

# THE VILLAGE VIEW

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## 2022 Gala Comes Back with a Bang



After two years, N Street Village was thrilled to see longtime champions and many new faces at our 2022 Annual Gala and Auction in March. More than 700 Village friends, sponsors, staff, and supporters raised a record-setting \$1.8+ million to ensure each woman who arrives at the Village doors has the support and services she needs.

We proudly welcomed the Village's new CEO **Kenyatta T. Brunson** (pictured above), who reminded us of the power of hope. "Hope is something that we can all share and propels us to do this critical, difficult work together." Her leadership, compassion, commitment to equity, and bold vision combined with more than 25 years of diverse experiences are moving N Street Village forward into a new chapter.

We are deeply grateful for more than 100 sponsors and ticket purchases. Through their

generosity, we not only held our most successful annual auction to date, raising more than \$160,000, but we were also able to match the anonymous \$30,000 Board gift. The impact of these investments is incredibly significant, and we thank everyone who made this possible.

During the event, we presented the Founders Award to **Cynthia Dahlin** and **Ronald Barusch** for the more than 20 years of support they have given the women of N Street Village. And we presented the Erna and John Steinbruck Award to **Cynthia Parks** and **Lila Anderson** (pictured below), whose leadership, persistence, and determination reflect that of N Street Village's co-founders.

**Crush Funk Brass Band** and NPR's 2021 Tiny Desk Contest Winner **Neffy** provided the evening's entertainment.



## DEAR FRIENDS,



July began a new fiscal year and N Street Village is launching a year-long celebration of our 50th anniversary! I am honored to lead the organization as we continue our rich legacy of service to the community. I am now eight months in as CEO, and every day I give thanks for being in a leadership position to serve one of the most vulnerable yet resilient populations in Washington, D.C.: women seeking a better future.

For 50 years, N Street Village—in partnership with our clients—has provided a safe haven along with services that help women transform their lives.

While the year ahead will be full of celebration, our work continues. I recently shared with the Board of Directors my CEO goals and vision that I had shared with staff at our quarterly State of the Village report in January. The Board supported my goals, and we look forward to the journey ahead.

Currently, I am filling key vacant positions on my executive team. Once this team is in place, we will develop a new strategic plan to further the great legacy of N Street Village, focusing on providing more affordable, community-focused, permanent housing for women experiencing homelessness.

In serving a population that's aging in place, I want to build a housing program geared to our seniors that offers more intensive services including

medical staff as well as yoga and nutrition classes to help them lead healthy lives.

My goal is to further elevate the organization to a national level, where we can grow our partnerships with women social service providers, share our vision of holistic care, and provide more trauma-informed services for women.

Our longevity is because of you! Thank you for continuing to have faith in my ability to execute our shared mission as we work to make a better future for the women of the Village.

*Kenyatta*

**Kenyatta T. Brunson**  
President and CEO, N Street Village

## SAVE THE DATE

This year's SHERO Walk will be held Saturday, October 15, 2022. Mark your calendar to join us that morning starting at the Flagship location, 1333 N Street NW. Look for more information to come.

We can't wait to gather in person for this joyful annual event.

See you there!

## Get Inside the Village with NSV Radio

You are definitely missing out if you haven't yet listened to NSV Radio: Voices of the Village!

One of our most recent podcasts features CEO Kenya T. Brunson and Jewel McNeill, a former client and past Steinbruck Honoree.

They talk about the importance of family and the toll addiction can take on those relationships. They also talk about forgiveness and accountability, and about learning to love yourself. Find NSV Radio: Voices of the Village on Spotify and Google Podcasts or visit our website at [www.nstreetvillage.org/voices](http://www.nstreetvillage.org/voices).

## The 2022 Gala & Auction in Pictures



Board members gather with the CEO. From left, Ruth Sorenson, Linda Potter, Erika Martin Bolden, Portia Robertson Migas, Peter Shields, Kenya T. Brunson, Hillary Baltimore, and Carolyn Arpin. (Mauricio Castro)



Supporters enjoy the Annual Gala and Auction. From left, Stephanie Stanton, James Sonne, Dave Ridings, Gala Co-Chair and Board Member Sara Conrad, and Julia Cardozo. (Stephen Reasonover Photography)



Founders Award Recipients Cynthia Dahlin and Ronald Barusch join the celebration. (Stephen Reasonover Photography)



Board Chair Peter Shields and Vice-Chair Ruth Sorenson welcome the N Street Village Board of Directors to the stage. (Stephen Reasonover Photography)



Crush Funk Brass gets the party started. (Stephen Reasonover Photography)



2021 NPR Tiny Desk Contest Winner Neffy closes out the evening. (Stephen Reasonover Photography)





## Garden Day Celebrates Spring

Our Annual Family & Friends Garden Day in May brought together Village staff and volunteers, who planted an array of flowers in the courtyard at the N Street Village Flagship location.

