As part of the Village family, you can be confident your investment of time, talent, and treasure are making the greatest impact for women in D.C. N Street Village is proud to have received the highest ratings for financial accountability and transparency for Charity Navigator, GuideStar.org, and Great Nonprofits.
We are proud to present this Annual Report to you. We are members of the Inaugural Resident Advisory Council, a committee of Village residents focused on bringing awareness and guidance to the Village leadership on topics important to fellow clients. On behalf of the nearly 2,000 women we represent, we are especially excited to thank you for your generosity and share these stories of courage, hope, and healing.

Like many of you, this year brought both challenges and opportunities for each of us. We found hope in the moments of joy – moving into a new apartment, finishing a GED, reaching mental and physical health goals – and leaned on each other and this community in times of need.

As we watch DC rebuild and heal together, we are eager to see familiar faces and welcome each of you back through the doors of N Street Village. Our country has work to do as we navigate the road to recovery, but we are inspired by the optimism and kindness of this city and Village we call home.

In this year’s Annual Report, you will hear from voices of the Village as we reflect on our shared experiences and our vision for the path ahead. We opened three new locations, met the unique needs of COVID-19 with strength and resilience, and provided uninterrupted care across eight sites. And, together with you – our Village Family – we are prepared to face the downward effects of the pandemic as housing, employment, and health care services continue to see new and growing challenges.

Thank you for standing with us through an unforgettable year and remaining a committed member of this Village as we continue to meet the need at our doors. A special thank you to our Chair, Peter Shields, and Vice-Chair, Ruth Sorenson, for your tireless leadership.

We hope that you enjoy this Annual Report and find inspiration in all that you helped make possible. We are grateful to all of you who power this mission and invest in each of us – the women of N Street Village.

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A LETTER TO OUR FRIENDS

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The historic Phyllis Wheatley YWCA has long provided affordable housing to women. The Village partners to provide wrap-around case-management services to 42 formerly homeless residents. Our flagship location is a full city block between 14th Street and Vermont Avenue, bringing together many services including social support and health and wellness programs, in addition to housing and shelter.

N Street Village is the largest provider of housing and supportive services for women experiencing homelessness in D.C. Every year, we welcome nearly 2,000 women and are proud to provide a safe and dignified place to call home for 850 women and 57 families.

Bethany Day Center: Provides hospitality and basic needs including food, clothing, laundry and showers, access to resources for housing and health and offers confidential case and care management support. Typically open 365 days/year, the Day Center suspended on-site operation to ensure community safety during the COVID-19 pandemic and shifted to provide these essential services directly at each Village location.

The Flagship: A housing-first program with 30 efficiencies and one-bedroom apartments for women with a history of chronic homelessness.

Diane’s House: In partnership with the city, Adam’s Place opened in October of 2020 to offer temporary emergency shelter for 32 women through July 2021 in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements that would allow for additional beds within the women’s continuum.

Adam’s Place: Offers classes and continuing care across the recovery spectrum - including outreach, harm-reduction, rental resources, and an alumni network.

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Miriam’s House: A housing-first program with 30 efficiencies and one-bedroom apartments for women with a history of chronic homelessness.

Diane’s House – New: Offering 42 units of permanent supportive housing, including 5 units for families, Diane’s House expands Village services to four of DC’s eight wards.

Adam’s Place – New: In partnership with the city, Adam’s Place opened in October of 2020 to offer temporary emergency shelter for 32 women through July 2021 in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements that would allow for additional beds within the women’s continuum.

Capitol Vista – New: Made possible through a collaboration with DHHS and Contex Partners, this location provides intensive case management services to 21 women. These services allow them to successfully maintain and sustain their housing permanently.

EDEN HOUSE: 21 apartments of affordable housing for families or individuals.

