



THE VILLAGE VIEW

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a community of empowerment
and recovery for women

Your One-Year COVID Impact

What You Made Possible



Nearly 700 women and 57 families provided housing and essential services each night



Essential needs meals, showers, laundry, and clothing are provided onsite at all locations



2,643 meals provided by generous restaurant partners and Village supporters



60 new women and 5 families were connected to permanent supportive housing



Nearly 20,000 face masks distributed to staff and clients



Onsite programming for residents across eight locations with case management, crisis intervention and housing placement



1,029 hours of virtual and in-person classes offered to clients and residents



3 new locations opened to meet the growing demand at our doors

From March 2020 - March 2021

As N Street Village crosses the one-year mark of our pandemic response, we want to take a moment to thank you - our Village family - for your avid support and share your impact since last March. You helped ensure we could reimagine, adapt, and grow our services to safely provide essential care and support to nearly 2,000 women in DC in an atmosphere of dignity and respect.

This year hope has been hard to conjure. Yet, we are witness to it each day at the Village- people inclined toward hope, driven by generosity, and motivated for the common good. Thank you for making the Village a beacon of the possible.

One Village | Eight Locations

To meet the growing need for housing and services in our nation's capital, N Street Village opened three new locations in 2020 – Diane's House, Adam's Place, and most recently Capitol Vista. These three new sites expand the Village to eight locations across four of DC's eight wards.

Martha Tsitsiwu is a Village resident that recently moved into permanent supportive housing at Capitol Vista. Martha came to the Village in 2019 when her family turned her away in a moment of need. After several months at our Patricia Handy Place for Women shelter, she was offered an apartment at Capitol Vista and is excited to have a permanent place to call home again.



How did moving into Capitol Vista make you feel?

It took time adjusting to being independent again but moving here has given me the space I needed to rest and care for myself. It is truly a blessing.

What are your current goals and how is Capitol Vista helping you achieve those?

Right now, my priority is my health and Capitol Vista has provided a foundation for me to build on. This environment will definitely help me in planning and executing my new goals. I am grateful to be in supportive housing where I can lean on staff to help me and I feel like I can always knock on their door. My mantra that keeps me going right now is "Live a balanced life and be well."

N Street Village Virtual Gala and Auction



On March 9, 2021, the Village welcomed the community to our **Virtual Gala and Auction**. With over 1,000 participants that tuned in from around the world, it is a testament to this Village family that we had our most successful Gala ever, raising more than \$1.7 million.

The evening kicked off with powerful music performances by local artists **Christylze Bacon** and **Crush Funk**, a warm welcome from **Sunny Houstin**, Emmy award winning journalist, author and co-host, ABC's "The View," and ended with an uplifting performance by **Infinity Song**.

We were thrilled to honor longtime Village champion **Debra Lee**, Chairman & CEO Emeritus, BET Networks, and Chair, Leading Women Defined Foundation. The award was presented by Village friend **Toni Cook Bush**, Executive Vice President and Global Head of Government Affairs for News Corps, a Gala Milestone Sponsor.

And the powerful testimonies from **Belinda**, **Bonita**, and **Deidre**, our 2021 Gala Steinbruck Honorees, left us all inspired and full of hope.

We are grateful to have so many join us for an inspiring evening. If you were unable to attend, visit our website to view the full show. Your compassion, your company, and your many forms of generosity are the foundation of our Village.

Missed the 2021 Virtual Gala and Auction? Watch the full recording at www.nstreetvillage.com/live-broadcast.



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Honoring N Street Village Founders



The Village lost two great friends, mentors, and leaders in recent months, Chuck Solem and Dale McDaniel. Chuck and Dale were instrumental in the establishment of our first and largest location and remained generous advocates and champions of the Village throughout their entire lives.

Both Chuck and Dale were living examples of radical welcome: their kindness and warmth was felt in every encounter, and their vision for a day of greater justice was always in sight.

We will miss them both very much, but their spirits will be with us as we continue forging forward toward a day when every woman has a safe and dignified place to call home.

N Street Village Launches a Client Leadership Council

Continuing our efforts to build a community of equity and inclusion, we are thrilled to announce the launch of our Client Leadership Council. This committee consists of four Village residents, from across our various locations, that meet once a month to discuss topics important to fellow clients and advise our Board of Directors as they make informed decisions with elevated understanding and perspective.

“N Street Village’s Board has long believed that it is important to hear directly from women most affected by economic instability and related issues, including homelessness. We are excited to have this ongoing dialogue and work with the new Council as we shape our Board agenda for the coming years.”

- Peter Shields, Board Chair & Ruth Sorenson, Vice-Chair

Meet our 2021 Client Leadership Council

Angela entered N Street Village’s Permanent Supportive Housing program in November of 2016. Prior to this, she experienced homelessness for several years. Today she is focused on her new freedom and finds ways to give back to others in need. She recently completed a health and wellness series at Community Family Life Services and thanks N Street Village for accepting her for who she is.

