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2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Thanks to the sustained support of the community, Friends of Southwest DC (FOS) was able to continue to expand both its donor base and its grant-making once again in 2018. We awarded \$26,641.50 in grants to 7 community organizations. FOS has now awarded over \$ 230,000 since we began our work in 1998. With over two decades of service, FOS is the oldest non-profit devoted exclusively to assisting organizations in Southwest.

The FOS mission is to support community groups working to advance educational, charitable, and community development in Southwest. In 2018, as in previous years, most of our grantees were small organizations that do not have robust fundraising capacities and would otherwise not have been able to undertake the programs that FOS supported. In some instances, our contributions enabled greater participation by Southwest residents in existing programs than would otherwise have been possible.

Much of our focus in 2018 was on programs for the benefit of Southwest youth, including a substantial increase in scholarship grants. However, we were also pleased to be able to continue to support the Waterfront Village for seniors, as well as other activities described in this report.

The FOS board of directors was strengthened in 2018 through the addition of three new members, bringing the board to its maximum mandated size of nine members. As an all-volunteer organization, this has substantially reinforced our capacity. It has led to new initiatives that have already expanded our outreach and profile. We hope these efforts will ultimately enlarge both our donor base and our circle of grantees.

The FOS Board is grateful for continuing community support and engagement. Thanks to our donors, our balance sheet remains healthy. Community support remains vital to our work to make Southwest a better place for all its residents.

BOARD MEMBERS

In January 2018 the FOS board consisted of: Coralie Farlee, President; C. W. Hargrave, Treasurer; Jean Sammon, Secretary; Joyce Bouvier; Peter Eicher; Cecilie Jones; and 3 vacancies. In March, Joyce Bouvier and Peter Eicher were re-elected for 3-year terms. Coralie Farlee and Jean Sammon were re-elected for 2-year terms as President and Secretary, respectively. Peter Eicher was elected to serve as Vice President for one year.

During 2018, the board's efforts to recruit new members for 3 vacancies were successful: Gabriele Strauch was elected in May for a 2-year term, and in July Gladys Hall was elected for a 2-year term and Noreen Lyne was elected for a 3-year term. The board held regular bi-monthly meetings in January, March, May, July, September, and November, and one special meeting to consider a time-dependent grant proposal in August.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held on March 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Attendees heard reports from representatives of six of our 2017 grantee organizations, who described the projects they were able to do and people they were able to help. All expressed gratitude for the grants. There was time for questions, comments, and conversation among the donors, the grantee representatives, and the FOS board members.

BOARD MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Board members participated in a variety of activities in addition to the regular board meetings. Noreen attended the community event held by Alpha Phi Alpha, one of our grantees, and made connections with people there. Peter did research on non-profits in Southwest DC to explore potential opportunities for new grants. Jean and Gabi attended the Southwest Saturday Summer Market to talk with people about Friends of Southwest and pass out brochures. Cecilie, Gabi, Gladys, Joyce and Peter all helped to stuff FOS brochures into copies of the November issue of *The Southwester*. Joyce updated the donor list and assisted Coralie with mailings. C.W. and Coralie processed all the donations and checks to grantees, and maintained financial reports. C.W. also coordinated FOS involvement with the SWNA scholarship applications. Coralie took responsibility for mailings (postal and email) to donors and grantees, as well as various other administrative tasks needed to keep the organization running.

PUBLICITY

The local newspaper *The Southwester*, the Friends of Southwest brochure, our annual meeting, and the website are the main vehicles for FOS publicity. In addition to ads in *The Southwester* that FOS places in the Spring and Fall, the paper also published an

article, with pictures, about the FOS annual meeting and included mention of FOS in articles about some of our grantees. The FOS brochure is distributed at various places, including the library, several churches, and various meetings. It is also included in targeted issues of *The Southwester* at least once per year. The FOS website FriendsofSWDC.org is regularly updated with current information, reports and photos, including those from our grantees.

Board members continue to look for new ways to make Friends of Southwest DC known in the community, and appreciate our friends and donors who help us spread the word. We also encourage our grantees to write articles for *The Southwester*, or other local publications, about the projects they accomplished with FOS grants.

ADMINISTRATION

We updated our by-laws to bring them in line with current operations and simplify language. This included a change to the “Action without a Meeting” section to specify that votes on grant applications can occur between meetings by “personal or electronic communication.”

In 2018, administrative and fundraising expenses were \$208.32 which is less than 1% of total spending.

FUND RAISING

In 2018, FOS raised \$33,321.61 including our spring and fall fund-raising campaigns. The campaigns included ads in *The Southwester*, mailings – postal and email – to previous donors, and distribution of brochures. Contributions in the spring were matched, up to \$10,000.00, and contributions in the fall were matched up to \$5,000.00, thanks to two very generous donors.

