

Friends of Southwest DC Annual Report 2019

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A record year, thanks to you

For Friends of Southwest DC, 2019 was a banner year, **giving more grants than any year in our history**: 13 grants to 12 organizations. We awarded grants for college scholarships, summer camps, elementary school tutoring, educational outings for disadvantaged youth, Girl Scout programs, senior citizen programs, community days, and other projects, all focused exclusively on Southwest DC.

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 we supported. Cumulatively, Friends of Southwest DC has awarded over \$280,000 in grants to more than 30 local organizations since we began our work in 1998. Friends of Southwest DC is the oldest non-profit devoted exclusively to assisting organizations in Southwest.

Honoring her legacy



On January 12, 2020 our founder and longtime president Coralie Farlee passed away. Coralie was a pillar of our community, with decades of service to a broad range of causes and organizations. To those of us at Friends of Southwest DC, she was a friend, mentor, guide, and inspiration. In two decades as president, she led our transformation from a tiny group in River Park cooperative into one of Southwest's leading charitable organizations.

Under her leadership, Friends of Southwest DC raised over a quarter of a million dollars for grants to further educational, charitable, and community development efforts. We will miss her deeply.

The Board of Directors remains dedicated to Coralie's ideals of serving our community and giving back to our neighborhood. Friends of Southwest DC will be continuing its work to make Southwest a better place for all its residents.

*Over 20 years of
helping Southwest*

2019 Grants

Providing grants to organizations working to make Southwest an even better place is the core mission of Friends of Southwest DC. The following grants were awarded in 2019:

Arena Stages' 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 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 in May at Arena's Kogod Cradle.

Camp Arena Stage: Two participants from Southwest were awarded scholarships to attend Arena Stage's 15th summer arts camp. The camp for young people ages 8-15 is held at Georgetown Visitation Prep and provides 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.

DC STORM (Students Taught Organization and Respect Through Mentoring): The 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 and Norfolk Universities as well as the Nauticus Museum and the battleship USS Wisconsin.

EmmaUS Learning Center: Two grants supported educational trips for Southwest youth. Twelve students and three chaperones participated in an educational trip to Columbia, Pennsylvania, where a visit to the Turkey Hill Dairy introduced the children to a dairy culture. The second grant included visits to the National Archives and Philadelphia's National Constitution Center.

Girl Scout Troop 4298: Eleven Girl Scouts and four chaperones participated in an educational overnight trip in southern Maryland focusing on the lives of Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass. Included on this trip were visits to the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitors Center, the Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center and the summer home of Frederick Douglass. The girls shared their experiences with classmates and Girl Scouts in other troops.

Living Classrooms Foundation: A grant supported the opening and initial programs of a new community center at Buzzard Point in Southwest. The new center, the James C. Dent House, is the first community center in DC sponsored by the Foundation. The center's priorities include workforce development, out-of-school enrichment, and free community workshops in financial literacy and health and wellness.



Grantee photo: DC STORM

Omicron Eta Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Education Foundation: In support of the Annual Southwest Community Day taking place in Lansburgh Park, the grant provided backpacks and school supplies to students in the community. The focus of the Community Day was Health and Education. This event successfully served over 400 attendees from the community.

Southwest Comm-Unity Forum: The Forum's 13th annual summer event in Lansburgh Park was held on August 24th. The grant helped support entertainment for the youth who attended.

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA), four grants:

Tutoring: This grant provided for free tutoring service to the students at Amidon-Bowen through the services of Community Scholar with the goal of increasing academic performance. Math and English tutoring books were provided for the students. This effort, which continues into 2020, was targeted to help 100 students from 2nd grade through 5th grade.

Scholarships: The grant to the SWNA Education and Scholarship Task Force supplied scholarships of \$1,500 each for five college-bound Southwest high school seniors: Nicla DeBiasi (Northeastern U.), Kendall Parks (Jackson State U.), Dayonna Queen (Hartford U.), Aaliyah Wilkinson (Johnson C. Smith U.), and Donja Wilkinson (Georgia State U.).

School Computers: The purpose of this project was to provide 20 desktop computers to Amidon-Bowen Elementary School for a pre-kindergarten class. Our grant to the SWNA Technology Task Force made possible the upgrading of donated computers.

Youth Cultural Opportunities: The grant to the SWNA Youth Activities Task Force was a pilot to encourage access to residents of Southwest public housing to cultural offerings by Arena Stage. Residents would then generate interest and enthusiasm to others about future programs.

Waterfront Village: As Waterfront Village grows to meet the needs of seniors in the Southwest community, this grant supported the critical next steps in sustaining long-term service and responsiveness to its membership.

We're proud of all our grantees and the wonderful work they have done for Southwest residents!

Educational trips and local experiences

Southwest youth get out and learn!



★ **Columbia, PA – dairy farm**
Grantee photo: EmmaUS Learning Center



★ **Norfolk, VA – USS Wisconsin**
Grantee photo: DC STORM



★ **Southwest DC– computer lab**
Grantee photo: Computers for Kids, SWNA

These are just some of the many young people who benefitted from our educational grants. Enjoy more grantee stories and photos at FriendsofSWDC.org.

