

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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**Release & Refresh  
Women's  
Empowerment  
Series, Inc.**

**501(c)(3) Non-profit**

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



*“Our Mission is to improve the Emotional, and Spiritual health of Women and Girls of Color through Holistic Empowerment programs.”*

What a year!

We happily close out 2020, as one of the most challenging and historical years in Modern History.

The Pandemic, Social and Political unrests made for an emotionally draining year! Amid all of it, we shattered the glass ceiling by electing the first Woman of Color, African-American and South Asian, Senator Kamala Harris to be the next Vice President of the United States of America. Vice President-Elect Harris brought us a glimmer of hope for what the future can be for Women and Girls of Color.

As we navigated the new normal of 2020, it was important for RRWES to continue to engage and serve over 35 Women through our successful and popular “Daughters of the Gospel National Virtual Conference,” and the virtual “Pandemic: Where Do we Go from Here?”

During this time of slowness, we continued to steadfastly work to strategically position RRWES for growth and development. As a result of our patience, we were pleased to participate in a program sponsored by the Michigan Non-Profit (MNA). The MNA partnered with the University of Michigan Center for Entrepreneurship to provide internships through their ENTR 560: Project Management and Consulting Course. We were blessed with 5 Brilliant diverse young women who called themselves, “Team Refresh.” We worked with them for 3 months and they provided us a robust report of recommendations for Fundraising including Donor Engagement, & Marketing.

2020 also provided us with an awesome opportunity through our Board Member, Ms. Alicia Pendleton, who introduced our organization to her husband, Anthony Pendleton, Founder and President of GPS, Global Psychological Services, a National educational services company that delivers contract K-12 education, special education and at-risk personnel and services. Mr. Pendleton was inspired by our mission and committed to “assisting” us in developing and reshaping our organization to broaden our reach of Women and Girls of Color.

Our Board began meeting monthly with Mr. Pendleton in June 2020 and will continue through 2021. He and the Board has tremendously helped us with our Visioning that has “Refreshed” our organization to reach and impact more Women and Girls of Color. Mr. Pendleton helped guide us in developing a 3-year programming roll out!

We are looking forward to obtaining funding from various sources to help us reach our goals with exciting new and refreshed programs and staff. With everything we are experiencing especially with race relations, it was important to me that we focus on Women and Girls of Color who face more challenges than any other group.

Our first program rollout for 2021 is our S.H.I.N.E. (*Serving Holistic Inspiration Nurturing Empowerment*), Girl’s Mentoring Program. We are looking forward to finally launching it for girls ages 10-14 in Fall 2021.

RRWES also joined the National Alliance of Mental Health as we continue to provide additional resources for Women and Girls and their families.

Finally, we could not accomplish any of this without our founding Members of the RRWES Multiple Year Giving Society and our Board of Directors. Together we are a team, a community with one mission.

I am excited for what the future holds for RRWES and the Women and Girls we will serve in 2021!

Warmest wishes,

*Rev. Linda Seatts-Ogletree, M.A., Christian Ministry,*  
**M.A., Dispute Resolution**  
**Founder/President**



**TEAM REFRESH**



**With appreciation for you, a Partner in Education - Academic Year 2019-2020**

On behalf of the University of Michigan, College of Engineering, Center for Entrepreneurship, we are most grateful that you shared your time and talents engaged with our students this academic year.

Owing to your educational contributions as a supporter of the CFE - for our 2,400+ students, freshmen through PhD, in one of our nearly 30 unique ENTR courses; for our instructional faculty and staff; and for our sponsored student organization, M-Powered - your efforts had impact. You inspired. You helped Michigan students further their own entrepreneurial mindset.



*"Perceptions of discrimination relate to decreased levels of self-esteem among youth."*



**“The Pandemic: Where Do We Go from Here?”**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2020**  
**Virtual Event**



This Virtual event was a wellness “check in” to connect and see how everyone is handling and adjusting to the COVID-19 Pandemic. As we all know, staying connected is important during this time of isolation and lack of physical social interaction.