Donations are welcome throughout the year. Tax-deductible contributions by check should be made out to “Friends of Southwest DC” and mailed to 389 O St. SW, Washington, DC 20024. Donations by credit card may be made at Friendsofswdc.org/donate. There is a link there to “MightyCause” which replaced Razoo in 2018 and processes our online donations in the same way.

GRANTS

The following grants, totaling \$26,641.50, were awarded in 2018:

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC., Omicron Eta Lambda Charitable Foundation

Our grant funded the distribution of book bags for students who attended the community day in Southwest on August 1 in Lansburgh Park. This event featured health screenings, children's activities, a school supplies giveaway, educational resources, and a live DJ.

ARENA STAGE'S CAMP ARENA STAGE

Two participants from Southwest in Arena Stage's 14th summer arts camp were on scholarships provided by FOS. The camp, for young people ages 8-15, is held at Georgetown Visitation Prep and gives attendees the opportunity to learn from Arena's professional artist-educators, choosing from a wide variety of classes on dance, music, theater and the visual arts.

ARENA STAGE'S VOICES OF NOW

Voices of Now is a yearlong after-school program, combining creative writing, improvisation, and movement, to devise an autobiographical theater piece. The FOS grant helped support the program at Jefferson Academy, Southwest's middle school. An enthusiastic audience of community members attends a performance of the Jefferson ensemble each May in Arena's Kogod Cradle.

DC STORM (Students Taught Organization and Respect Through Mentoring)

An FOS grant provided funding for a three-day historical/educational/cultural trip to Hampton and Norfolk, Virginia for 15 SW youth. The itinerary included the campuses of Hampton University and Norfolk University as well as Casemate Museum at Fort Monroe and the SS Wisconsin Battle Ship.

EmmaUS LEARNING CENTER

Two grants supported educational trips for Southwest youth. Since 2002, an FOS grant has provided trips to Philadelphia's National Constitution Center and, more recently, the National Archives. The 2018 second grant funded a trip to Columbia, PA for the Turkey Hill Experience, which allowed the young visitors to learn about dairy culture.

SOUTHWEST COMM-UNITY FORUM

The Forum's 12th annual Summer in Lansburgh Park was held August 25. The grant from FOS helped support entertainment for children.

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY: Computers for Kids/Technology Task Force

The FOS grant enabled SWNA to provide free refurbished computers to SW students who successfully completed SWNA's Youth Activities Task Force's Computer for Kids course. The children take the computers home and instruct their family members in their use.

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY: Education and Scholarship Task Force

Four SWNA scholarships for SW students were funded by FOS grants in 2018. Scholarship recipients were: Samantha O'Sullivan (Harvard College), Jaleh Ames (Hampton University), Monique Chambers (The University of the Arts), and Jada Miles (Dean College).

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY: *The Southwester*

FOS advertisements in *The Southwester* support this important community resource. The ads also increase visibility for FOS in the Southwest neighborhood, as well as that of the grantees; and we use the opportunity to also solicit donations and grant applications.

WATERFRONT VILLAGE

A grant from FOS was used to fund a community matching fund drive to help launch a planned giving program to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Village.

DONORS 2018

PATRONS [\$500 and up]

Rick Bardach
Joyce Bouvier
Peter and Stephanie Eicher
Coralie Farlee
Daniel Felger and Lydia Jean Herz
Janet S. Hartnett
Marianne and Martin Harwitt
Audrey H. Hatry
Lawrence Impett
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SPONSORS [\$300 to \$499]

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C. W. Hargrave
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Gary Norton
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BOOSTERS [\$200 to \$299]

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Neal and Barbara Peirce
Omega C. Logan Silva
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St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
Olethea Delmar and Eugene F. Weathers
Jeanne M. Wolf

SUPPORTERS [\$100 to \$199]

AARP Southwest Waterfront Chapter
Elinor Bacon
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Calendar Year 2018

ASSETS

Account balance (December 31, 2017)	\$21,447.54
Income (January-December 2017)	33,321.61
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Total Assets	\$54,769.15

GRANTS

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Omicron Eta Lambda Chapter	\$1,700.00
Arena Stage: Camp Arena Stage, Voices of Now	5,000.00
DC STORM	3,857.00
EmmaUS: Philadelphia, Turkey Hill Experience	2,159.50
Southwest Comm-Unity Forum	925.00
SWNA <i>The Southwester</i>	200.00
SWNA Scholarships	6,000.00
SWNA Computers for Kids	1,800.00
Waterfront Village	5,000.00
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	\$26,641.50

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Supplies, etc.	\$ 39.87
Processing Fees [Mighty Cause/Razoo]	138.45
Bank Fees	30.00
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Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 208.32

TOTAL OUTLAY \$ 26,849.82

ACCOUNT BALANCE (December 31, 2018) **\$ 27,919.33**