreed to help four young entrepreneurs – on the condition that they finish high school. Now in five locations across the country, including DC where more than 300 students participate annually, BUILD runs a comprehensive, four-year business and academic program that immerses students in entrepreneurship training, teaches critical thinking and problem solving, and propels them toward college. Recruiting youth from under-resourced communities, BUILD Metro DC begins in 9th grade with a credit-bearing course at six DC schools and then shifts to an after-school program. Students craft business plans, make pitches for venture capital, build a small business, and “cash out”; in the third year they focus intensively on college readiness. The profit is clear: 98% of students graduate on time; 97% are accepted into a post-secondary institution; 75% into four-year colleges. Your investment builds futures.



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## YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

WISH LIST \$100: 20 hours of mentoring for 1 student; \$500: a DC history tour for 25 students; \$1000: enrollment of 1 high school student in the summer business plan competition

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Helping our kids succeed academically is essential to their economic future – but helping them build character enhances every aspect of their lives. So YLF does it all, training young professionals and college-age men and women to mentor children ages 7–17 throughout the school year and summer. With their mentor’s support, students in the Tenley Achievement Program for boys and the Program for Academic and Leadership Skills for girls strive for educational excellence through intensive academic tutoring, and build character through sports, trips, and challenging electives based on their interests. Mentors serve as role models, empowering students to tackle challenges in the classroom and at home, and instilling in them the values of hard work, generosity, justice, and community service. Nine out of ten students describe YLF’s programs as positively “life-changing.” Teaching kids not only to do well, but to do good ... a noble mission indeed.

## WASHINGTON ENGLISH CENTER

WISH LIST \$150: ESL tuition and books for 1 student; \$300: books and supplies for 8 volunteer teachers; \$1000: citizenship classes for 14 students

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An estimated 41% of DC’s low-wage workers are immigrants, but without a command of the English language, career advancement is nearly impossible – and time and money for classes are scarce. So Washington English Center fills the gap, providing excellent and affordable English instruction at convenient hours: six days a week, day and night. A team of more than 350 volunteer teachers and tutors offers a sequence of classes from beginner to advanced, focusing on both written and verbal communication and serving 1,700 students each year. Citizenship preparation, computer classes, and a workforce readiness program (including one-on-one job coaching, interview preparation, and job fair field trips) further build skills and empower students. For many, WEC is a community as much as a classroom – the place where they learn, connect, and take the first steps toward achieving the American dream. You can help make this dream a reality.

## LITERACY COUNCIL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

WISH LIST \$100: 5 spelling or pronunciation books; \$500: 25 subscriptions to a low-literacy newspaper; \$1000: books for 40 adult learners in the tutoring program

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For over 130,000 residents of Montgomery County who are “limited English proficient,” simple tasks like completing a job application, or writing a note to their child’s teacher, pose nearly impossible challenges. For the past 54 years, LCMC has helped make those tasks easier for over 20,000 adult learners. Through one-on-one Basic Literacy and English as a Second Language tutoring and classes, it provides cost-effective instruction to both foreign-born and native-born students who have limited flexibility in their schedules, may not be comfortable in large classes, or may simply need to learn at their own pace. It also offers conversation classes and workplace literacy courses – all of which give students the skills and vocabulary to navigate school, work, and community. Over 30 classes at six sites will reach nearly 1,700 adults next year. Your gift puts their dreams into words.







# HUMAN SERVICES

The charities on the following pages have a message for the most vulnerable and marginalized among us: whether you are a refugee who has endured the terrors of war, or a child who has endured the trauma of abuse ... we are here for you. Whether you are homeless, living with mental illness, or struggling to feed your children ... we are here to help. These organizations provide a window into the world of our neighbors' vast and varied needs, and they also demon-

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strate the incredible impact we can have on others' lives. As our nation undergoes major changes at the federal level, their work will likely be more challenging, and more important, than ever. They cover the basics that so many of us are fortunate enough to take for granted: food, clothing, healthcare, housing. They care for and protect those who are too often invisible: foster children, youth in the

juvenile justice system, veterans, low-income seniors, survivors of trafficking, individuals with disabilities. And they build opportunities and support structures so that all people, regardless of their circumstances or backgrounds, can lead lives of dignity and independence. At a time when our nation is politically divided, we can – and must – come together around this shared value: nothing is more important than caring for, respecting, and helping each other.





Courtesy of Family Preservation and Strengthening Services

## FAMILY PRESERVATION AND STRENGTHENING SERVICES

Most people experiencing homelessness in Fairfax are working parents and their children who have fallen on hard times. Family PASS takes them under its wing, quickly moving them from shelters into stable housing and offering long-term, comprehensive support. Case managers settle families into their new homes, provide basics including furniture and household goods, and connect them to subsidies for rent, transportation, and childcare. Over a period of months (and up to three years), they help each family work toward independence, empowering clients to resolve their own challenges – everything from fixing clogged drains to reducing debt – and to achieve their goals for education and job skills training. The results are lasting: since 2006, 97% of Family PASS clients have remained housed and self-sufficient, becoming productive members of the Fairfax community – and securing a promising future for their children. You can lend a hand.

