Fall Newsletter 2020



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Sponsor a Village Meal

Looking to help make the Village holidays special? Consider sponsoring a community dinner. We are looking for generous volunteers to provide a meal for up to 30 residents. To ensure food safety standards, the meals are required to be prepared in a commercial kitchen or ordered from a local restaurant. For more information, please contact Donna-Marie Thompson at **dthompson@nstreetvillage.org**.



Winter is Coming!

You can make a difference by saving and sharing the Shelter Hotline number. If you see someone in need this winter, call **202-399-7093**.

Two New Village Locations

Miriam's House 25 rooms of supportive housing for women living with HIV.

Patricia Handy Place for Women Downtown emergency night shelter with 213 beds including temporary senior and medical respite housing.

Phyllis Wheatley YWCA Comprehensive case management provided to 42 women by N Street Village staff.



NEW Adam's Place Temporary emergency shelter with 30 beds and 24/7 services provided by N Street Village staff. Flagship

Day Center, Wellness Center 51 units of affordable housing for families 44 units of permanent supportive housing 12 units of recovery housing and 9 units of mental health focused housing.

Erna's House 30 efficiencies and one-bedroom apartments for the most vulnerable women in the city.

NEW Diane's House 42 units of permanent supportive housing, including 6 units for families.

We are excited to announce two new Village locations – Diane's House and Adam's Place. N Street Village now provides services at seven locations across four of DC's eight wards. This growth helps us address the growing needs at our doors.



"I love having my own space and I'm excited to make it my own. Everything I could need was provided and I'm excited to start fresh here." Opened in October 2020, Diane's House is our newest permanent supportive housing location with 42 housing units, including six for families. Over the past few weeks, residents like Diedre have been moving into Diane's House. Diedre was a part of the N Street Village's Holistic Housing program and was proud to take this next step in her journey and settle into her new home.

Opened in November 2020, Adam's Place is a temporary shelter

providing a warm and safe place for 30 women this winter. In response to hypothermia needs and the rise in COVID-19 numbers, this space will provide additional shelter beds along with 24/7 care, meals, showers, and essential supplies. A big thank you to all who donated urgently needed items to help us open Adam's Place.



We are grateful for the partnerships and your ongoing support that made these two new locations possible. Together, we have been able to expand our continuum of care for the nearly 2,000 women we welcome each year.

Share your #HolidayHope with the Village

As we wrap up the holiday season, consider sharing your #holidayhope with N Street Village. All gifts up to \$50,000 will be matched by our Board of Directors until December 31. Your generosity now can make an impact on the lives of the women we serve year-round! Make your holiday donation at www.nstreetvillage.org/hope.



Double your #holidayhope with a matching gift up to \$50,000

Virtual SHERO Walk



A huge thank you to everyone that joined us for our Virtual SHERO Walk in October! While we couldn't gather in person, we felt your Village spirit and had a fun time gathering over Zoom to celebrate our success. This year we raised a record-breaking \$89,000 for the nearly 2,000 women we welcome annually. **Top Fundraisers:** Larry Robertson The Sorenson Family

Top Teams:

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Thank you to our sponsors who made this year's event possible:

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Navigating a Virtual Village

As the Village continues to explore new and innovative ways to meet the needs of Village clients, Heidi Gauthier, Director of Vocational Development and Volunteers, shares her experience managing multiple teams and programs in a virtual landscape.



Q. You oversee a few different teams at the Village. Can you walk us through how each of those is working remotely right now?

A. Since the pandemic hit, there have been many changes to the way our teams operate. The MARJ & MAK Vocational Center

is now offering virtual classes and oneon-one services to clients actively seeking employment. The Judith Morris Wellness Center continues to seek innovative ways to provide clients with virtual activities and support while in-person services are paused. The Volunteer and In-kind Donations team has been focusing on receiving and distributing donations like PPE, essential supplies, and food. While all of this has been challenging without the support of our generous in-person volunteers, staff from across the Village has done an incredible job of stepping in to help where they can.

Q. How have you and your team had to innovate while working remotely? Any great successes or lessons learned over the past few months?

A. Yes, we have had to be innovative but the word I have been hanging onto most these days is patience. We have ideas or new ways to launch projects, then often have to change course due to the evolving pandemic.

Q. What new opportunities are you offering clients and volunteers right now?

A. Right now, we are focusing on holiday gift giving and ensuring clients have what they need to be safe and successful. In the new year, we look forward to a time when we can safely get back to in-person opportunities to support women with their goals.

Q. What have been some of the biggest challenges and opportunities of going virtual?

A. The biggest challenge during the pandemic has been technology. It is difficult to offer virtual options to clients who are experiencing homelessness. N Street Village clients really miss the connections they make when meeting in person. There is no substitute for the personal interaction clients crave.

Q. What do you look forward to most when we are able to be fully back inperson at the Village?

A. One another! I can't wait to see my co-workers, welcome new and former volunteers back to the community, and above all - see clients on a regular basis.



A Record Breaking Celebrate Logan!

Reimagining Celebrate Logan, the Village hosted a special event that brought the tastes and talents of Logan Circle to you with a virtual experience enjoyed from home. In partnership with TTR Sotheby's International Realty, nearly 200 guests joined us for a meaningful and delicious evening. Together, we raised more than \$130,000 for the women of N Street Village.

Thank you to all of our restaurant partners that made Celebrate Logan Reimagined possible and special thanks to Marcelle Afram from Maydan, Diane Gross from Cork Wine Bar & Market, Sanjay Mandhaiya from Pappa, Jonathan Nelms from Supra, and Rose Previte from Compass Rose for joining us to share the history and technique behind their incredible menus.

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We are grateful for the support of all our Corporate Partners, especially in a challenging year like 2020. This quarter, we want to give a special shoutout to longtime Corporate Partner, Bloomberg, for ensuring essential services and care as the Village continued uninterrupted.

Bloomberg joined us at our March 2020 Gala & Auction as a Gold Sponsor. A few weeks later when COVID-19 hit our doors, they were one of the first partners to reach out to see how they could help. Bloomberg responded with yet another generous financial investment to support our everchanging needs. This fall, Bloomberg employees donated 150 coats to our Annual Coat Drive and hosted a virtual workforce workshop to support clients with resumes, cover letters, and mock interviews. Thank you, Bloomberg, for sharing your time, talent, and treasure with the women of N Street Village!





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