



THE VILLAGE VIEW

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Join Us For Our 25th Annual Gala!

As we enter our sixth decade working to ensure homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring, N Street Village is proud to celebrate its 25th Annual Gala with incredible supporters like you.

You have helped us become the largest provider of housing and supportive services for women experiencing homelessness in the District of Columbia. Every year, this spectacular event draws more than 800 luminaries from both the private and public sectors.

We look forward to welcoming you to another extraordinary evening event.

We are pleased to present this year's Founder's Award, which honors those who have made significant contributions to the Village, to Peter Shields and Ace Werner. Peter and Ace have been dedicated to N Street Village since 2009 when they were first introduced to the organization.



From left: India Frazier, Faith Strong, and Symphony Terrell.

In addition, we will present the Erna and John Steinbruck Award to three women whose leadership, persistence and determination reflect that of Erna and John, co-founders of N Street Village. This year's honorees are India Frazier, Faith Strong, and Symphony Terrell.

Join us on March 7 at the Marriott Marquis, 901 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001, to be inspired by stories of strength, triumph, and dedicated service.

For more information, visit: nstreetvillage.org/events/2024-gala.

DEAR FRIENDS,

As I step forward into the role of Interim CEO, I am filled with both immense gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility. This organization—a cornerstone of hope and transformation in the lives of women experiencing homelessness in Washington, D.C.—has been near and dear to my heart for more than three decades.



Starting with my volunteer service in the overnight shelter over 30 years ago and serving on the Board of Directors since 2015, I have witnessed firsthand the incredible impact of our collective efforts. It is with great enthusiasm and humility that I embrace this new chapter with you.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to every staff member, volunteer, donor, partner, and board member who has contributed to our mission. Your dedication, compassion, and hard work are the lifeblood of N Street Village, and it is your spirit that has transformed the lives of so many women in our community. Together, we have built a network of support, empowerment, and healing.

I am inspired by the potential of what we can achieve and how we can deepen our impact. Our mission is more important than ever, and I am committed to building on the strong foundation laid by those who have come before me.

My primary focus will remain on providing the highest level of care and support in our programs. I am here to listen, learn, and lead with compassion and inclusivity. I invite each of you to share your ideas, aspirations, and visions for the future of the Village.

As a Village, we will continue to support the mission that brought us all to this organization.

Thank you for the warm welcome—I am honored to serve in this role. Let us embrace this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the women we serve, to innovate, and to strengthen our community.

With deep appreciation,



Portia Robertson Migas
Interim President and CEO
N Street Village

Your Support Makes all the Difference

We are deeply grateful to our staff, volunteers, and corporate partners for your commitment to the Village community. You ensure women in the District receive vital resources and services in a safe community environment.

OCTOBER

For their annual Day of Service, the **Discovery Group** packed dozens of grocery bags and delivered them



to residents at our Phyllis Wheatley YWCA and Erna's House locations.

Capital One employees volunteered at our Flagship and Phyllis Wheatley locations for our annual Bra Giveaway. They helped sort bras and helped dozens of clients find the right one for them.



You Help Create a Thriving Village

NOVEMBER

Volunteers from **EY** counted and sorted what was left from our Annual Coat Drive.



Hamilton Hotel presented N Street Village with a \$30,000 check to fund meals, showers, and wellness services. Hamilton charges guests a small Impact Fee and gives it back to organizations in Washington, D.C.

DECEMBER



The **Health and Environmental Sciences Institute** and **BTS** each spent a day organizing clothes for our weekly Clothing Closet, where women can “shop” for a variety of donated items.

Posinelli Law Firm sorted underwear, clothing, and cleaning supplies from our Holiday Donation haul.

Ambassador’s Council hosted its Annual Craft Fair to get our clients in the holiday spirit. We made jewelry, ornaments, Christmas cards, picture frames, and played Bingo with fun prizes. And, of course, enjoyed cookies and treats!



Studio Theatre staff winterized our garden. The community garden is a beautiful feature of our Flagship location, where women can relax and enjoy time outdoors among colorful shrubs and blooms.



Patagonia’s Georgetown location donated four boxes of freshly laundered shirts, jackets, and backpacks, replenishing our Clothing Closet for the new year.

Adas Israel Congregation sponsored a holiday lunch at the Flagship location for more than 70 residents. Volunteers served food, sang carols, and made the Village merry.



From all of us at **N Street Village**, thank you for supporting the women we served in 2023. Your year-end donations will fund meals, showers, and classes that enhance our clients’ physical and mental health, and will ensure women have a safe place to regroup and heal throughout 2024.





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and recovery for women

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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.

The Village Visits the Vice President's House!

The Senate Spouse Organization selected N Street Village for a service project as part of a December event hosted by Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff at the Vice President's residence. Spouses of both Democrat and Republican lawmakers came together and packed nearly 300 toiletry kits for women living at our emergency shelters.



said. "The kits you are creating today include essential items necessary for everyday care—items we often take for granted—but these toiletries will allow women in our emergency shelters to maintain good physical and mental health."

N Street Village alum and volunteer Carlita Walker (pictured outside the residence) shared her story of healing after arriving at the Village in 2007 and her dedication to giving back to the community.

"The items that we are packing today will bring hope and healing for women in need," Emhoff said. "So this holiday season, like all holiday seasons, let's be kind to each other, let's give back, and let's have a great holiday."

Kenyatta T. Brunson, former president and CEO, joined the Second Gentleman in thanking the attendees for their participation.

"What an honor it is for N Street Village to be selected for this very special service project," she

"I continue to support N Street Village because it makes such a significant difference in my life and the lives of women in crisis," she said.