*WISH LIST \$100: 1 month of transportation for working clients; \$500: 1 month of childcare for 3 children; \$2880: security deposit and first month's rent for 1 family*

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#### LAUREL ADVOCACY AND REFERRAL SERVICES

WISH LIST \$100: buys uniforms and other materials for a client with a new job; \$500: restores power to a client's home; \$1000: prevents a family from being evicted

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Serving 1,700 households each year, LARS is a source of hope and relief for members of the Laurel community who struggle to meet their basic needs. At its Community Crisis Center, help may mean rental assistance after an unexpected illness causes lost hours at work, or a bag of groceries, so a family does not have to choose between buying food and filling a prescription. Case managers connect clients to comprehensive social services and work with them to set goals and build skills in areas like personal finance, education, employment, and mental and physical well-being. And for individuals and families coping with chronic homelessness and disabilities, LARS provides subsidized housing and supportive services to get them off the streets and on the path to stability. Your support provides a lifeline in crisis ... and a stepping stone to independence.

#### HOUSING INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP

WISH LIST \$50: 1 financial capability coaching session; \$100: 1 home-buyer workshop; \$500: landscaping improvements for a renovated home

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For 27 years, HIP has provided comprehensive housing development and counseling services to residents of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. It develops high-quality, affordable, green rental housing, and acquires and renovates foreclosed homes, which it then sells to low- and moderate-income buyers. HIP has developed over 490 rental homes, 70 for-sale single family homes and, since 2003, has counseled over 15,000 families to avoid foreclosure, prepare for home ownership, and improve their finances. In 2016 alone, 35 homeless families moved into permanent rental homes thanks to HIP's financial counseling and support. Always on the cutting edge of green building, HIP constructed and sold the first "passive" house in Prince George's County and promotes energy savings and native landscaping in its homes. For our neighbors who struggle to keep a roof over their heads, this innovative organization does more than renovate homes; it renovates lives.

#### NEW ENDEAVORS BY WOMEN

WISH LIST \$500: meals for 10 homeless families for 3 weeks; \$1000: 1 month of homework help and activities for 24 children; \$3000: apartment for homeless family of 5 for 2 months

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NEW annually gives over 200 women and children in seven housing programs a safe place to stay. Homeless for a variety of reasons, the women (single or with families) come when they are ready to make big changes in their lives. Independent living skills, academic retooling, employment counseling, strategies for obtaining and maintaining affordable housing, support groups, and therapy – all help women regain control of their lives. Drug recovery assistance is critical because most residents have a history of substance abuse. Importantly, residents learn how to afford places of their own: many put a portion of their income into an escrow account, and work diligently with staff to identify potential housing. NEW women who become self-sufficient remain so: more than 80% of the 3,000 who have completed the program are no longer homeless – an impressive feat. Your contribution means independence and a new life for so many.





Photographer Ken Flemmer, Courtesy of Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington

## ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES OF GREATER WASHINGTON

In predominantly affluent Takoma Park and Silver Spring, it's easy to overlook the many individuals who struggle to get by. But ACSGW ensures that no one is forgotten, reaching out to the most vulnerable among us – refugees and immigrants, at-risk youth, low-income seniors – and helping them build independence and self-sufficiency. Donations of food, clothing, diapers, holiday baskets, and more help clients make ends meet during tough times. At the Learning Center, 8-week courses in English and computers boost job prospects for low-skilled workers; for more advanced students, training in computer repair and technical certifications increase earning power. Fitness programs and learning camps empower youth to make healthy choices and shape their own futures. And when emergencies strike (such as the 2016 apartment fire that displaced 60 families), crisis support makes a real difference. Serving nearly 3,000 families annually, ACSGW is always there to lend a hand. So can you.

*WISH LIST \$100: 6 holiday food baskets for low-income families;  
\$500: IT certification for 3 youth;  
\$1000: 2 months of workforce training for 15 immigrants*

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## COALITION FOR NONPROFIT HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WISH LIST \$100: metro cards for 5 resident advocates; \$500: training for 10 community development professionals; \$1000: affordable housing and workforce development materials for 500

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For one quarter of DC households, more than half the family income goes toward rent – a reality that too often forces residents to choose between paying the rent and buying food. But CNHED believes we can solve the affordable housing crisis ... together. This dynamic association represents a broad spectrum of 140 stakeholders (housing developers, service providers, community lenders, small businesses, government agencies, and more) that work toward two intertwined goals: creating and preserving affordable housing, and catalyzing economic opportunity for low-income residents. CNHED leverages its convening power, public education, advocacy, capacity-building services, and robust research and communications to maximize collective impact. These methods not only advance affordable housing initiatives, but also amplify members' abilities to create jobs, improve and expand small businesses, energize neighborhood-based commercial corridors, and end homelessness. Securing safe, healthy dwellings for all is within reach.

## MARY HOUSE

WISH LIST \$100: 1 month of after-school program supplies; \$600: housing for 1 month for a newly-arrived family; \$2000: 3 AmeriCorps volunteers to handle advocacy work for a month

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Some have immigrated from Mexico, Latin America, or Iraq; others have journeyed from Rwanda and Cameroon to seek political asylum; some have come to receive long-term treatment at Walter Reed. Nearly all Mary House clients have been traumatized by natural disaster, war, violence, or loss. So the transitional housing program comes first, supplemented by food deliveries, clothing, games, school supplies – and counseling. After school, youngsters work on language and study skills (summer means day camp), parents learn English, and a women's group explores childrearing in a new country. Families attend workshops on money management, home ownership, employment, and other topics. In-house advocates and a web of partnerships ensure that everyone has access to the services and resources they need. Your partnership helps so many recover from trauma and rebuild their lives.

