Friends of Southwest DC Annual Report 2022

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A Message from the President

Thanks to your support, 2022 was a banner year for Friends of Southwest DC. We awarded almost \$60,000 in grants, which is far more than ever before! The increasing demand for grants reflects continuing needs in our Southwest neighborhood and shows that local organizations are ready to roll up their sleeves and work for a better Southwest if we can provide resources. This report highlights the wonderful projects your donations funded.

Another milestone of 2022 was our creation of the Coralie Farlee Graduate Scholarship, an annual \$5,000 grant to a Southwest graduate student, made possible by an endowment created from a bequest by Coralie, who passed away in 2020.

And, not least, Friends of Southwest DC was the recipient of this year's Community Organization Award, or "Brickie," from Councilman Charles Allen, acknowledging our valuable work for Southwest.

We thank our donors for making this possible. We hope we've earned your continuing support.

Peter Eicher, President



Alpha Phi Alpha Community Day

For a quarter of a century, Friends of Southwest DC has made grants to support educational, charitable, and community development activities in our Southwest neighborhood. 2023 marks our 25th anniversary! Since 1998, we have awarded grants totaling \$401,812 to more than 40 organizations working to make Southwest a better place. Because all our work is done by a volunteer Board of Directors, we keep administrative costs extremely low about 3%—making Friends of Southwest DC one of the most cost-effective champions of our community.

Thank You for Your Wonderful Work! 2022 Grants



Alpha Phi Alpha, Omicron Eta Lambda Chapter received two grants: (1) 9th Annual Southwest Community Day at Lansburgh Park: the grant provided backpacks filled with school supplies and hygiene products for distribution to Southwest children. (2) 50 Thanksgiving Turkey Baskets were provided to families of Amidon-Bowen Elementary School.

Arena Stage: A grant provided (1) Camp Arena Stage scholarships for two southwest students from diverse economic backgrounds to join a two-week session to explore, discover and create theater and art, and (2) support for Voices of Now workshop training, rehearsal, and performances for the Jefferson Middle School Academy Ensemble (photo above).

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church's Bread for Life program provided lunches between June and December 2022 for fifty children and families who reside in temporary housing in Southwest.

Christ United Methodist Church sponsored the 5000 Food Ministry food pantry to help meet the needs of the Southwest community. It distributes bags of non-perishable foods and basic cleaning supplies twice a month to an average of 50 households per distribution.

DC STORM enriched the lives of fifteen at-risk youth ages 12-14, taking them on an educational and cultural journey to historic Hampton, VA. The young men were exposed to HBCU's Hampton University, Norfolk State College, and Old Dominion. They also visited the Casemate and Nauticus museums, and the Emancipation Oak Tree.

EmmaUS Learning Center took two groups of fifteen Southwest students and chaperones on an educational field trip to the Harriet Tubman House in Cambridge, MD to expose them to one of American's greatest historical figures.

Friends of Titanic Memorial Park built two displays honoring the 110th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic (April 14-16). One display shared the names of victims and survivors; the other was posters of individual passengers. There were over 2,000 visitors.

GOODProjects, in cooperation with the James Creek Housing Resident's Association, used its grant to distribute educational supplies for low-income school-age children in Southwest, through at a back-to-school bookbag giveaway event that also included fun activities for the kids.

Living Classrooms of the National Capitol Region received a grant for their annual Holiday Food Drive, providing Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for Southwest residents facing food insecurity; the meals included turkey and all the fixings for families of 6-8 people. The Nathaniel H. Pickett II Foundation held a Community Mental Health Fair that included training and resources for coping and communication skills that could reduce teen violence and suicides.

Southwest Comm-Unity Forum receive two grants: (1) the Summer in Lansburgh Park Community Day festival bringing the community together to experience its rich culture and diversity. There was music, senior bingo, exhibits, free food, and carnival rides for youth. (2) A Toys for Tots event was held close to Christmas for area teens, children, and infants. It was a huge success!

Southwest DC Community Center held the Mutt Strutt at Lansburgh Park. They provided 25 free registrations for Southwest residents experiencing financial hardship. There was a 2-mile fun walk for all Southwest residents and their pooches. Afterwards there was a Pups in the Park party, contests, raffle prizes, a DJ, and a pet photographer.