LEGEND
Housing needs & assessment
Essential services including healthy meals, showers, and laundry
Wellness promotion, and disease prevention activities and classes
Services for employment & income
Access to primary medical, psychiatric and dental care
Mental health and addiction recovery, and peer mentoring
Access to holistic wellness services and whereabouts, including yoga, meditation, art, and more
Housing and supportive services for women living with HIV

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July 12, 2020: Village Friends from Flow Church donate snacks and art kits to permanent supportive housing residents sheltering in place during the pandemic.

AUGUST

August 1, 2020: Village friend Alexandra Sorrell rallied her community to help bring Puddin’ food truck to the Village. Meals are distributed across the Village and much appreciated by all.

August 28, 2020: Coming all the way from New York City for the March on Washington, Black Women’s March partners with the Village to collect much-needed feminine care products for Village residents.

September

September 10, 2020: CareFirst donates 2,000 pairs of gloves and 900 face masks, helping us keep frontline staff and clients safe and healthy through the pandemic.

September 17, 2020: In partnership with TTR Sotheby’s International, nearly 200 guests join the Village virtually for a chef tasting and interactive experience at Celebrate Logan Reimagined, raising more than $130,000 for the women of the Village.

September 18, 2020: With the help of Celebrate Logan Reimagined ticket buyers, the Village teams up with Chicken & Whiskey to match each meal with a lunch delivery to residents.
October 14, 2020: The Village opens its seventh location, Diane’s House, offering 42 units of permanent supportive housing. Six of these units are dedicated to families, expanding our services to serve women with children.

October 17, 2020: Village friends join us for the SHERO Virtual Walk, helping us raised over $60,000 for the nearly 2,000 women we serve each year. SHEROs across the nation of all ages put on their walking shoes to advocate for the Village.

October 20, 2020: The Village teams up with GW Medical Faculty Associates to offer a free flu clinic for clients ahead of cold season.

October 23, 2020: Thanks to generous art kit donations from the Potomac Links, Village residents participate in a staff-led art class, providing a creative outlet for many sheltering in place during the pandemic.

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November 1, 2020: Village staff help clients register to vote and deliver mail-in ballots to local drop boxes for women across the community.

November 5, 2020: The Village teams up with ACC National Capital Region and the Salesforce Women’s Network host Virtual BINGO to support the Village during the holiday season.

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December 18, 2020: The Village opens its eighth location, Capitol Vista, offering 21 units of permanent supportive housing for women in need. Village staff delivers new bedding and household essentials for each apartment ahead of move-in.
February 11, 2021: The Village hosts its most successful virtual BINGO yet for Palentines! Nearly 150 Village friends tune in for a fun evening in partnership with Cameron Hardesty, founder of Poppy Flowers.

February 20, 2021: Unity Health Care teams up with the Village to help vaccinate staff and residents, taking a huge step to protect our community.

March 9, 2021: As part of our Virtual Gala, we are thrilled to honor longtime Village friend and champion Debra Lee, Chairman & CEO Emeritus, BET Networks, and Chair, Leading Women Defined Foundation, presented by Toni Cook Bush. And the powerful performance by Infinity Song uplifted and moved us all.

March 12, 2021: Village friend Reginald Ryder hosts a Life Skills class with Holistic Housing clients where they read his book “Passing the Baton” and learned about self-care strategies, financial management, and mental health.

January 6, 2021: Local restaurants show their support for residents and frontline staff of N Street Village by donating over 2,650 meals through the peak of the pandemic. We are grateful for the many partnerships that made this possible.

January 14, 2021: Dedicated Village Friends from Xi Zeta Omega deliver needed supplies for women across our eight locations.

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May 26, 2021: In celebration of Mental Health Awareness Month, Village friend Sarah Skiver hosts a free guided meditation workshop via Zoom to teach tips and techniques for managing stress and prioritizing self-care.

June 5, 2021: Village friends stop by to deliver flowers for our annual Family & Friends Garden Day. Staff and residents see familiar faces and celebrate spring with the community.