## CARPENTER'S SHELTER

WISH LIST \$100: 1 week of milk for the shelter; \$500: 1 month of medication for an uninsured client; \$5000: a 2-month stay for a homeless individual

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On a cold winter night in Alexandria, a local pastor (with ten cots and two volunteers) opened his church doors. Today, Carpenter's Shelter is a 60-bed emergency shelter that engages over 1,000 volunteers annually. At the Residential Shelter, families and individuals find a temporary home and the help they need to secure a permanent one: life-skills classes, job-readiness training, assistance with housing placement, as well as school, health, and medical services provided by community partners. A day shelter offers showers, phones, laundry facilities, a mailing address, and shelter and housing placement referrals to chronically homeless adults; a Winter Shelter provides a warm sleeping place in the colder months. Continued case management and educational opportunities are available for those living independently. For 700 homeless and formerly homeless people annually, Carpenter's Shelter is more than a building with beds. It is a source of hope for the future.





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#### THE BARKER ADOPTION FOUNDATION

WISH LIST \$100: *supplies for children's workshops on adoption; \$500: layettes, formula, and doctors' visits for 5 premature babies; \$1000: financial aid for a family adopting a special needs child*

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Serving all members of the adoption circle, The Barker Adoption Foundation provides ethical, child-centered services that fully respect everyone's needs. Clients are diverse in age, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic background. Expectant parents with crisis pregnancies access emotional support, housing and food, education about their options, and connections with community resources. (There are no fees and no one is turned away.) Adoptive families receive guidance and information on raising an adopted child. Most importantly, children find permanent, loving homes, and special assistance as they grow up and seek to understand their own adoptions. A model public-private partnership, Project Wait No Longer, finds loving, permanent families for children in the foster care system, many of whom are older or have special needs. The human family comes in many forms, and The Barker Adoption Foundation honors that fact in everything it does. Your generosity helps sustain this noble mission.

#### ONLY MAKE BELIEVE

WISH LIST \$100: *materials to make children's costumes; \$500: hand-painted trunk filled with masks and dress-up clothes; \$1000: 1 hospital performance*

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The children served by Only Make Believe face different challenges – some are chronically ill or struggling with psychiatric disorders; others have physical or developmental disabilities; most spend a large portion of their childhoods isolated from their communities. But all can benefit from the therapeutic power of theater. Only Make Believe creates and performs interactive theater for children in hospitals, care facilities, and special education programs, bringing the magic of imaginative play into their lives. With the help of local professional actors, children take part in original plays, dressing up and becoming the stars of the show. Each performance is tailored to suit the children's needs – including sensory modifications for children with disabilities and an interactive closed-circuit TV program for kids who cannot leave their hospital beds – and all are free of charge. Nurturing children's imaginations helps them to learn, and to heal. You can play a role.

#### THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON DC

WISH LIST \$100: *2 welcome kits for mothers in need; \$500: 2 tutoring kits for volunteers to aid 20 struggling readers; \$1000: 6 weeks of summer camp for 2 Girls on the Rise*

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In 1887, a woman gathered a group of friends to sew a layette for a young mother who had no clothing for her child. And so began 130 years of filling the basic needs of the region's at-risk children, regardless of race or creed. Today, over 4,000 welcome kits of clothing, educational materials, and a hand-knitted item go to mothers in need. A counseling program brings essential support systems to five schools; Adopt a School provides library books and sports equipment to over 1,500 children annually; 25 volunteer tutors ensure that young students reach grade level in reading; and there are camp scholarships for children with disabilities. Girls on the Rise, an after-school and summer camp program for at-risk girls in Southeast DC, helps build self-esteem and leadership skills and gives girls the tools they need to shape their futures. "See a need and fill it" – simple and vital.





Photographer Corinne Cannon, Courtesy of Greater DC Diaper Bank



#### GREATER DC DIAPER BANK

WISH LIST \$100: *diapers for 1 baby for 1 month; \$500: training and ongoing technical assistance for a new distribution partner; \$1000: 7000 diapers to help 140 families for 1 month*

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In many households, the expenses associated with raising a child are daunting, and this is especially true for the low-income households into which 44% of DC children are born. One costly but necessary item is diapers, which are not covered by WIC or food stamps – and babies need from 10 to 12 a day. Partnering with numerous nonprofits, DC Diaper Bank distributes diapers monthly to more than 4,000 families in Maryland, Virginia, and DC, and the Baby Pantry and Nursery Project programs provide formula, baby wipes, hygiene, feeding supplies, and other essentials as well. This simple service alleviates financial stress, enabling parents to spend valuable dollars on food, rent, utilities, and transportation. Moreover, diapers are a “gateway resource” that brings families into social service agencies they would not otherwise seek, and where they access medical care, parenting classes, counseling, and more. Simple, effective, essential – and worthy of your support.

#### COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE / PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY

WISH LIST \$100: *screening and training materials for 1 volunteer; \$500: household and other necessities for youth aging out of foster care; \$1000: advocacy and supervision for a child for 1 year*

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For the nearly 500 children living in foster care in Prince George’s County, it often takes four years (twice the national average) to find a stable home. In those years, their Court Appointed Special Advocate may well be the only source of comfort and safety they have. Since 1992, CASA/Prince George’s has given a voice to abused and neglected children in the foster care system by screening, training, and supervising volunteer advocates and promoting the timely placement of children in stable homes. While attorneys are experts on the law, CASA volunteers are experts on the child and provide the long-term, best-interest advocacy that children in complex, frightening situations desperately need. Over the past three years, CASA/Prince George’s has supported and advocated for nearly 300 youth. For many, their advocate was the first adult on whom they could unconditionally rely. Your advocacy means everything.

