

Our Story

Women with Initiatives, Inc. (WWI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity based in Montgomery County, Germantown, Maryland, USA. The foundation of WWI stemmed from conversations with girls who could not attend school due to financial constraints. These discussions with women in Liberia, West Africa, profoundly impacted the founders, inspiring a passionate commitment to empowering women rather than merely providing aid to individual women. This vision led to the organization's establishment, aptly named "Women with Initiatives."

Our overarching vision is to serve marginalized women and children in underserved communities across North America, the Caribbean, and Africa. Our primary goals are (a) Empowering Women and (b) Educating Children. With a steadfast dedication to empowering women, WWI initiated a pilot program in pastry arts known as "Path to Prosperity" (P2P) in Liberia, West Africa. We partnered with Refuge Evangelical Baptist Church in Johnsonville, Monrovia, Liberia, to implement and provide these services. At the same time, the Women with Initiatives Board and Executives focused on raising funds to support these programs.

The Path to Prosperity (P2P) program encompasses accelerated vocational training in various fields, including Pastry Art, Sewing, Tie-Dying, Soap Making, and more. Upon completion of the program, WWI assists graduates in establishing small businesses in their communities, adhering to the standards of the respective host country. This initiative allows women to utilize their skills and achieve self-reliance.

Each year, in the P2P program, WWI sponsors 25 women in vocational programs, with plans to introduce a new vocational program annually, contingent on the assessment and success of the program. All WWI initiatives depend on the availability of funds and the annual budget. In a decade, we aim to have sponsored and empowered 250 women across three continents, firmly believing that more women with businesses in their communities lead to stronger communities. We invite you to join us in making this vision a reality.

Our second pilot program is a need-based K-12 scholarship program in partnership with Sofina School on Old Road in Monrovia, Liberia. This program provides educational opportunities for children living in extreme poverty in that community, utilizing a first-come, first-served approach. WWI's annual objective is to sponsor 25 students in K-12 need-based scholarships within the designated service areas. Most scholarship recipients are either orphans or children from single-parent households. WWI programs are now in Liberia, West Africa, with dedicated representatives overseeing operations. However, there is a need to recruit representatives for the North American and Caribbean programs when applicable. For those interested in joining us, please visit our website at <https://womenwithinitiatives.org> to apply. WWI takes pride in its achievements, which include educating children and empowering vulnerable women to attain economic self-reliance.



Our board and executive members, all women from diverse professional backgrounds, volunteer their time to uplift other women and educate children.

Approximately 90% of the organization's efforts are directed toward fundraising activities to finance projects and programs. WWI relies entirely on volunteers to conduct fundraisers and sponsor initiatives in the designated service areas. Membership dues, sponsorship commitments, public fundraisers, and potential future grant awards are funding sources for our programs.

Our accomplishments over two years:

- ✓ Distributed 100 Feminine Hygiene kits to teenage girls in Johnsonville, Liberia, in 2021
- ✓ Distributed clothing to children in Johnsonville, Liberia, in 2021
- ✓ Thanksgiving community outreach fed over 200 people in Johnsonville, Liberia, in 2021
- ✓ Community Outreach served dinner at Becky's House, Rockville, MD, USA, in 2021
- ✓ The Pastry Arts Program graduated 28 women in Johnsonville, Liberia, in 2022
- ✓ Awarded 28 children need-based K-12 scholarship at Sofina School, Old Road, Liberia, during the 2022/2023 academic year
- ✓ Distributed medical supplies to Salt Rehab in Liberia, West Africa in 2022

Ways that you can help!

1. Apply for vacant positions on the organization's website: <https://womenwithinitiatives.org>
2. Volunteer with us or become a member: membership(annual membership contribution \$150)
3. Sponsor a woman in a vocational program(\$150 silver, \$300+ gold, and \$600+ platinum)
4. Sponsor a child at \$125 for a need-based scholarship(\$250 gold, \$500+ platinum)
5. Donate \$25 for a care kit for one teenage girl (we share 100 kits annually)
6. Share our story on your social media pages for awareness
<https://www.facebook.com/WomenwithInitiatives/>

Payment methods:

1. Zelle: women.with.initiatives@gmail.com
2. CashApp: \$WWI2021



3. VENMO: @WWI2021



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5. PayPal

6. Send check payable to:
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