This model that N Street Village has become so well known for is something that is going to make a world of difference to about 1,000 women in the Washington D.C. area this year. But it has much broader impact than that because N Street Village is one of the places across the country that has really pioneered this comprehensive wraparound model.

Shaun Donovan, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
N Street Village 2012 Gala
March 21, 2012

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY

WE INCREASED OUR HOUSING FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN BY MORE THAN 50%.

46,000 MEALS WERE SERVED TO HUNGRY WOMEN IN OUR DROP-IN DAY CENTER.

WE EXPANDED OUR INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE AND SERVICES FOR WOMEN WITH OR AT RISK OF HIV/AIDS (11% OF OUR CLIENTS ARE HIV-POSITIVE).
Dear Friend of N Street Village,

We are pleased to share this Annual Report with you in gratitude and celebration of the growth that you made possible by extending your hand to our community.

Because of your generosity we were able to expand our residential services this year by more than 50% to meet the growing needs of homeless and low-income women in our community.

In October, we merged with Miriam’s House, a long-time provider for homeless women living with HIV/AIDS. With this merger, we gained housing for seventeen women living with HIV and their families, and we expanded our HIV prevention and health-related services. With 11% of the women we serve being HIV positive, the need for these services is critical.

In March of this year, we opened Erna’s House through a new partnership with the Washington, D.C. government to provide housing for 31 women who were chronically homeless. These women now have apartments to call their own as well as access to the Village’s full array of supportive services.

Your commitment to N Street Village is life-changing. This year alone we will empower more than 1,000 homeless and low-income women to make significant improvements in their housing, income, employment and health. On the pages that follow, you will read the inspiring stories of two such women—Shevanda and Blanche. Their experiences show how we increased our positive impact through expanding and combining new and existing programs.

This year your support made it possible for over 60% of our city’s homeless women to achieve meaningful personal progress and newfound quality in their lives – and there is more we can do together. With your continued help, we can affect the lives of many more women and families in the year ahead.

Thank you for being a part of our Village.

Schroeder Stribling,
Executive Director

Peter Shields,
Chair of the Board of Directors
"I don’t want to do this anymore!"

Those were Shevanda Brantley’s plaintive words as looked in the mirror in her jail cell. She had always thought of herself as cute, but this time her reflection startled her so much that she jumped back. Instead of seeing a young, fun-loving girl, she realized what she had become—a woman without a home, living with HIV, who had been struggling with addiction for twelve years.

It was at this moment that Shevanda decided to change her life.

Her case manager told her about N Street Village. With its emphasis on wellness and community, and a dedicated Recovery Housing program, she decided that N Street Village was the ideal fit. On December 15, 2010, she was released from jail and moved in.

For the next fifteen months, she dedicated herself to a strict regimen of daily activities meant to strengthen her recovery. She participated in sobriety groups, cooking and nutrition classes, painting, and exercise programs. Shevanda’s favorite activity was and continues to be poetry, which allows her to express herself and process her experiences.

This spring with fourteen of her peers, Shevanda performed to a sold-out audience in “My Soul Look Back in Wonder: Life Stories from Women in Recovery,” an original piece produced by Theatre Lab. She bravely shared her story of addiction and recovery on stage at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Shevanda calls the experience one of the most glorious days of her life. A personal highlight for Shevanda was having her two teenage daughters in attendance. Afterwards, they told her how proud they were and how much they loved her.

Her experience onstage has awakened a passion. Shevanda wants to work behind the scenes, writing and directing. She is currently working on her GED and taking classes from Theatre Lab. She dreams of someday working with Tyler Perry.

In May, she graduated from the Recovery Housing program surrounded by her family and friends. She has since moved into Miriam’s House, N Street Village’s program for formerly homeless women living with HIV. She is now more independent—she has her own bathroom and her own room—yet she gains strength and support from being part of a community of women who share her experience. While she had once been so distraught by her diagnosis that she never wanted to wake up, she is now thriving at Miriam’s House.

Shevanda has been transformed by her time at N Street Village. Now when she looks in the mirror, she sees someone she is proud of—a vibrant young woman who has overcome tremendous adversity and who is determined to make her dreams a reality.

“I DON’T WANT TO GIVE UP ON MYSELF NOW THAT I AM PART OF CARING COMMUNITY OF WOMEN.” SHEVANDA
“This example may turn out to be a textbook case of a successful merger.”
Nonprofit Quarterly, November 3, 2011

“Many of the clients say they get more than training and housing, they get love and the necessary tools to be self-sufficient”
WUSA, November 7, 2011
1. Productive courtyard garden maintained and harvested by dedicated clients, volunteers, and staff. JUL. '11

2. Community mentors, the Senior Peers, complete a leadership training course. AUG. '11

3. Students head back to work in the Education and Employment Center classroom. SEPT. '11

4. Miriam’s House founders Carol Marsh and Tim Fretz and N Street Village executive director Schroeder Stribling announce the merger of the organizations. NOV. '11

5. Peter Shields, N Street Village board member, accepts the Center for Nonprofit Advancement 2011 Board Leadership Award. NOV. '11

6. The final year of the Fannie Mae Walkathon on the National Mall. Friends and supporters recruited over 3,700 walkers and raised over $300,000. NOV. '11

7. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan visits N Street Village and speaks with kitchen manager Laurie Williams. DEC. '11

8. ‘Tis the season for holiday celebrations with our friends and supporters. DEC. '11

9. Lisa Sharon Harper of Sojourners offers the keynote address at the inaugural Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. FEB. '12