#### DC CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY

WISH LIST \$100: *printing for an advocacy brochure; \$500: supplies for adult/teen conferences; \$1000: 10 parent workshops on talking to children about love, sex, values, and relationships*

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Having twice met and exceeded its goal of cutting teen pregnancy in half (the current rate is 31.7 per thousand girls ages 15–19, an astonishing 79.2% reduction), DC Campaign looks to cut the rate further – because young mothers drop out of school, abuse and neglect of children rises, sons of teen mothers are far likelier to enter the criminal justice system and daughters to become mothers before their time. So DC Campaign teaches low-income parents how to talk to their children about love, sex, values and relationships. For teens it conducts town halls to dispel myths, provide accurate information about sexuality and contraception, and ... to listen. It collects and shares data to inform policy and enlists the media to spread the word. Surely we should not rest until our nation’s capital can report the lowest teen pregnancy rate in the country.





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## STONE SOUP FILMS

Stone Soup Films tells the real-life stories behind local nonprofits that transform the lives of individuals in need, because crafting meaningful messages empowers organizations to be better champions of their causes – and amplifies their impact. Twice per year Stone Soup selects new partners with limited budgets; then staff and volunteers work with each organization to develop a clear communications strategy. This culminates in a five- to seven-minute film that showcases stories of transformation – effectively and powerfully communicating the heart of each nonprofit's work. For two weekends a year, the Doc-In-A-Day Challenge offers healthy competition (and a \$1,000 prize) for nonprofit filmmaking on the fly, producing two- to three-minute films for the greater good. The market value of this work? Up to \$40,000. The financial cost to nonprofits? Zero. A gift to Stone Soup Films is really a contribution to DC's nonprofits and, most importantly, the people they serve.

WISH LIST \$1000: production materials for 1 month; \$5000: camera and equipment upgrades; \$10,000: hardware and software upgrades for 6 editing suites

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## JEWS UNITED FOR JUSTICE

WISH LIST \$100: campaign planning dinner for 20 grassroots leaders; \$500: space for 350-person community action seder; \$1000: year of meetings for community organizers and leaders

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Justice is a Jewish value, rooted in a history of rising from oppression to freedom. So JUFJ stands in solidarity with the vulnerable – fighting inequality and racism so that marginalized people can have the rights and opportunities to which we are all entitled. Through community organizing, leadership training, political education, and more, it mobilizes and educates some 2,000 people who, allied with struggling communities, engage in issue-focused campaigns that lead to systemic change at the local and state level. In recent years, it has played key leadership roles in protecting critical safety net services, advocating for marriage equality, fighting for immigrant education rights, dramatically increasing public investment in affordable housing, and raising the minimum wage in DC and Maryland. These campaigns have had a positive impact on hundreds of thousands of our struggling neighbors ... but more needs to be done. You can rise up – and join in.

## TOUCHING HEART

WISH LIST \$100: Art of Giving workshop for 30 kids; \$500: Kids on a Mission event to raise funds for children in need; \$1000: 8-week after-school program to inspire kids

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Touching Heart teaches children the importance of – and inherent joy in – helping others. Through its signature program, Kids on a Mission, children and teens team up with a Touching Heart coach to plan and host a fundraising event that benefits a cause of their choice, selected from a list of pre-screened, child-focused nonprofits. These young leaders develop practical skills (budgeting, marketing, speech writing) while raising money for children in need, and Touching Heart covers 100% of event costs. Programs for elementary, middle, and high schools incorporate age-appropriate curricula about issues children face (homelessness, hunger, lack of clean water), and empower students to take on related service or fundraising projects. Art of Giving workshops give kids the opportunity to learn about and address social concerns with a simple action step, such as packing lunches for a local shelter. Compassion and kindness: these are gifts that keep giving.

## AVODAH: THE JEWISH SERVICE CORPS

WISH LIST \$300: Shabbat dinner for 22 Corps Members; \$1000: alumni programming for 80+ DC-area alums; \$5000: stipend for 1 low-income Corps Member

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Each year as Avodah Corps Members (“avodah” means “work” or “service”), 22 post-college young adults may well discover their life’s work. During their year of service they commit themselves to local anti-poverty organizations and participate in intensive educational programs, from trainings in activist skills to workshops on urban poverty. Here in the District, where one fifth of residents live in poverty, this program is ideally poised to make a difference. Avodah’s placement organizations significantly expand their reach, while Corps Members strengthen their resolve to work for social change throughout their lives. In 2015, DC Corps Members added over \$470,000 in staffing capacity to local organizations, making a positive impact on more than 23,000 people. To date, nearly 300 young people have participated in the DC Service Corps, 95% of whom affirm that Avodah strengthened their commitment to social justice work. There is, indeed, promise for the future.





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## METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON EAR

In today's fast-paced digital world, reliable access to news and information is crucial to our everyday lives. Now imagine trying to keep pace without the ability to see. MWE serves more than 5,000 blind and low-vision residents in Maryland, Virginia, and DC each year, providing them with immediate, independent access to essential news and information. Radio broadcast, webcast, and a telephone dial-in service are available 24/7, allowing listeners to "read" numerous major print publications. In the evening, volunteers take requests by phone to look up classified ads, stock quotes, sports scores, and more. And because the arts, too, should be accessible to all, MWE offers enriching audio description of live performances at ten local theaters. All services are provided free of charge. Your support helps ensure that visually impaired people are well-informed, fully productive members of their families, their communities, and the world.