## **“Daughters of the Gospel in Ministry: Released—Called to Preach” Virtual Mini Conference** **Saturday, June 27, 2020**

Women around the Country attended our first Virtual Conference! Women from Mississippi, New York, California, Michigan, and other states were represented. The Women were inspired, encouraged, and empowered. Although many churches have accepted the Female Preacher, many Female preachers still find Patriarchal roadblocks to Leadership and Ministry in the Church. Female Preachers look forward to an opportunity to connect with other female preachers to be uplifted and inspired!

**DAUGHTERS OF THE GOSPEL 3RD ANNUAL  
 WOMEN IN MINISTRY  
 ZOOM ON LINE MINI-CONFERENCE  
 SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020  
 12:00PM-3:15PM  
 "RELEASED - CALLED TO  
 PREACH!" - ACTS 2:17-18**

**Host & Speaker,  
 Rev. Linda Seatts-  
 Ogletree, M.A.,  
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**Pastor Tasha Dillon, M.Div,  
 Motivational Speaker & Author,  
 New Life Fellowship Church  
 McComb, Mississippi**

***“This was one of the best conferences I have attended! It truly inspired me.” Minister Rochelle from New York***

# APPENDIX

# Our Financial Supporters

**A “Big” Thank-You to our Donors who continues to make a positive impact on Women & Girls through their generosity. We could not operate without them!**

## **Founding Members of the Multiple Year Giving Society**

Anthony K. & Lauren Seatts  
Linda & Richard Ogletree  
Aletha Menefee  
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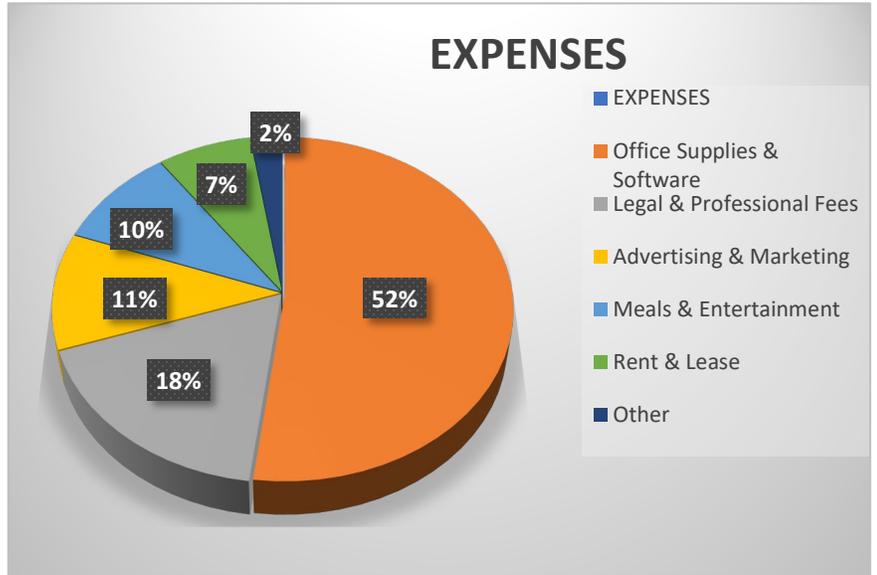


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# FINANCIAL REPORTS

EXPENSES	
Office Supplies & Software	\$2,524.81
Legal & Professional Fees	\$858.40
Advertising & Marketing	\$529.41
Meals & Entertainment	\$465.79
Rent & Lease	\$353.00
Other	\$119.76



REVEVE & PUBLIC SUPPORT	
Contributions	\$1,686.10
Multiple Year Giving Society	\$2,848.08
Fundraiser	\$137.50
Other Contributions	\$262.50
Events	\$37.20