10. Linda Daschle, Senator Byron Dorgan, Founders’ Award Honoree Senator Amy Klobuchar and Senator Roy and Abigail Blunt at the 2012 Gala. MAR. '12

11. Founders Erna and Pastor John Steinbruck at the dedication of Erna’s House, named in honor of Erna Steinbruck, which will provide 31 women with housing. MAR. '12

12. Celebrating volunteers at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Event. APR. '12

13. A resident artist with her work at the 2nd Annual Client Art Show at Fathom Creative Gallery. APR. '12

14. Residents living in our Recovery Housing program perform at the Kennedy Center through the Theatre Lab Life Stories series. APR. '12

15. Sixth Annual Luncheon keynote speaker Gloria Mayfield Banks visits N Street Village in her pink Mary Kay Escalade. MAY '12

16. D.C. Real Housewife Lynda Erkiletian with N Street Village executive director Schroeder Stribling dropping off gifts for women in our community through her Beauty Within initiative. MAY '12

17. Recovery Housing graduates on graduation night. MAY '12

18. N Street Village board member and Annual Luncheon chair, Dr. Keith Harley, presents the Community Ally award to the Washington, D.C. Chapter of The Links, Incorporated representative Denise Sessions at the Sixth Annual Luncheon. JUN. '12

19. Mayor Gray and Department of Health officials released the District of Columbia HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Epidemiology Report 2011 to a full house in N Street Village’s multipurpose room. JUN. '12

WASHINGTON BUSINESS JOURNAL

“Strategic partnerships, asset stewardship, earned income opportunities, mergers and acquisitions, fundraising optimization - all big business buzzwords. We’re not talking corporate titans, but rather N Street Village...”


The Washington Post

“15 women of N Street Village in ‘Life Stories’ one of the most moving Kennedy Center Performances of the year.”

BLANCHE’S STORY

Four years ago, Blanche Smith lost her job. One year later her unemployment ran out, and she lost her home.

For the next three years, she lived at an emergency shelter. Blanche learned that when you're homeless, nothing is your own—neither time nor space. You have to be at the shelter at a certain time to make sure you get a bed, leave when someone tells you to go, and eat what someone serves you. You have no place to rest and get away from everything.

At night, crowded into a room with five or more strangers and waiting for sleep to come, Blanche would pray and ask, “Lord, why am I here?”

While Blanche would spend her nights at the emergency shelter, she spent most of her days at N Street Village. Unlike the shelter, the Village offered her choices and opportunities. Blanche enjoyed lunch in the day center, sat in the courtyard to talk with friends, visited the Wellness Center to see the nurse and take health classes, and participated in a women’s devotional group. The Village staff helped her navigate various social services, and she was impressed with how much they truly cared and were dedicated to helping her.

At the shelter Blanche found out about a new program to give women like her their own apartments, sponsored by the D.C. government. Soon after, she was chosen to participate. When she first walked into her new apartment, she was breathless. She couldn’t believe that it had everything she needed—a kitchen, a bed, her own bathroom—and all of it was hers.

Not only that, but she soon learned that her new apartment is managed by N Street Village. Blanche felt good knowing that the same people who had supported her when she was homeless would still be there to make sure her transition into her own place went smoothly.

Blanche loves her efficiency apartment at Erna’s House. She has gotten to know her new neighbors. She enjoys the things she couldn’t do when she was at the shelter -- like cooking. Her favorite meal to make is baked chicken and greens. When she wants to call her friends on the phone, she has a private place to talk and share with them. She’s especially excited that her daughter can stay with her when she comes for a visit.

Blanche regularly meets with a clinical care specialist from the Village. Together, they set personal and professional goals and make sure Blanche’s needs are met.

Thanks to her new home and the support of N Street Village, Blanche can confidently say, “From now on, all my days are going to be bright days.”

“FROM NOW ON, ALL MY DAYS ARE GOING TO BE BRIGHT DAYS” BLANCHE
These consolidated results represent the activities of N Street Village, Inc. and subsidiary, N Street Village Limited Partnership, owner of its facility, a Low Income Housing Tax Credit property. In FY12, total revenue was $5,720,281 and expenses were $5,221,090. These results are not audited, and they include estimates. FY12 audited financial statements are available on our website and at Guidestar.org.

Program services include Bethany Women’s Center, Case Management, Education and Employment Center, Luther Place Night Shelter, Recovery Housing, Wellness Center, and services for Miriam’s House, Erna’s House, Group Homes and Transitional Housing. Affordable Housing and Facility includes the operating costs of Eden House Apartments and facility costs for program spaces. Depreciation, a noncash expense, is segregated for analysis and considered a program cost.
OUR CLIENTS

• 83% African American
• 44% over 50 years old
• 82% reported mental health issues, substance abuse issues, or both
• 84% report a history of trauma
• 70% have chronic health problems
• 11% report living with HIV; 1% is considered an epidemic rate by the World Health Organization
• 1 in 4 women have no income when they come to N Street Village

YOUR IMPACT

Your generosity changed the lives of over 1,000 homeless and low-income women in Washington, DC this year. Thank you!

• Over 46,000 meals served to hungry women at Bethany Woman’s Center
• 726 women received wellness center health services
• 95% of clients who found new employment kept their jobs for at least 3 months
• We increased our housing for vulnerable women by more than 50%
• 98% of residents maintained stable mental health
• 85% of residents in recovery maintained their sobriety
• We provided affordable housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and families in a 51-unit apartment complex

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