– Angela West
Phyllis Wheatley YWCA
Resident



Maude moved into the Holistic Housing program in 2020. She is focused on her recovery while learning about herself and the new goals she wants to accomplish. In March she started working on her GED and not even a month in, she has already made significant strides towards this goal. Her peers and the staff are proud of the progress she has made in such a short amount of time.

– Maude Solomon
Holistic Housing
Resident



India came to the Holistic Housing Program in July 2019. She has been focused on improving her health and living independently as well as maintaining her sobriety for almost three years. During the pandemic, India has become a leader in her program to help others adjust to new challenges and welcome new residents. India graduated from the Together We Bake training program in 2020, and her next big step is moving into her new home in one of our Village Permanent Supportive Housing programs.

– India Frazier
Holistic Housing
Resident



Robyn has been a resident of Miriam’s House since 2016. She is passionate about supporting others and ensuring their needs are heard as a member of the Client Leadership Council. Robyn is working on earning her GED which has provided her with new computer technology skills and virtual learning opportunities. She is grateful to N Street Village and staff as this experience has been an instrumental part of her life.

– Robyn Ball
Miriam’s House
Resident



Valentines at the Village

There was plenty of love to go around at the Village this Valentine’s Day! Over 100 Village friends tuned in for Pal-entines Bingo with Founder and CEO of Poppy Flowers, Cameron Hardesty.

For clients across the Village, Susan Gravett and Saman Zomorodi provided beautiful cupcakes. And staff hosted a Valentine’s Day social gathering for residents at our Patricia Handy Place for Women shelter.

We are grateful to our community that shared their generosity with clients and staff this Valentine’s Day!



Meet the 2021 Steinbruck Honorees

We are inspired by their stories and determination.



Belinda McLean, Miriam's House Resident

Belinda had a rough start to life after losing her father at 13. At 16 she was pregnant and kicked out of her home. She struggled for years with addiction and stability, eventually ending up in prison. But Belinda was ready for a change. She put in the work to get clean and, after experiencing homelessness, she was connected to N Street Village. Today, she has her own apartment, is getting the mental and physical support she needs, and has been able to reconnect with her children and grandchildren.



Bonita Moss, Village Alumna

Bonita came to the Village three years ago after a falling out with her daughter left her without a home or a network to lean on. After 20 years of sobriety, Bonita briefly relapsed but knew that was not the solution. Hearing about N Street Village, she entered our Holistic Housing program where she was able to get the help she needed. Today, Bonita lives in affordable housing, has a job that she loves, and has dreams to own a home again.



Deidre Turkvan, Diane's House Resident

After decades of addiction following the tragic loss of her husband and son, Deidre finally decided to take control of her life again. Deidre checked herself into a rehab program where she stayed for 58 days before transferring to the N Street Village Holistic Housing Program. There, she worked on housing and recovery goals for 13 months before moving into Diane's House, one of our newest locations, as it's very first resident. Deidre is a leader of this community and was recently named a Sister's Keeper where she provides support for other residents.

Corporate Partners Spotlight:



We are grateful for the support of all our Corporate Partners, especially in a challenging year like this one. This quarter, we want to give a special shoutout to Corporate Partner, Accenture, for ensuring essential services and care at the Village continue uninterrupted.

Accenture joined us this year for the 2021 Virtual Gala and Auction as a Milestone Sponsor. In addition to showing their support financially, Accenture led a virtual day of service and invited Village staff to participate in a panel discussion on Black Women's Healthcare Disparities. Thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure with the women of N Street Village!



Life Skills Learning with Holistic Housing



This spring, our MARJ & MAK Vocational Center hosted a *Life Skills Learning Series* with Holistic Housing residents. Led by community partners, clients had the chance to work on self-care strategies, financial management, mental health, as well as different education and employment resources. Most recently, we welcomed longtime Village partner, Bank of America, and local author of 'Passing the Baton,' Reginald Ryder.

Nikki, a Holistic Housing resident, shared, "The *Life Skills Series* has been very informative. I am excited to be learning new things and it's helped me realize the things that I've been through won't stop me from my success."

A big thank you to all that participated in these conversations and presentations to help residents achieve their housing and life goals.



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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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As we approach Mother's Day, we invite you to celebrate the inheritance of hope and grit that we have received from the strong women role models, friends, and family in our lives. Consider donating to N Street Village this Mother's Day.

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SAVE THE DATE

Family and Friends Garden Day: Celebrating Past, Present, and Future Village Friends



As we reflect on the past year, join N Street Village in a celebration of life and perseverance this summer. Village Friends will be invited to donate flowers towards a living remembrance garden.

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