



THE VILLAGE VIEW

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a community of empowerment
and recovery for women

Responding to COVID-19 and Looking Ahead

Over the past few months, N Street Village has been working to meet the demands at our front door while reimagining our program delivery to address the changing world. We have modified programming to ensure clients receive on-site and virtual care across five locations including online career prep, holistic health support, and essential care like showers, laundry and meals.

None of this would be possible without YOU!

What you helped make possible



400 women and 51 families provided supportive housing each night



1,123 face masks distributed to staff and clients



300 cleaning supply kits and sanitizers distributed across 5 locations



600 daily meals served at our emergency shelter in partnership with DC Central Kitchen



4 pantry's stocked and groceries delivered to address food insecurity for over 80 Permanent Supportive Housing residents



1,064 screenings of clients and frontline staff per week at our emergency shelter

Witnessing the movements taking place on our streets, we are reminded of the founding of N Street Village nearly 50 years ago. That spirit of the Village community provided a safe haven for women then and continues to drive our strategy now. As we work to redesign from here, we will stay focused on these four guiding principles:

1. The voice of those affected will lead in the creation of solutions
2. Racial justice will be the prize on which we set our eye
3. Economic justice for all residents of DC will be our ultimate achievement
4. The collective investment and accountability of all stakeholders will be our strategy for fast and effective impact

Together with you, we will continue our work to be an anti-racist community and to share our values and vision with the world around us.

If you are interested in joining the conversation at N Street Village, please visit our Advocacy Page at www.nstreetvillage.org/advocacy

Looking for ways to make a long-term impact?

Recurring donations allow us to not only respond to current needs but focus on long-term sustainability. This ensures our doors remain open to the next woman in need of our services today and in the future. Consider a monthly gift -- \$10 a month can provide 96 nutritious meals or \$25 can create 10 stay-at-home kits for residents sheltering in place.

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\$10/month = 96 nutritious meals

\$25/month = 10 stay-at-home kits with essential supplies for residents sheltering in place

Support the Village from Home

Find out how you can support the Village from home. A percentage of each virtual session will go to N Street Village, allowing us to respond to current needs.

From exercise classes to coloring pages, find out how you can support the Village from home by visiting www.nstreetvillage.org/events.

A Letter from the CEO



Dear Village Family,

The past few months have impacted N Street Village in ways we could have never expected. From the pain and difficulty to the generosity and heroics, I am inspired daily by the resilience and dedication of our entire Village family – each of you.

We continue to prioritize the health and safety of the women we serve and our frontline staff as the COVID19 pandemic unfolds - and hopefully, recedes. We are working closely with our government partners and peer providers to have a coordinated response and minimize the impact of the crisis on those experiencing homelessness and the staff working to keep our programs open. You have our commitment to keeping you informed and engaged as we make decisions.

Looking at the long road ahead of us, we are planning for the inevitable increase in need for our services. While we are on strong footing to weather this immediate shock, thanks to the generosity of our community, our strategy is focused on achieving long-term sustainability which assures that our doors remain open for those in need today and in the future.

We see the leading indicators here in DC of food insecurity and rent shortfalls and know that this crisis will further imperil those who were already on the margins. For those of us involved in anti-poverty work our (collective) pre-existing condition of racial injustice is not news. Black and Brown residents of our city were already grossly underrepresented on all relative metrics of economic and social vulnerability, from housing insecurity to healthcare access. This virus will find a new way to both target and aggravate our inequities. We are watching this unfold before our eyes as our Black and Brown neighbors begin to bear the brunt of this crisis far more heavily than their white counterparts.

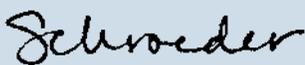
Here's my case for hope:

1. This crisis offers a glaring x-ray of our fractured socio-economic structures. All of us concerned with racial and economic justice have an opportunity, if not an obligation, to use all the civic powers at our disposal to write, vote, teach, run for office, testify, etc. and use this moment to raise (MORE) awareness.
2. It will not be enough to simply “re-build” from this crisis, we need to re-engineer. We know everything we need to know about effective anti-poverty programs – this isn't a knowledge deficit but rather an opportunity to re-examine how we were operating before and explore what we can do better. This is our chance to improve efficiency, reduce barriers and lead together with those we serve.
3. We can't afford not to. Hope is an essential ingredient in fueling our message and creating change.

You are the community who has stood with the women of the Village since our founding almost fifty years ago. Thank you for your generosity, both in years past and present. We know that we can count on your continued investments as we build a sustainable future to meet the immediate and downstream effects of the crisis.

Here at the Village, we are rich in community. You are part of that wealth alongside all of the women whom we serve. I am not only grateful – I am relieved. Because going forward, we will need each other in new ways – some of which are yet unknown. It will take a Village and a unique blend of resilience and generosity.

In gratitude and hope,



Schroeder Stribling
Chief Executive Officer

PS – If you are looking for a starting place, check out our Advocacy page at nstreetvillage.org/get-involved/advocacy or explore some of my recent writings on Medium – medium.com/@schroeder.stribling.