Financial Report: 2019 Calendar Year

ASSETS

Account Balance (December 31, 2018)	\$27,919.33
Income (January-December 2019)	\$39,996.30

GRANTS

EmmaUS Learning Center	\$ 957
DC STORM	3,885
<i>The Southwester</i> ¹	800
SW Comm-Unity Forum	925
Arena Stage (Camp Arena Stage and Voices of Now)	5,000
EmmaUS Learning Center	1,202
Omicron Eta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha	1,700
SWNA Education and Scholarship Task Force - scholarships	7,500
SWNA Technology Task Force - Computers for Kids	1,200
Waterfront Village	5,000
Living Classrooms	5,000
SWNA Amidon-Bowen tutoring through Community Scholar	3,000
Girl Scouts	861
SWNA Youth Activities Task Force	<u>690</u>
	\$37,720

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Supplies, printing, DC licenses, etc.	\$1,393.17
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TOTAL OUTLAY	\$39,113.17
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ACCOUNT BALANCE (December 31, 2019)	\$28,802.46
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¹Friends of Southwest DC supports *The Southwester* through regular advertisements.

Record Fundraising

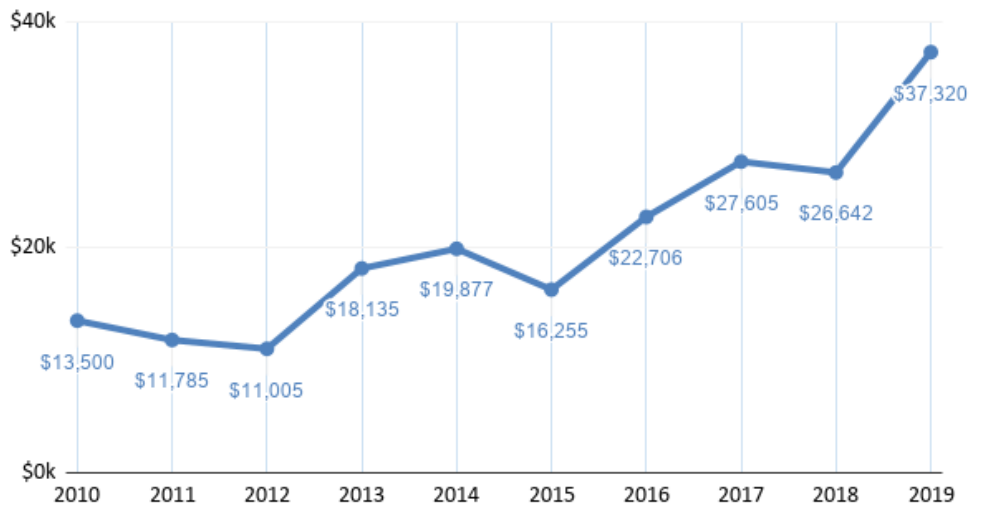
In 2019, Friends of Southwest DC raised \$38,400 in donations from our spring and fall fundraising campaigns, a new record. This enabled us to award over \$37,000 in grants, more than any other year in our history. Our fundraising campaigns included ads in *The Southwester*, mailings and emails to previous donors, and distribution of brochures. Thanks to two very generous donors, all contributions were matched up to \$10,000.00 in the spring, and up to \$5,000.00 in the fall.

Although the bulk of our funds comes from individual donors, the Wharf District Master Developer and the District Wharf Community Association also made generous donations. You may have noticed the sign at the “s’mores stand” at The Wharf’s District Pier indicating that a portion of the proceeds benefits Friends of Southwest. We are grateful for their support.

In 2019, almost 100 members of our community made contributions. This makes Friends of Southwest DC a leading example of “neighbors helping neighbors.”

Because of donors like you, Friends of Southwest DC nearly tripled our annual grants over the last decade. Strong growth enables us to offer reliable support to grantees in our community, invest in promising pilot projects, and keep up with changing needs.

Total Grants Awarded by Year: Friends of Southwest DC



Recognition for Our Scholarships

The SWNA Education and Scholarship Task Force presented Friends of Southwest DC president Coralie Farlee with a **Community Spirit award** at an August event, noting that Friends of Southwest DC has supported **more than 30 students with almost \$50,000** since 1999. All of this was made possible by our donors.

Thanks to Our 2019 Donors –

You made our work possible!

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SPECIAL CONTRIBUTORS

We thank the Westminster Presbyterian Church and River Park Mutual Homes, Inc. for the use of facilities for our meetings. We also acknowledge the many and important contributions of Perry Klein in support of our efforts.

Board Members & Volunteers

At the beginning of 2019, the Friends of Southwest DC's board consisted of Coralie Farlee, President; Peter Eicher, Vice President, C. W. Hargrave, Treasurer; Jean Sammon, Secretary; Joyce Bouvier, Gladys Hall, Cecilie Jones, Noreen Lyne, and Gabriele Strauch. Cecilie Jones chose to leave the board at the scheduled end of her term in March. We thank her for her years of work on our behalf.

The board met six times, as well as at the public annual meeting held March 27, 2019 at Westminster Presbyterian Church to showcase our grantees.

The board expresses its deep appreciation to Stacy Baker, who volunteered many hours to computerize Friends of Southwest DC grant records and lay the basis for a donor database. She also provided a range of good advice on improving operations.

Because board members and other volunteers carry out all our work, we keep overhead expenses very low (about 4%) and can efficiently award donated funds to Southwest organizations.



2019 board, left to right: Gladys Hall, Noreen Lyne, Peter Eicher, Coralie Farlee, Jean Sammon, C.W. Hargrave, Gabriele Strauch. Not pictured: Joyce Bouvier.

Get Involved

Join our board. The Friends of Southwest DC board has three available positions. We welcome expressions of interest from Southwest neighbors, especially individuals who are proficient with technology, community outreach, fundraising, or regulations for nonprofits. Contact us at our email or mailing address.

Donate. Your tax-deductible gift is welcome throughout the year. Donate by mail or online at FriendsofSWDC.org/donate.

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

Please note that we now have a new email and postal address:

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