A HUGE thank you to all who came out to support the event and especially to the donors who provided funds to make the courtyard bloom this season.

## Thank You for Your Community Support

→ **The Women Leaders Magazine** selected **Village CEO Kenyatta T. Brunson** as one of the Top 20 Outstanding Women CEOs of 2022, featuring her in the June edition of the magazine. Look for a link to her interview on our website under News & Updates.



→ **Bank of America** awarded N Street Village a \$50,000 grant in May to help further our work to provide dignified housing and supportive services to women experiencing homelessness in Washington, D.C.

→ In April, N Street Village received the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust "Outstanding Organization" Award at the 20th Annual **National Minority Quality Forum Leadership Summit on Health Disparities**. The health of our clients will always be a priority at the Village.

→ The **Stanford Black Alumni Association** selected N Street Village as their 2022 Summit community partner and hosted a toiletries collection drive for our clients in April. Kenyatta joined the group for an evening at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel during the Summit to say thanks. She also had an opportunity to chat with Stanford alum, Senator Cory Booker (pictured below).



## Help Reduce Our Paper Trail

N Street Village is always looking at ways to cut costs and invest more in our programs. As a result, we are reducing the number of print editions of our quarterly newsletter, The Village View.

- **If you have an email on file with us, you don't have to do a thing!** You will continue to receive the newsletter via email.
- **If you do not have an email on file and want to help** reduce printing and mailing costs, please visit [www.nstreetvillage.org/VillageView](http://www.nstreetvillage.org/VillageView) and select Digital Edition.

- **If you want to continue receiving a print edition** of The Village View, you still can. Visit [www.nstreetvillage.org/VillageView](http://www.nstreetvillage.org/VillageView) and select Print Edition. Or, complete the form below, clip and send it to: The Village View, 1333 N Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. We'll make sure you continue to receive the newsletter in the mail.

We are grateful to every subscriber, no matter how you get our news. Thank you for continuing to support the important work of serving women experiencing homelessness.

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## NSV Celebrates Employee of the Quarter

Every quarter, N Street Village recognizes an employee for their hard work and dedication to serving the organization. **This quarter we recognize Nicole Hall.** Nicole joined the Village as Assistant Manager for the 2nd floor at Patricia Handy Place for Women (PHPW) in May 2018 and advanced to Program Manager in October 2019.

Each day begins with Nicole ensuring the safety of all who enter the facility. A typical workday includes interacting with residents in support of their goals, problem-solving with her team, celebrating the progress and accomplishments (big and small) of residents, monitoring interactions and rapport between residents and program



associates, and valuing the role she plays in PHPW supporting women in need of safe, emergency housing.

Nicole is responsible for the daily program census and interacting with our external partners, including the D.C. Department of Human Services, and The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness. She also supervises and supports the PHPW management team and collaborates with them on resident matters and operation details. Nicole helps residents resolve grievances, obtain vital documents, and pursue long-term goals. Nicole prides herself on being able to step in or help in any capacity that's needed. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.



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and recovery for women

**1333 N Street, N.W.  
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N Street Village is a community of empowerment and recovery for women experiencing homelessness, housing instability, or low income in Washington, D.C. With comprehensive services addressing both emergency and long-term needs, N Street Village partners with women to achieve stability and make meaningful gains in their housing, income, employment, mental health, physical health, and addiction recovery.

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## Clients Always Need Travel-Sized Toiletries

Toiletries and cleaning supplies are often not included in state or federal financial assistance programs, leaving many Village clients scrambling to get critical personal items they need.

Your support can help fill the gap. The most requested travel-sized items from clients are shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and deodorant.

Visit **[www.nstreetvillage.org/in-kind-donations](http://www.nstreetvillage.org/in-kind-donations)** for an up-to-date list of items our clients need and click through to our Amazon Wish List for goods to purchase.



## Your Ongoing Support Gives Women a Safe Place to Stay

Be one of the many building blocks of N Street Village! When you become a Community Builder you provide long-term stability for the Village and help us sustain our programs and services.

Visit **[www.nstreetvillage.org/community-builder](http://www.nstreetvillage.org/community-builder)** to make your monthly commitment.

Thank you!