*WISH LIST \$100: keypad and headset for a reader to access the Dial-In News Service; \$500: 1 computer and monitor for a news recording studio; \$1000: 10 internet radios for listeners in need*

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## GREAT AND SMALL

WISH LIST \$100: scholarship for 1 therapeutic riding lesson; \$500: equine learning experience for 2 classrooms of students with special needs; \$1000: 3 months of care for 1 therapy horse

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Bonding with a horse can be a life-changing experience, particularly for people with special needs. Great and Small offers equine-assisted activities and therapies – from individualized riding lessons to summer day camps – to help children and adults with disabilities improve their health and reach their potential. Through therapeutic riding, individuals with special needs (autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy) learn horsemanship, while also working toward personal goals in areas like balance, strength, and social skills. During hippotherapy sessions, licensed therapists facilitate interactions with the horses that help clients improve speech, language, and cognition. And in the serene farm environment, mental health clients work with a counselor – and equine friends – to learn how to cope with trauma and conflict. Riders are encouraged to pitch in, building independence as they help care for these magnificent creatures that empower and befriend people of all abilities. You can support a transformational ride.

## POTOMAC COMMUNITY RESOURCES

WISH LIST \$100: music therapy instruments with specialized grips; \$500: communication software for non-verbal members; \$1000: therapeutic cushions for out-of-wheelchair activities

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For teenagers with developmental and intellectual disabilities, services begin with the school system – and end when students “age out” at 21. That’s when PCR steps in, providing therapeutic programs in arts, fitness, and communications that enable the full inclusion of those with developmental differences. Basketball welcomes 50 sports enthusiasts; a 20-person chorus fosters a love of music; Communication Counts covers basic and advanced social skills; Phabulous Photographers builds technical skills and self-expression. A respite care program provides therapeutic activities and nursing support for medically fragile people with profound disabilities, while social clubs unite adults from around the region and help prevent loneliness. Much-needed support is also there both for caregivers and for families whose children are transitioning to adulthood. Knowing the difference this program has made, PCR works with other communities to replicate the model – and increase the impact.

## HOPE FOR HENRY FOUNDATION

WISH LIST \$100: birthday party for a hospitalized child; \$500: iPad for a child awaiting a bone marrow transplant; \$1000: 1 Hope for Henry Reads event with a children’s book author

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In 2002, seven-year-old Henry Strongin Goldberg lost his battle against Fanconi anemia, a genetic disease that leads to bone marrow failure. In his memory, his parents created Hope for Henry, which brings innovative programming into the hospital to entertain, reduce stress, and empower children to be active participants in their care. Full-time Certified Child Life Specialists help children and their families cope with the anxiety of serious illness, providing therapeutic activities, explaining diagnoses, and minimizing fears of surgical procedures or tests. Book events, spa days, visits from celebrities, carnivals, and birthday parties ensure that kids don’t miss out on feeling like kids. A patient incentive program pays children in Hope for Henry Bucks to undergo radiation, chemotherapy, or other painful but necessary procedures (bucks are exchanged for gifts), thereby increasing adherence to medical tasks and helping kids get healthier, faster. You can help, too.





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## WE ARE FAMILY SENIOR OUTREACH NETWORK

A birthday card, a friendly visit, nourishing food – these simple gifts can mean connection and community to our senior neighbors in need. With a focus on the North Capitol, Shaw, Columbia Heights, Petworth, and Adams Morgan neighborhoods, We Are Family helps seniors age in place by bringing services directly to their doors – at no cost. Last year alone, its network of 4,000 volunteers provided over 8,500 bags of groceries, delivered weekly summer produce to 120 homes, offered 280 round-trip rides to community events and medical appointments, and distributed hundreds of Thanksgiving baskets and holiday gifts. But just as important is companionship: for isolated seniors, monthly visits ensure that they do not feel alone or forgotten. Half of the organization's board is comprised of low-income neighborhood seniors – testimony to the belief that everyone has value to contribute, regardless of age or finances. You can contribute, too.

*WISH LIST \$100: 20 bags of fresh produce for seniors; \$500: grocery delivery for 40 seniors for 1 month; \$1000: Thanksgiving baskets for 50 seniors*

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## WOODLEY HOUSE

WISH LIST \$100: 1 month of utilities for 3 apartment residents; \$500: bed linens, towels, and supplies for 5 new clients; \$1000: life skills counseling for 3 residents for 1 month

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Thousands of individuals in the District suffer from severe and persistent mental illness. Many are unable to hold steady jobs, and struggle with homelessness. For nearly 60 years, Woodley House has provided these residents with a safe place where they can work toward recovery, with housing and support services under one roof. A range of residences from short-term crisis housing (an alternative to hospitalization) to independent living apartments allow residents to move from highly supervised living to greater autonomy. Clients work closely with specialists who help them regain the skills they need to care for themselves (cooking, home maintenance, recreation), and to interact with others (anger management, personal boundaries). Serving more than 300 of our most vulnerable neighbors each year, Woodley House opens up a new world to those who have long been isolated and ostracized. Won't you lend a hand?

## SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

WISH LIST \$100: pairing of a Friendly Visitor with 1 home-bound senior; \$1000: Meals on Wheels for 10 seniors for 10 days; \$1500: 1 annual Speaker Series event

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For nearly 50 years, SSA has provided vital programs and services to seniors in need, fostering their independence and self-sufficiency. Groceries to Go provides free home delivery for individuals who are unable easily to shop for themselves, and Meals on Wheels delivers healthy, fully prepared meals 365 days a year. For seniors who are homebound and socially isolated, a Friendly Visitor program offers year-round weekly visits from trained volunteers. SSA also manages a call center that ensures low-cost, door-to-door transportation service is available for seniors with disabilities. And valuable information is always close at hand: an in-depth Speaker Series offers education on a wide range of topics, from finances to health care accessibility; and Senior Information Centers at public libraries and recreation centers connect individuals to current programs and services. Helping neighbors to age in place, with dignity and grace – what a gift.