Thank You to Our Village Partners

Over the past three months new friends and old have helped us meet ever-changing needs across the Village through third-party events and in-kind donations. Thank you for helping us respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

N Street Village

Ambassadors Council

Alpha Gamma Chapter

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Kim Barbano, Next Phase Studios

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Ben's Chili Bowl

Compass Rose

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Lee's Flowers and Gifts

The Letter Project

Cris Clapp Logan

Masks for Heroes

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Menus Catering

Mighty Meals

Million Masks Challenge

The Neighborgoods

Occasions Catering

Maggie O'Neill

Painted Palettes

Project CovidCare

Dave Ridings, Physiology Fitness

Mimi Rieger

Socks Movement

Secretly Gifting

Slipstream

Studio Theatre

Tables Without Borders

Virtue Feed and Grain

Walk with Locals

WC Smith

Wellfound Foods

Wiley



Volunteer and In-Kind



We miss our powerful group of volunteers! And, once again, you have led with creativity and passion to find meaningful ways to support the Village clients, even from a distance. From sewing face masks to sending essential supplies like cleaning products and toiletries, to leading virtual classes, we are grateful for each and every donation of time, talent and treasure.

While we are unsure when and how we can all come together again, you have our commitment to keep you updated and share ways we can rally together to meet the needs at our front door.

Here are a few ways to support the Village and get involved:

- **Assemble travel toiletries kit (toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, lotion)**
- **Create a bed and bath kit for new residents (pillow, towel set, twin sheets – must be new)**
- **Assemble cleaning supply basket (cleaning spray/wipes, toilet paper, paper towels)**

To learn more about these ideas or other meaningful ways you, your company and/or friends can support the Village, please contact Donna-Marie Thompson at dthompson@nstreetvillage.org.



Family & Friends Day Reimagined

In lieu of our Annual Family & Friends Garden Day, we are reimagining our Village Garden and would love your help! Do you have a favorite green space in your neighborhood or your own beautiful garden? Share photos of your gardens and green spaces by sending them to Heidi at hgauthier@nstreetvillage.org or tag N Street Village on social media with the hashtag #VillageVictoryGardens. You can also contact Heidi if you are interested in sharing your garden bounty with Village residents this summer.

Don't have your own garden but still want to support this project? N Street Village has teamed up with local artists to design a #VillageVictoryGardens coloring kit. With a \$5 donation to support the women of the Village,

you can download and color these incredible prints designed by Marcella Kriebel, Samantha Testa of Painted Palettes, Cris Clapp Logan, Jodi Kostelnik of The Neighborgoods, Torie Partridge of Cherry Blossom Creative, and Carlos Carmonamedina. Be sure to share your artwork using the #VillageVictoryGardens hashtag and tag the artists!

Find the downloadable prints at www.cherryblossomworkshop.com.



Voices of the Frontlines

As we continue to prioritize the health and safety of clients and staff, we are inspired by the innovation and enthusiasm the Village continues to show during this unique time. From coordinating and delivering meals, to hosting virtual classes, to exploring new ways to engage and support each other, both clients and staff have come together in a new way to show the strength of our community.



“During this time alone, I’ve had a chance to think about what is important to me and I’ve realized how much I consider N Street Village my family. Not only do I miss my real family members, I also miss the connections I’ve created in my time here.”

- Jewel McNeill, resident and 2020 Annual Gala Honoree



“I consider our program the ‘front porch’ where a woman can sit down, get comfortable, and have a conversation about anything without feeling judged.

Currently, we are able to come to the Village once a week for a group session with the women. While still adjusting to the new normal, we see this as an opportunity for positive change and growth.”

- Evelene Duhart, Recovery Support Specialist



“While this has been challenging in new ways, I continue to work during the pandemic because I believe in everyone’s ability to support and heal their communities. This carries with me in serving women of the Village.”

- Lolita Mason, Erna’s House Manager



“While it’s difficult to meet with people virtually, every time I meet with a client, they are so excited to be learning new technology and to connect with a familiar face. It’s not perfect, but we are embracing the confusion and uncertainty that is our current situation together.”

- Matthew LaBorde, Manager of MARJ & MAK Vocational Center



“Thanks to our partner organizations and volunteers, we have had a broad spectrum of virtual classes including fitness and art therapy. It’s so important to keep routine right now and while we’ve had to make some major changes to the program in response to COVID-19, we are grateful for the sense of community amongst these women.”

- Sangita Joshi, Director of Case Management



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N Street Village is a community of empowerment and recovery for homeless and low-income women in Washington, D.C. With comprehensive services addressing both emergency and long-term needs, N Street Village helps women achieve stability and make meaningful gains in their housing, income, employment, mental health, physical health, and addiction recovery.

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10 Ways to Support the Village Right Now



Take Care of You. As the anchor of the Village, it's important to keep yourself healthy.



Make fabric masks. Help provide fabric masks for Village clients and frontline staff.



Stay informed. Check out our Advocacy page at nstreetvillage.org for information.



Attend a virtual event. Support the Village from the safety of your home.



Take action. Support local legislation for affordable housing in your neighborhood.



Provide a Stay at Home Kit. \$29 can provide a kit with essential supplies for residents.



Amplify. Follow and share Village news on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter.



Create a bed and bath kit. Provide a pillow, towel set, and sheets for new residents.



Invest. Direct donations allow us the most flexibility in responding to needs.



Create a travel toiletries kit. Provide body wash, toothpaste, shampoo and lotion.

Find more information at nstreetvillage.org or email info@nstreetvillage.org