June 9, 2021: With the help of Village Board member, Peggy Sparks, the Village hosts Ambassador of Afghanistan Roya Rahmani and NPR’s Rachel Martin for an intimate discussion on the ambassador’s powerful journey of growing up as a refugee in Pakistan, the realities facing Afghan women today, and how she became the first female ambassador of Afghanistan.

June 23, 2021: Longtime Village partner Bloomberg joins us for our first in-person volunteer activity in over a year. Volunteers package grocery bags with nonperishable items for 65 permanent supportive housing residents.

June 28, 2021: CEO Scroeder Stribling steps down as Village CEO after 18 incredible years of leading our mission in Washington DC. During her years with the Village, we were able to triple the number of women for whom we provide permanent housing, expand from one location to eight, open the only emergency shelter with on-site medical respite for women in DC, renovate two buildings, and deepen all of our supportive services for residents.
From a young age, Belinda witnessed the devastating effects of addiction. Because her mother suffered from alcoholism, Belinda lived with her father until he passed away when she was just 13. While grieving the loss of her father, she moved back in with her mother and an abusive stepfather.

When Belinda became pregnant at 16 with her first child, her mother kicked her out. Belinda struggled over the years to provide for her growing family, which now included three more children. Troubled by her circumstances, she turned to drugs. Around the same time, Belinda’s mother got sober and was able to take custody of Belinda’s children.

“My mom got sober during this time, and she took my kids. I knew it was better for them.”

In 2000, Belinda tried to get clean and gain control of her life, but she lived with a boyfriend who was violently abusive and an addict himself. Attempting to save her own life one night, she stabbed her boyfriend, resulting in a five-year prison sentence.

While in prison, Belinda finally got the help she needed and deserved. When she was released, she was clean, sober, and focused on her mental health. She moved into her own place and eventually regained custody of her children. Things were good for a while, but after a few years she started using again.

Although the journey was tough, five years ago Belinda once again found the determination to get clean and sober after moving into the Village’s Patricia Handy Place for Women to escape another abusive relationship. Soon after, she was able to move into Miriam’s House, a Village program for women living with HIV/AIDS.

“N Street Village is the best thing that’s happened to me. It’s given me the chance I needed to start over.”

At Miriam’s House, Belinda receives the care and resources she needs. She works hard each day to prioritize her mental and physical health. She has been able to reconnect with her children along with her grandchildren.

Because of her strength and determination, Belinda once again looks forward to a bright future. Thanks to a referral from the Village’s MARJ & MAK Vocational Program, Belinda completed a workforce training program at Together We Bake and is now employed by Nationals Park where she is working full-time. She was also honored at our 2021 Virtual Gala as a Steinbruck Honoree for the incredible accomplishments she has made in her time at the Village.

Her dream is to eventually own a home, where she can be surrounded by family. “I pray that my life will continue on this positive path, and I can enjoy the rest of my life, surrounded by the people I love.”

**Voices of the Village: Belinda McClean**

This data is self-reported by the clients and residents of N Street Village. The variance and accuracy of self-reported data is influenced by subjective measures like stigma, trauma, and many other factors. Studies have shown a drastic under-reporting of sensitive topics like mental illness and domestic violence.
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Born and raised in DC, Cynthia was one of 13 siblings growing up. After finishing school, she took a job with a health care provider assisting individuals with mental illness and disabilities. She got married and had two daughters.

Life was fairly normal until, one day in 2012, Cynthia was diagnosed with breast cancer. Luckily the doctors caught it early and were able to remove the tumor, but she still had to go through several rounds of chemotherapy and radiation. “For a long time, I was convinced I was going to die and that was so scary.”

Through her recovery, her doctor prescribed medication to manage the pain. By the time her doctor stopped the prescriptions, Cynthia had developed an opioid addiction. “Once the doctor stopped my prescription, I started buying pills off the street.”

Eventually Cynthia was struggling to find the pills she was looking for and was introduced to stronger drugs, switching to heroin and cocaine. Cynthia’s addiction spiraled over the next two years, and she lost contact with much of her family, including her two daughters.