## HOSPICE CARING

WISH LIST \$280: 7-week Good Grief Club for 1 child; \$935: weekend at Camp Erin for 1 camper; \$1100: volunteer support and respite care for 1 patient with a terminal illness

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The only volunteer-driven, non-medical hospice in Montgomery County, Hospice Caring offers (at no charge) compassionate, practical, high-quality care to those facing a life-threatening illness or mourning the death of a loved one. The Patient and Family Program offers a range of support – grocery shopping, transportation to the doctor, funeral planning – or simply visits to patients who need a friend. Specially trained volunteers guide the Good Grief Club, a bereavement group for children at county public schools; and Camp Erin provides a weekend bereavement camp for local kids. Hospice Caring also offers adult groups for parents, spouses, siblings, relatives, and friends. Since 1989 over 10,000 patients, their families, and over 7,000 individuals grieving the loss of a loved one have received the support they need. Hospice Caring promises patients and families that someone will always be there. You can help them keep the promise.





### THE FAMILY PLACE

WISH LIST \$100: breakfast for 25 English language learners for 2 months; \$500: case management for 20 women for 1 week; \$1250: a month of early childhood education for 1 child

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Of the nearly 800 families served annually at TFP, over 90% are low-income, newly arrived immigrants operating in survival mode to provide for their families' basic needs. Lacking social networks, inexperienced with urban agencies, and extremely limited in language skills, those with young children are triply isolated. TFP begins by focusing on the littlest ones, providing families with parent education, early childhood education, and immunization monitoring. Using the acclaimed Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters program (the only one in DC focusing on Latino families), TFP encourages families to learn as a unit and create a literacy-rich home environment. Meanwhile, workforce readiness and literacy programs (in English and Spanish) build parents' self-sufficiency. Emergency material assistance, a Spanish language domestic violence support group, case management and referrals – all are woven together to create a comprehensive support system for families who otherwise have few options.

### CENTREVILLE IMMIGRATION FORUM

WISH LIST \$100: 2 months of cleaning supplies and paper products for the Labor Center; \$500: new computer for day laborers researching job prospects; \$1000: 1 skills training course

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Day laborers, most of them low-income immigrants, frequently face underpayment – or no payment at all – for work done. Employers, meanwhile, struggle to find the right skill set for the job. Remarkably, CIF addresses both problems simultaneously. Monday through Saturday mornings, its Labor Resource Center provides a safe space for workers to negotiate with employers. Job parameters and payment are agreed upon in writing, often with the help of the Center's bilingual staff. CIF keeps records and follows up to ensure satisfaction on both sides – and provides support to resolve wage theft when necessary. While waiting for a job, workers meet with volunteers to improve their English skills, and trainings in landscaping, painting, and drywall open doors to better employment. CIF's model is one of empowerment, with laborers involved in decision making and leadership, working toward a stronger community for everyone. That's a cause worth building on.

### JUST NEIGHBORS

WISH LIST \$200: work authorization for 1 young adult; \$500: green card application to reunite 1 refugee family; \$2000: full legal services for a woman leaving her abuser

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Since 1996, Just Neighbors' lawyers, staff, and volunteers have offered hope and help for newcomers to the US, providing high-quality legal services to low-income immigrants in Northern Virginia. It helps them navigate the complex and often confusing immigration system and access the benefits to which they are entitled. Last year, it provided reunification services to 220 families, secured employment authorization for 193 individuals, achieved legal status for 230 survivors of domestic violence – enabling them to start a new life – and provided valuable legal advice to 252 others. Experienced staff attorneys supervise all cases, prepare clients for interviews, and accompany them to meetings with immigration officials, ensuring that no one feels confused or alone. The goal is to help an increasing number of newcomers build their own capacity and resources – and become self-sufficient, stable, contributing members of the wider community. We are, after all, just neighbors.





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## THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING LEGAL CENTER

Nearly all of the trafficking survivors who come to HTLC for help are immigrant women who have been held in forced labor, deprived of food, wages, and medical care; many have suffered physical and sexual abuse. HTLC connects them to its network of more than 3,000 highly-skilled attorneys who are ready and willing to help. With legal support, clients can obtain criminal restitution, bring civil suits against their traffickers, win damages, and gain financial independence. To ensure expert representation, attorneys receive specialized training, extensive technical assistance, and data analysis services. Landmark research and public education further advance the cause. Since 2012, HTLC has helped trafficking survivors win over \$40 million in court orders and public settlements – funds they use to purchase homes, open businesses, and provide for their children. You can join with them to restore justice and rebuild lives.

*WISH LIST \$100: technical assistance for a new pro bono attorney; \$500: special visa for a trafficking survivor to gain legal status in the US; \$1000: pro bono representation in a civil case*

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#### NETWORK FOR VICTIM RECOVERY OF DC

*WISH LIST \$100: service fee for a Civil Protective Order; \$1000: safety training for 50 domestic violence survivors; \$6000: 1 year of safe hospital rides for forensic exams*

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In the aftermath of a crime, victims often feel helpless – unsure of whom to trust and where to turn. NVRDC answers the call, offering free, holistic case management, advocacy, and legal support to victims of all types of crimes. Staff attorneys provide direct civil representation; in criminal court, they zealously defend victims' rights throughout the entire criminal justice process. NVRDC also runs the advocacy portion of DC's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program, supporting a coordinated community response for survivors, including hotline services, free transportation to and from the hospital, hospital advocacy, entry into therapeutic services, and referrals to legal services. Focused on survivor-defined justice, NVRDC has walked alongside over 2,500 crime victims since 2012, empowering them to pursue their goals for recovery and redress. As one survivor put it, "NVRDC has been, and continues to be, my saving grace."

