ABOUT US

When you support The Women’s Foundation, you help create and sustain a community of everyday philanthropists who are making the Washington region thrive. Will you stand with us?

Our Mission & Vision

Washington Area Women’s Foundation is a community-supported foundation that invests in the power of women and girls of color in the Washington DC region. We open doors to opportunity, safety and security through grantmaking and advocacy.

The Women’s Foundation works to create economic opportunities that have positive ripple effects across society and open doors to progress. An open door can change a woman’s life, and the lives of those around her. But not all doors are open to all women. That’s why we won’t rest until all women, especially young women and girls of color, have equal access to economic security, safety and opportunity.

Our Work

Grantmaking: Using our deep expertise and insight into the needs of women and girls in the region, we are able to collect, direct and leverage resources so they support the most effective organizations and solutions working toward increasing economic security.

Since we were founded in 1998, we have:

• Invested over $15 million in grants to more than 205 community-based organizations.

• Helped over 16,000 women increase their income and assets by $53 million through higher wages, decreased debt, tax credits, increased savings and growing equity related to homeownership

• With your support, we invested in organizations providing culturally specific support to survivors of sexual and domestic violence and worked with community partners to distribute cash assistance to care workers. In the Washington, DC region, each of these populations are more likely to be women of color and/or immigrant women.

Advocacy: We use our insight, expertise, and research to influence and activate our community, opinion leaders, and policymakers around the idea that when we take into account the needs of women and girls, we create opportunities for them to reach their full potential and for our community to prosper through their participation.
Standing Together
Washington Area Women’s Foundation’s Grantee Partners since 1998*

Academy of Hope
African American Women’s Resource Center
Alternative House
AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation
Ascensions Community Services, Inc.
Asian for Women (ASHA), Inc.
Asian Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP)
A Wider Circle
Avery House-Halfway House for Women and Children
AYUDA
Barrios Unidas: Girl Power Program
Beacon House: Young Women on the Rise
Bethel House
Black Swan Academy
Boat People SOS
Borrowed Housing, Inc.
Building Bridges Foundation
Calvary Women’s Services
Capital Area Asset Builders (CAAB)
Capital Commitment, Inc.
CASA de Maryland
Center on Budget & Policy Priorities
Central American Resource Center of Washington
CentroNia
CFED
Child and Family Network Centers
Child Center and Adult Services
Children’s National Medical Center
Chinatown Service Center
Children’s National Medical Center
Child and Family Network Centers
Children’s National Medical Center
CHAPA
Community Advocates for Family and Youth (CAFY)
Community Bridges
Community Ministry of Montgomery County
Community Preservation and Development Corporation
Community Tax Aid
Computer C.O.R.E.
Covenant House
Crittenton Services of Greater Washington
Crossway Community
Cultural Academy for Excellence (CAFÉ)
Daughter for the Day, Inc.
DC Action for Children
DC Appleseed
DC Coalition on Long Term Care
DC Employment Justice Center (DCEJC)
DC Girls Coalition
DC Fiscal Policy Institute
DC Hunger Solutions
DC Promise Neighborhood Initiative
D.C. Rape Crisis Center
DC Volunteer Lawyers Project
Deaf DAWN
Digital Sisters
Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project (DV LEAP)
Doorways for Women and Families
Easter Seals Serving DC | MD | VA
Education Strengthens Families Public Charter School
Empower DC
Empower Girls, Inc.
The Empower Program
End Time Harvest Ministries, Inc.
Fairfax Futures
FAIR Girls
Family Preservation and Strengthening Services
The Family Support Center, Inc.
Foster & Adoptive Parent Advocacy Center
Foundation for Appropriate and Immediate Temporary Help (FAITH)
Friends of Guest House, Inc.
From Streets to Skills Social Services
Generations Closet
Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital
Girls, Inc. of the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area
Goodwill of Greater Washington
Greater Washington Board of Trade
Great Washington Workforce Development Collaborative
High Tea Society
Hispanics Against Child Abuse & Neglect
Homeless Children’s Playtime Project
Homestretch, Inc.
Hope Abounds, Inc.
Hopkins House
Horton’s Kids, Inc.
House of Ruth
Housing Counseling Services
Human Services Coalition of Prince George’s County
Identity Inc.
IMPACT Silver Spring
Institute for Women’s Policy Research
Interfaith Works
Into Safe Arms of Northern Virginia
JHP, Inc.
Jubilee Jobs Inc.
Kidsave
Kindred, Inc.
La Colectiva - Multicultural Non-profit Village
La Cocina, VA
Latin American Youth Center
Latino Economic Development Center
Latino Federation of Greater Washington
Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services
Life Skills Workshop, Inc.
Literacy Lab, The
Lylla’s House
Manna, Inc.
Marshall Heights Community Development Organization
Mary’s Center for Maternal & Child Care
Maryland Family Network, Inc.
Maryland State Family Child Care Association
Mautner Project
Metropolitan Washington Airports Interfaith Chapels, Inc.
Mission: Readiness
Montgomery College Foundation
Multicultural Spanish Speaking Provider Association (Partner)
Nonprofit Montgomery
Muslim Community Center Medical Clinic
My Sister’s Place
National Black Child Development Institute
National Academy of Medicine
New Community for Children
Nonprofit Montgomery
Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater NVAEYC
Northern Virginia Capital Area Foreclosure Network
Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation Inc.
Northern Virginia Family Service
NOVACO
Nueva Vida
Ophelia’s House
Parklands Community Center
Passion for Learning
Polaris Project
Pregnancy Aid Centers, Inc.
Prince George’s Child Resource Center
Prince George’s Community College Foundation
Prince George’s Tennis and Education Foundation
Quality Collaborative
Ramonas’ Way
Ready at Five
Rebecca Project for Human Rights
Restaurant Opportunities Center – DC (ROC-DC)
Rights4Girls
Second Chance Employment Services
Supporting and Mentoring Youth Advocates and Leaders (SMYAL)
Silver Spring Interfaith Housing Coalition
So Others Might Eat (SOME)
Southern Institute on Children and Families Southern
SPACES In Action
Business Leadership Council
St. Ann’s Infant and Maternity Home
Strategic Community Services, Inc.
Strive DC
Tahirih Justice Center
Tenants & Workers United
Tenants Empowerment Network of Catholic Community Services
The Art League
The Campagna Center
The Safe Sisters Circle
The Training Source, Inc.
Thrive DC: Daily Bread Daily Needs Dinner Program
Through the Kitchen Door International, Inc.
Trinity University
Urban Alliance Foundation
Urban Institute
Vehicles for Change
Voices for Virginia’s Children
Washington Middle School for Girls
Washington Region Early Care and Education Workforce Network
WETA
Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW)
Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts
Wonders Early Learning and Extended Day
The Women’s Center
The Women’s Collective
Year Up
Young Ladies of Tomorrow
The Young Women’s Project (YWP)
YWCA of the National Capital Area
Y.O.L.U.R. Community Center

*Current Grantee Partners are listed in bold.