One day, she decided she had to make a change and started looking for help. “I was sick and tired, and I didn’t want my family to see me like this anymore. My two beautiful daughters shouldn’t see me like this, I thought.”

Cynthia found the strength to check herself into a 30-day rehab program. From there she was connected to other addiction support facilities and shelters before making her way to the N Street Village Holistic Housing program in 2019.

Cynthia has been a proud Village resident for two years. Despite setbacks due to COVID-19, she found a job working for an organization supporting women and children going through experiences much like her own. “I’m getting a second chance at life, where I can give back to the community and tell my story to help others in the same way that I needed help several years ago.”

In her time at N Street Village, Cynthia has not only found employment but graduated from Together We Bake’s culinary training program, opened her own bank account, and is currently saving money for nursing school.

“Without my struggles, I would not know where my strength comes from. I chose to get sober for my daughters and because I wanted to see my grandkids grow up. I did it for them, but I know I also had to do it for myself, too.”

Today, Cynthia has a strong relationship with her daughters and her four grandkids. She talks to them every day and is grateful for the love and support they continue to provide as she reaches her life goals.
The Village quickly responded to COVID-19 and the changing needs of our community by prioritizing the health and safety of our clients and staff. All essential services, including food, shelter, and clinical support, went uninterrupted. With the support of our Village community we have been able to provide housing, essential PPE, case management, health screenings, and more across our eight locations. Here is a look back at your impact.

- **20,000** face masks distributed to clients and staff
- **842** residents provided essential services like meals, laundry, and showers onsite at each location
- **2,698** catered meals provided to women at the Village from local restaurants and supporters
- **424** Wellness Kits provided to residents, containing hygiene items and cleaning supplies
- **842** residents provided with essential services like meals, laundry, and showers onsite at each location
- **3** new locations opened to meet growing demand and changing needs
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**Operating Revenue**

- **Annual Fund Contributions**: $5,717,210
- **Government Contracts**: $4,383,131
- **Rental & Earned Revenue**: $2,338,367
- **Investments & Miscellaneous**: $1,854,963
- **Donated Goods & Services**: $332,797

**Total Revenue**: $14,626,268

**Operating Expenses**

- **Housing & Supportive Services**: $9,332,365
- **Fundraising & Events**: $1,352,246
- **Management & General**: $875,055
- **Depreciation**: $875,055
- **Donated Goods & Services**: $332,797

**Total Expenses**: $12,708,287

**Operating Ratio**

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In addition to the revenue recognized in FY21, $445,535 in prior-year donations were released in accordance with fund restrictions. These results represent the activities of N Street Village, Inc. and its subsidiaries. Audited financial statements for the last three fiscal years are available on our website and at Guidestar.org.

The Housing and Supportive Services line includes Diane’s House, Capitol Vista, Eve’s Place, Miriam’s House, Erna’s House, Patricia Handy Place for Women, Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, Judith Morris Wellness Center, The MARJ & MAK Vocational Center, The Greenhouse, and Holistic Housing.
Desiree’s early years were not easy. She struggled with addiction, was in and out of the prison system, and lost custody of her daughter. In addition, she was the victim of a severe car accident that broke both of her legs leaving her with life-long pain. But Desiree was not ready to give up.

In 2009, after years of drug abuse, she made the decision to get clean on her own after being released from jail. She spent several weeks detoxing in a hotel in Texas.

Once sober, she moved often, taking jobs in restaurants as a cook in over 15 states across the country. In 2018, Desiree landed in DC after running out of funds traveling from Denver. “I realized I had nothing to hold me over and suddenly found myself sleeping on the streets.”

Desiree lived outside Union Station for several days before a kind passerby helped her call 311. She was connected to a local shelter, and eventually additional housing and supportive resources.

In February of 2021, Desiree was offered an apartment at N Street Village’s Diane’s House, a permanent supportive housing program we opened in the fall of 2020.