#### WASHINGTON LEGAL CLINIC FOR THE HOMELESS

*WISH LIST \$100: 100 pocket Street Rights Cards; \$250: Homelessness 101 trainings to teach police recruits about clients' rights; \$1000: shelter access for 5 homeless families*

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WLCH believes that housing is a human right, so when the 2017 Point in Time survey counts 7,473 DC residents as homeless, there is work to be done. At six community-based sites, staff lawyers and 200 volunteers meet with individuals and families experiencing homelessness or severe housing instability, offering direct legal representation at no cost and helping them achieve permanent, affordable housing. WLCH also strives to ensure that housing agencies respect the rights of homeless and low-income families, shelters are well-maintained and accessible to people with disabilities, and homeless services provide a safety net during financial crises. Community trainings empower shelter residents, educating them about their rights under the law. Last year, WLCH served 960 clients with direct representation, assisted tenant associations representing 1,000 households, and conducted outreach to 800 families seeking shelter. You can help give everyone a strong voice – in court and in the community.

#### OPEN CITY ADVOCATES

*WISH LIST \$100: 1 month of mentoring for 1 youth; \$250: intensive re-entry advocacy for 1 youth; \$1000: 3 months of reform efforts to increase access to post-sentencing legal counsel*

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On average, youth incarcerated at New Beginnings (DC's long-term, secure juvenile facility) have already been arrested five times. When they return home, poverty, violence, under-resourced schools, and staggering unemployment await them. Against these steep odds, Open City Advocates re-envision legal advocacy and each year provides holistic support to 40 youth before, during, and after re-entry. Under the supervision of staff attorneys, law students from Georgetown University serve as trusted confidants and zealous advocates: helping clients develop goals for re-entry, ensuring their due process rights, and seeing that each client's school, housing, and support services meet his or her needs. Law students receive weekly instruction on post-sentencing representation, and extra support to troubleshoot any challenges. For clients, the results are transformational, with a reconviction rate of just 10%. These kids are living proof that a new start is possible. Let's give them that chance.





Photographer Patricia Funegra, Courtesy of La Cocina VA

## LA COCINA VA

The immigrants served by La Cocina face multiple challenges, including language barriers, limited education, and poverty. Serving 30 clients each year (95% are women), La Cocina uses a comprehensive approach to get them on the path to self-sufficiency. Its 17-week culinary arts program offers bilingual training in food service and hospitality, complemented by English classes designed to improve workplace communication and performance. The course culminates in culinary and food-safety certifications from Northern Virginia Community College Workforce Development and the National Restaurant Association. Life skills and job-readiness training empower students to build a financially secure future; paid internships and job placement assistance help them find meaningful full-time work. And the community benefits as well: healthy meals prepared by the students are donated daily to 300 neighbors in need. What's next? Expanding to serve refugees and veterans, and launching a catering branch and small business incubator. Be the catalyst.

**WISH LIST** \$100: 40 student-prepared meals for neighbors in need; \$500: 16 hours of instruction for 10 students; \$1000: industry and community college certifications for 4 students

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## LIFE ASSET

WISH LIST \$100: 6-week business training class for 1 entrepreneur; \$500: leverages \$3000 in loan capital for a start-up; \$1000: 1 year of coaching to start/expand a micro-business

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Low-income entrepreneurs stand to benefit the most from small loans and yet few qualify for them: poor credit, minimal savings, and other financial challenges stand in the way. That's where Life Asset steps in, providing microloans (under \$5,000) to promising entrepreneurs who too often get overlooked. 75% are recent immigrants and 80% are low-income women (40% of whom are single mothers). Microloans allow them to start or grow businesses, earn an income, and create jobs. Additional business training and support sets them up for success, leveraging the loan and encouraging long-term financial sustainability. A credit-building loan program helps borrowers build or repair their credit scores – a critical step toward securing employment or renting a home. Since 2011, Life Asset has provided nearly 400 loans to 275 entrepreneurs, with a repayment rate over 98%. For every dollar loaned, two dollars is generated. Why not double your investment?

## URBAN ED

WISH LIST \$100: 1 month of TechnoAcademy supplies for 120; \$500: academic enrichment tools for 10 TechnoCamp kids; \$1000: certification exam vouchers for 10 youth

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In DC's Anacostia neighborhood, the unemployment rate is nearly 25% and half of the 19,000 people out of work are young adults. This is where Urban Ed makes its home. Its flagship Career and Workforce Development program offers 12-16 week courses that equip adults with competitive skills for high demand, Tier 1 and 2 occupations in information technology (last year, 90% of graduates obtained gainful employment). The TechnoAcademy reduces truancy for high school and middle school youth, requiring school attendance in exchange for lessons in popular subjects like software coding and gaming. These youth then help lead the Lil Bitties TechnoCamp, a STEM-oriented summer enrichment program for kids ages 5-7. Last year, Urban Ed reached 257 individuals with nearly 50,000 hours of services, moving adults from unemployment and homelessness into stability and prosperity, and putting kids on the path to success. A gift here lasts a lifetime.

