



FRIENDS OF SOUTHWEST DC

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ANNUAL REPORT: 2010

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

"We will move forward together or not at all."

Those words from President Barack Obama's 2011 State of the Union address celebrated one of his administration's major themes for the year -promoting cooperation among members of Congress.

Similar words could summarize a leading purpose of the Friends of Southwest DC - to encourage our neighborhood to unite by raising funds for the diverse interest groups working for community improvements. Since its beginnings more than a decade ago, the Friends organization has funded numerous voluntary nonprofit projects. Now, with a new name - Friends of Southwest DC, replacing River Park Friends - the organization continues its commitment to improving the neighborhood: Moving Forward Together.

Another activity of the past year deserves special mention. Honoring the memory of Dr. Margaret Feldman, a dear colleague and member of the Friends Board of Directors, who died in November 2009, the Friends presented donations in 2010 and 2011 to the Voices of Now, helping to sponsor a program for young people's creativity presented by the Arena Stage.

A REVIEW OF 2010

River Park Friends began 2010 with the following officers and board members: Coralie Farlee, President; C. W. Hargrave, Treasurer; Joyce Bouvier, Secretary; Preston Amos, Patricia Dever, Donald Flanders, Thelma Jones, Emerson Melaven, and Keith Melder.

The Annual Meeting was held on March 31, 2010. At this meeting Joyce Bouvier, Emerson Melaven and Sheila Wood were elected to two-year terms on the board, and C. W. Hargrave, Keith Melder and Ezra Naughton were elected to three-year terms.

It was suggested at the annual meeting that we again consider a name change for the organization. Following a polling of the members/donors of River Park Friends, the board of directors voted on July 20, 2010 to change the name of the organization to Friends of Southwest DC. Legal documents were filed with the DC government and the IRS to make the change official.

Expenditures for Grants vs. Administration

Friends of Southwest DC functions with volunteer Board members, no paid staff and has always kept its administrative costs to a minimum. In 2010, administrative expenses were only 3.6% of total spending.

2010 Awards to Community Projects

Awards were made to six organizations in two of our mission categories, education and community development.

Education

EmmaUS Learning Center

Our grant helped support a summer enrichment program of museum and zoo visits in which 31 children of the neighborhood participated.

Arena Stage

A scholarship was provided for a Southwest student to attend Camp Arena Stage, a summer program held at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School. Professional artists and highly trained staff encourage the active pursuit of knowledge, self-discovery and joy through the arts.

An additional grant was provided to Arena Stage for its Voices of Now program. At mid-year, Friends of Southwest DC had announced a special Margaret Feldman Memorial Fund, all of which would go to Voices of Now. By year-end, \$5,000.00 had been sent to Arena Stage (with more to be provided in early 2011). The Voices of Now program trains Jefferson Middle School students in writing (their own play) and acting skills.

The Pearl Coalition

Our grant helped support the visual arts and media programming in which the Coalition has been working with local youths to connect them with the history of the Pearl, a schooner on which 77 slaves attempted an escape from Southwest's 7th Street pier in 1848.

Southwest Scholarship Fund, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc.

Our scholarship for 2010 was awarded to Alan Kellogg, a junior at The State University of New York at Buffalo. He is majoring in the classics, with a concentration in ancient Greek languages and literature.

Community Development

Southwest Comm-Unity Forum

A grant to this organization helped fund the children's activities (clowns, ponies, magician, etc.) at the July 24 4th Annual Southwest Community Unity Day at the King Greenleaf Recreation Center and Sports Field.

New Century Musical Arts Society

Our grant funded a holiday musical residency in Southwest by the New Century Saxophone Quartet, an internationally acclaimed group whose members are residents of Southwest D.C., North Carolina; Pittsburgh, Pa.; and New York. The free community concert, held at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, attracted a large and enthusiastic audience. The New Century group also presented concerts at Amidon-Bowen and Jefferson schools, where the members of the Society also interacted with the students.

FUND RAISING

Friends of Southwest DC raised \$14,316.00 through its fund-raising campaign and matching funds. Grants totaling \$13,500.00 were awarded. While FOS has just one yearly fund-raising campaign, donations of any size are welcome at any time. Tax-deductible contributions should be made out to Friends of Southwest DC and mailed to us at 389 0 St., S.W., Washington, DC 20024.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AT THE END OF 2010

Coralie Farlee, President
Joyce Bouvier, Secretary
C. W. Hargrave, Treasurer
Preston E. Amos
Donald H. Flanders
Emerson J. Melaven
Keith E. Melder
Ezra A. Naughton
Sheila Z. Wood

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2010 Members

PATRONS

Anonymous (2)
Coralie Farlee
Larry Feldman and Margaret Stempien
Richard and Beth Feldman
Keith Melder

SPONSORS

Joyce Bouvier
Emerson Melaven

BOOSTERS

Preston Amos
C. W. Hargrave
Janet Harnett
Gale Kaufmann
Ezra Naughton
Rodney and * Clara Ross
Robert Sewell

SUPPORTERS

Anonymous
Anthony Bowman
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Katherine Crump-Wiessner
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CONTRIBUTORS

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Henry Oliver
Margaret Oliver
Toby G. Port
Anne Rensberger
Calvin and Priscilla Rice
Catherine Robbins
JoAnn Scott
Charles Sutton
Lorella Wise

Included in this listing are those persons who made specific contributions in memory of Margaret Feldman

Special thanks to Theresa A. Jenkins for creating our new logo.

We also acknowledge with many thanks the various contributions of Perry Klein and his staff.

*Deceased

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Calendar Year 2010

ASSETS

Account Balance (December 31, 2009)	\$ 7,937.26
Income (January-December 2010)	14,316.00
Adjustments	175.00
Total Assets	\$22,428.26

GRANTS

EmmaUs Learning Ctr.	\$ 900.00
Arena Stage: Camp Arena Stage	1,600.00
Southwest Comm-Unity	1,500.00
SWNA Scholarship	1,500.00
Arena Stage: Voices of Now/Feldman	5,000.00
New Century Musical Arts	1,500.00
Pearl Coalition	1,500.00
Total Grants	\$ 13,500.00

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

D. C. Government Fees	\$ 147.50
Supplies, Printing, Etc.	399.12
Bank Fees	23.00
Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 569.62

TOTAL 2010 OUTLAY \$ 14,069.62

ACCOUNT BALANCE (December 31, 2010) \$ 8,358.64