“Diane’s House has opened doors for me I never thought possible.”

Desiree completed the DC Central Kitchen culinary training this year and is a graduate of the Project Empowerment workforce program. She is also working with her case manager to apply for social security benefits and plans to have a double knee replacement in the next year.

Looking ahead, Desiree hopes to go back to school and get a degree in early childhood development. She has also reconnected with her daughter and now granddaughter. “They are my whole life, and I am so grateful to have a good relationship with them both.”

While her life has been challenging, Desiree believes each of those difficulties made her stronger. She is focused on the future and grateful for the team at Diane’s House that is helping her reach her physical and mental health goals.

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Over the past year, Diane’s House has gone through a significant transformation as the Village expanded our services to support more women than ever before. Under the leadership of our new team, we are thrilled to announce that in 2021, we provided permanent supportive housing solutions to over 1,500 women and their families.

In 2021, we were able to increase our permanent supportive housing capacity by 50% because of the generous support of donors like you. Your contributions have allowed us to open new permanent supportive housing opportunities in Washington, DC. In addition, we have expanded our programming to include mental health services, employment assistance, and medical care.

We are deeply grateful to our donors who have helped us achieve these important milestones. As we look ahead to the challenges of 2022, we are confident that with your continued support, we can continue to empower women in need.

Thank you for your support and for making a difference in the lives of women and their families.
Through partnerships with local government, health providers, and associations, N Street Village is committed to seeking new and innovative ways to serve women experiencing homelessness in D.C.

The Village is committed to cultivating an environment of inclusivity for its clients, staff, and supporters. We believe everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect no matter who they are, where they come from, or what their needs might be.

The Village is dedicated to the long term success of our programs and services to ensure we are prepared to meet the need at our doors both today and in the future.

The Village strives to listen first and act second. We aim to learn from those with lived experience and advocate for justice for all.

N Street Village opened three new housing programs bringing us to 15 programs across 8 locations in D.C. This year we will launch our Step Up Rapid-Rehousing program and reimagine our Day Center to meet the increasing demand for housing, health care, and income caused by the pandemic.

In 2004, Martha recovered from a life-threatening car accident and became certified as a holistic health counselor, moving to North Carolina to work. After five years she decided to move back to D.C. to be closer to her brothers and son who were living in the surrounding area. After that move there was a major disagreement between Martha and her family and she was left with nowhere to live. Martha was homeless for the first time in her life.

Unsure where to go, she came to the N Street Village Patricia Handy Place for Women emergency shelter in 2019. After working with Village staff, Martha began the process of finding permanent housing in D.C. In 2020, she was connected to our newest housing location, Capitol Vista, and moved in as one of our first residents in February 2021. “I was so happy to have my own space and be in a more independent environment. I didn’t realize how exhausted I was until I had a chance to focus on myself again.”

Today, Martha is focused on her physical health and hoping to go back to school for a Masters degree in Holistic Health. “Capitol Vista is a foundation for me to build on.”

Martha has been able to reconnect with her immediate family and sees her son on a regular basis. She is eager to continue her journey toward independence and is grateful for the staff that has helped her along the way.

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Ways to Get Involved

Volunteer.
From serving meals to teaching classes, Village volunteers donate their time and talent to make our mission of radical hospitality possible. To volunteer with the Village, visit www.nstreetvillage.org/get-involved/volunteer.

Amplify & Advocate.
Connect with the Village by following us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Find ways to support your neighbors experiencing homelessness by visiting our Advocacy page at www.nstreetvillage.org/advocacy.

Community Builder.
Help us reach our goal of 365 Community Builders - one for each day of the year by becoming a recurring donor. With your monthly gift, you provide long-term stability for the Village and sustainability for our programs and services. Visit www.nstreetvillage.org/community-builder to make a monthly commitment and receive quarterly updates on your impact.

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By donating stock, you may be able to deduct the full market value without capital gains tax. Support N Street Village through your traditional, Roth, self-directed, or other IRA.

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