



# THE VILLAGE VIEW

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## You Brought the Joy to SHERO

**T**hank you, SHEROs! What a fantastic event on a beautiful Saturday morning in October, all because of you. We had 12 teams with over 550 donors (100+ more than last year!), and together we raised nearly \$100,000 to ensure women receive supportive housing, meals, access to mental and physical health services, and more. Kenyatta T. Brunson, who celebrated her first year as President and CEO on Oct. 1, gave opening remarks, after a warm introduction from Deborah, one of our Erna's House residents. Local artist Candice Taylor revealed the first of three panels of an extraordinary mural project celebrating the Village's 50 years serving

women. Candice worked with Board member Peggy Sparks to develop the concept of the mural. All three panels will be revealed at our annual Gala in March 2023.

We were pleased to have about 70 supporters walk the two miles, stopping at Erna's House and passing the Phyllis Wheatley location.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who made a contribution — special thanks to our top teams, which each raised more than \$4,700: NSV Impact Committee, Holy Trinity School, NSV Ambassadors Council, and Abt Associates.

Thank you for helping to continue the Village legacy of ensuring women seeking help get the holistic services they need.



## DEAR FRIENDS,



**W**hat joy to see so many of you join the fun and celebration of our annual SHERO Community Walk. It's a wonderful time to connect and celebrate with one another, and your outstanding support is deeply appreciated. At last year's walk, I had just begun my journey as CEO. My first year has been rich and fulfilling, filled with many opportunities to share the legacy of N Street Village with partners and supporters at forums locally and nationally.

As a panelist at the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference this summer, I talked about the trauma of homelessness for women and shared our service delivery model with other providers. My appointment to the Inter-Agency Council for Homelessness in D.C. will ensure the Village has a voice at the table where policy decisions are made.

N Street Village was birthed 50 years ago on the platform of social justice and equality as a result of the 1968 riots after Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Luther Place Memorial Church began sheltering individuals in the basement of the church. This transitioned into providing essential services including meals, showers, and meaningful connections that evolved into the beautiful building at 1333 N Street.

Today as equality is still being challenged on many fronts, N Street Village treats everyone

with dignity and respect regardless of race, sexual orientation, or gender. Our portfolio of programs in eight locations stand on the promises of hope, diversity, and genuine joy, because those are the elements that help bring a divided nation into a unified and equal one.

I invite you to join us on our 50th anniversary journey by celebrating the great work of our founders, staff, board, and clients that we will share in our newsletters and social media platforms. I invite you to be an N Street Village SHERO and to join us on our ongoing mission to end homelessness for women.

**Kenyatta T. Brunson**

President and CEO, N Street Village

## Get Inside the Village with NSV Radio

In a recent episode of "NSV Radio: Voices of the Village" podcast, we hear from Peggy Sparks, a member of the N Street Village Board of Directors, and Candice Taylor, Co-founder and Creative Director of CreativeJunkFood.



Listen in as they share their love of N Street Village, their work in the arts, and

the exciting mural project they are creating to celebrate the Village's 50 years of service to women.

The mural will consist of three panels and the first panel was revealed at the 2022 SHERO Community Walk in October. You can listen to the podcast on Spotify and watch the video recording on our YouTube channel, [www.youtube.com/NStreetVillage](http://www.youtube.com/NStreetVillage).

## Save the Date for the Annual Gala & Auction March 2, 2023



Join us on Thursday, March 2, 2023, for the 50th Anniversary Gala and Auction at the Marriott Marquis. We will celebrate 50 years of transforming the lives of women. Mark your calendar and join us for a festive evening event.

# Tim Fretz Named 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 Director of Operations Tim Fretz.

In 1996, Tim began as the live-in Building Operations Manager at Miriam's House and became the site's Development Director in 1998. When Miriam's House merged with N Street Village in 2011, Tim became the Government & Foundation Grant Manager of our Development Department.

He then advanced to his current role as Director of Operations. In this role, Tim rotates between functions, directing actions in areas of infrastructure systems and facilities, and information technology processes, inclusive of software, hardware, network, and security activities. Tim also focuses on our government contracts and has helped N Street Village build scalable processes to match our portfolio and program expansions. We thank Tim for his goodwill and for ensuring the Village has all the tools it needs to succeed.

## Community Support Makes All the Difference to Our Clients

We are grateful to our volunteers and corporate partners for their commitment to supporting the Village community.



**Morgan Stanley** volunteers braved a hot steamy Friday in July to refresh and weed the Flagship community garden, making it a welcoming and bright space for our residents and visitors.

**McDonald's Global Impact D.C. Office** sponsored our monthly grocery bag assembly in September. The team also walked to Erna's House and hand-delivered groceries. With their support, we delivered more than 90 bags of groceries to our permanent supportive housing residents across four programs. We deeply appreciate the team's investment in our clients.



Our extraordinary **N Street Village Ambassadors Council** hosted several fun late-summer events: A colorful tie-dye activity and an ice-cream social at the Flagship location. A delicious dinner at Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, with music and community cheer. Special thanks to **Joey Jenkins** for sharing his musical and vocal talents. Residents enjoyed making special requests and singing along. We are thrilled to have these in-person activities once again. Learn more about the Council at: <https://bit.ly/AC-Volunteers>.



Members of the **International Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta** took time out of their 174th Phi Gamma Delta Ekklesia in D.C. in August to organize and clean closets. They helped prepare Bethany Women's Day Center for its upcoming relaunch. We loved having this enthusiastic group of smiling faces working together to make our community shine.



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**A**ccenture volunteers helped organize and clean our main clothing supply closet and returned in October for their Day of Service to sort through 40 boxes of donated clothes from **J.Jill's** annual Compassion Fund Clothing Drive. We delivered clothes to our Patricia

Handy Place for Women emergency shelter and restocked our clothing closet for permanent supportive housing residents.

**B**loomberg LP and **The Knot Worldwide** helped us prepare for the SHERO Community Walk. Volunteers bagged cookies, created fun buttons to give away, moved heavy items, organized the kids'

activity table, and decorated our wall of SHEROs outside the Flagship location.

**O**n October 14, just one day after the final hearing of the January 6th Committee investigating the attack on the U.S. Capitol, NSV Board member **Linda Potter** and **Tim Shriver**, founder of UNITE, hosted a fireside chat with **Congressman Jamie Raskin**. The benefit event, "Confronting Toxic Polarization," helped raise awareness and funds for N Street Village. In her opening remarks, CEO **Kenyatta T. Brunson** said: "I believe that if we harness the power of empathy and compassion into action, we can build systems that are responsive and sustainable, and that we will one day live in a world where organizations such as NSV are no longer relevant."