## YELLOW RIBBON FUND

WISH LIST \$100: 2 coffee meet-ups for up to 30 caregivers; \$500: 1 rental car for a caregiver for 3 months; \$1000: 10 nights in a hotel for visiting family members

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While Walter Reed and Ft Belvoir hospitals provide world-class medical care for gravely wounded service members, YRF provides the programs that make daily life more manageable for the wounded and their family caregivers. For those who face long stays while family members recover, it provides hotel rooms and apartments (9,678 nights to date), rental cars (2,185 families served), and a wide range of critically important social events. A playground at Walter Reed provides a welcoming space for kids just steps from the hospital. One-on-one mentoring for service members and their families on future employment and college admission are designed to reintegrate them into civilian life. Some programs, like Family Caregiver, have expanded to six states with eight new locations on the way. Serving over 1,000 soldiers and families annually, YRF makes sure that we take care of those who have taken care of us.







# INTERNATIONAL

In recent years, the international aid community has endured a new level of scrutiny, and rightly so. Donors are holding charities accountable: they want to know where their dollars are going and what the impact is on the ground. At the same time, community leaders and local organizations are demanding autonomy, rejecting the top-down international development model that has historically offered hand-outs and temporary fixes. The international organizations in this year's Catalogue understand what sustainable social change really looks like – and they support

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from-the-ground-up solutions to make it happen. Two of this year's charities send teams of skilled volunteers abroad to provide crucial medical care and health education in under-resourced communities. They also offer training to local counterparts, improving the communities' ability to provide their own health services in the future. Two others focus on building social movements: one provides Haitians with tools and resources to

fight deeply rooted challenges; another catalyzes the global feminist movement by empowering women leaders and advancing human rights. The bottom line: each of these charities helps everyday citizens transform their home communities ... on their own terms.





Photographer Jim Matiko, MD, Courtesy of Health Volunteers Overseas

## HEALTH VOLUNTEERS OVERSEAS

Established in 1986, HVO's educational programs now operate in over 25 resource-scarce countries, where US healthcare professionals with years of clinical and teaching experience – and a powerful desire to give back – provide health and medical education to their in-country counterparts, improving the quality and quantity of healthcare where it is most desperately needed. Using a “train the trainers” model, each local professional trained by an HVO volunteer is empowered to train others, resulting in more skilled and compassionate caregivers and healthier, more productive communities. Orthopedic officers in Malawi, anesthesia specialists in Belize, pediatric nurses in Uganda, physical therapists in Bhutan — all these make a huge difference to those who live in the poorest and most underserved nations in the world. More than 6,500 health volunteers have donated their time and expertise. Won't you offer your caring support?

WISH LIST \$100: textbook for (the only) dental school library in Haiti; \$500: LCD projector for nurse educators in Cambodia; \$1000: recruitment of 1 oncologist to train 5 Hondurans

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## THE VIRGINIA HOSPITAL CENTER MEDICAL BRIGADE

WISH LIST \$100: ear infection treatment for 50 children; \$300: a smokeless stove for 2 families in a mountain village; \$1000: 30 years of clean drinking water for a village household

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With fewer than 0.4 physicians per 1,000 people, accessing healthcare in Honduras is difficult indeed. And for those living in poverty (nearly 70% of the population), available services are impossible to afford. So four times a year, the Brigade sends teams of volunteer healthcare professionals to the Comayagua region, where they deliver life-changing medical care to the poor, including surgeries, rehabilitation services, and eyecare. But immediate relief is only part of the plan: the Brigade also trains and supervises community health workers, who provide year-round healthcare to villagers living far away from the nearest hospital. Numerous additional projects – including clean water systems and latrines, smokeless stoves, and education programs in hygiene, nutrition, and sanitation – impact thousands of lives by building local capacity to prevent disease and fight malnutrition. Join the team, and help generations of Hondurans lead healthier lives.

## BEYOND BORDERS

WISH LIST \$100: reintegrates 1 freed child slave into her family; \$500: provides a year of training for a teacher; \$1800: allows a destitute family permanently to escape extreme poverty

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The poorest country in the Western hemisphere, Haiti has social and economic challenges that have attracted significant international aid. But too many charities offer only temporary fixes that end once the headlines disappear. By contrast, Beyond Borders sees the country's strength and beauty, and the great potential of everyday Haitians to transform their communities. Addressing deeply rooted challenges – gender-based violence, extreme poverty, child slavery, and the lack of quality education – BB equips Haitian organizations and local leaders with the training, tools, methods, and materials they need to build social movements. Some programs are designed for community organizing or skill acquisition; others help employ public health models, combat harmful cultural norms, or maximize local resources. All lead to tangible, community-led results: sending children to school instead of work, increasing food security, reducing violence. A gift here is an investment in Haiti's people – and its future.

## WOMEN'S LEARNING PARTNERSHIP FOR RIGHTS, DEVELOPMENT, AND PEACE

WISH LIST \$100: 1 multimedia toolkit for human rights advocacy; \$500: equipment for a rally protesting domestic violence; \$10,000: skill-building program for 30 female political candidates

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For social change to be truly lasting, it must come about organically, from within the communities it affects. WLP takes this bottom-up approach to the feminist movement and elevates it to a global scale. A partnership of 18 women's rights organizations in the Global South, WLP equips people and organizations with the tools and knowledge they need to transform decision-making and power-sharing structures at the family, community, and national levels – particularly in societies that remain rooted in nondemocratic systems and social norms. Each year, WLP's curriculum development, training, advocacy, and organizational capacity-building programs reach over 4,000 women, men, and youth from 50 countries. And by training hundreds of women to replicate these programs in their own communities, WLP mobilizes an additional 10,000 people to join the movement. Promoting democracy, advancing human rights, inspiring women to lead – you can help build a more just and peaceful world.



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