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) awarded the newly created \$5,000 graduate student scholarship provided by Friends of Southwest DC, named after the late Dr. Coralie Farlee, who was the co-founder of Friends. Friends provided additional grants for four undergraduate college scholarships for worthy Southwest students.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church created a Little Free Library at the corner of M Street and Delaware Ave. SW. There are children's books on diverse topics for the large population of children in the neighborhood, especially the Greenleaf Community.

Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund organized a Breast Cancer 101 Event that included survivor stories, common myths, prevention, risk, and on-site mammography screening.

Waterfront Village provided membership subsidies for older adults in the Southwest community & risk assessments that helped identify members' needs, resulting in much needed care and support.

Celebrating 25 years of Service

With the help of the Southwest Community, we continue to advance educational, charitable, and community development activities, exclusively in Southwest!

2022 Scholarship Awardees Grantee photo: SWNA Education & Scholarship Task Force





DC STROM Trip to Norfolk, VA Grantee photo: DC STORM

Financial Report: 2022 Calendar Year

ASSETS

| Account Balance (December 31, 2021) | \$ 21,862.36 |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Income Generated (January 1 – December 31, 2022) | \$ 40,631.65 |
| Coralie Farlee Estate Bequest | \$ 105,678.16 |

GRANTS

| Friends of Titanic Memorial Park – 110th Anniversary Display | \$ 1,500.00 |
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| EmmaUS Learning Center – Harriet Tubman House Visit (March) | \$ 2,035.00 |
| DC STORM – Hampton, VA Cultural / Educational Trip | \$ 4,900.00 |
| St. Matthew Lutheran Church – Little Free Library | \$ 1,139.70 |
| Arena Stage – Camp Arena Stage / Voices of Now | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Waterfront Village – Member Subsidies & Risk Assessments | \$ 5,000.00 |
| GOODProjects – Back-to-School Event | \$ 3,000.00 |
| St. Augustine's Episcopal Church – Weekend Lunch Program | \$ 3,000.00 |
| EmmaUS Learning Center – Harriet Tubman House Visit (August) | \$ 1,735.00 |
| Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund – Breast Cancer 101 Event | \$ 1,915.00 |
| Alpha Phi Alpha – Community Day School Supply Distribution | \$ 4,513.00 |
| SW Comm-Unity Forum – Lansburgh Park Community Day | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Nathaniel Pickett Foundation – Community Mental Health Event | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Christ United Methodist Church –Food Bank | \$ 4,000.00 |
| SWNA – College Scholarships | \$ 8,500.00 |
| SWNA – Coralie Farlee Graduate Scholarship | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Southwest DC Community Center –Mutt Strutt | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Living Classrooms –Holiday Food Drive | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Alpha Phi Alpha OHL – Thanksgiving Turkey Drive | \$ 1,125.00 |
| Living Classrooms – Thanksgiving Food Drive | \$ 688.00 |
| SW Comm-Unity Forum – Toys for Tots | \$ 1,325.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 59,875.70 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS | |
| Supplies, printing, licenses, web services, mailings, ads, etc. | \$ 1,595.86 |
| TOTAL OUTLAY | \$ 61,471.56 |
| ACCOUNT BALANCES (December 31, 2022) | |
| Endowment for Coralie Farlee Graduate Scholarship | \$ 60,500.00 |
| Reserve Account | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Operating Account | \$ 31,200.61 |
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Board Members & Volunteers

We were pleased to welcome two new board members in 2022, Eric Smith and Carolyn Harvin, pictured below. They have lived in Southwest for several years and are deeply involved in neighborhood community affairs. They bring to Friends of Southwest a strong dedication to improving the lives of Southwest residents. They both have strong information technology backgrounds which have already greatly benefited the organization. Three board members, CW Hargrave, Joyce Bouvier, and Jean Sammon completed their terms or resigned in 2022. We are grateful for their combined almost 50 years of service!

We are thankful to our volunteers, especially newly resigned board members Joyce and Jean who continued to help with administrative tasks, and Stacy Baker, a long-time volunteer who produced our 2021 annual report.



Get Involved

Spread the word. Know a worthy neighborhood cause? Let them know about Friends of Southwest DC. We accept applications year-round for educational, charitable, and community development grants.

FriendsofSWDC.org/apply-for-a-grant

New Board members. Carolyn Harvin and Eric Smith

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