



THE VILLAGE VIEW

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Our Village SHEROs Did It Again!

So many of you made October's SHERO Community Day a true celebration of strength, resilience, and community spirit. The crowd heard from our Board of Directors, CEO Portia Robertson Migas, and Deandra Smith—a Village resident who shared one of her powerful poems.

Visit our SHERO picture gallery on our website: <https://bit.ly/SHERO-Pics>



Amazing Village volunteers did the important work of setting up and cleaning up afterward, and we are grateful. We also appreciate the local businesses and partners who made the



day shine: HOYA Clinic, Georgetown Dermatology, Slipstream, Starbucks on P Street, Tenbeete Solomon of Trap Bob World, DC Petropolis, Mel's Custom Creations, District Bridges Logan Circle, Doggy Style DC, and Well-Read Black Girl.



We are most appreciative of our fundraisers—together we raised nearly \$50,000! Your support and dedication truly embody the phenomenal SHERO spirit.



Together, we are creating a safe and strong community of dignity and respect.

A Message from the CEO

Dear N Street Village Community,

The Village has been welcoming each woman who walks through our doors for more than a half century! As I stood on N Street during our SHERO Community Day in October, I was reminded how the decades-long interfaith effort to support some of the most vulnerable women in our community started.

Radical hospitality was at the center of the decision to open the doors of Luther Place Memorial Church to people displaced after rioting destroyed neighborhoods in the wake of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination. A quarter century later, N Street Village expanded and opened our Flagship location in 1996. This site – 1333 N Street, NW – is just one of the seven Village locations we have throughout the city now.

No matter the location, our mission is the same.

N Street Village provides a continuum of supportive services – for clients who might spend a few nights, a few months, a few years, or a few decades with the Village. We partner with women to achieve stability and to make meaningful gains in their housing, income, employment, mental and physical health, and addiction recovery status.

Women who come through our doors find hope and healing.



Seven days a week, women can walk through our gate and sit down for breakfast and lunch at the Bethany Day Center. They can access showers, wash their clothes, and participate in a variety of activities. At the Wellness Center, women have the opportunity to see a doctor, participate in a meditation class, or access other resources to help meet their physical, behavioral and mental health needs.

In the coming year and years, we are growing our capacity to provide more behavioral and mental health support as we tackle mental health as a root cause of homelessness.

We are expanding our literacy offerings to enhance functional literacy in key areas, including health and financial literacy.

And as our society ages, we see that reflected in the clients we serve. To meet the needs of the growing number of older women, we are building out our capacity to provide geriatric-focused care.

Our work would not be possible without each person who shows up to volunteer, engage, and support N Street Village throughout the year. Your commitment and your contributions increase our impact as we partner with hundreds of women each year.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Portia Robertson Migas".

Portia Robertson Migas
President and CEO, N Street Village

Mark Your Calendar 2025 Gala & Auction—March 6

The 2025 N Street Village Gala & Auction is scheduled for March 6 at the Marriott Marquis, where we will celebrate resident successes and share our strategic vision to end homelessness for women across the city. This year, we will honor Cindy and Mark Aron, long-time Village supporters.

Join us to be inspired by stories of strength, triumph, and dedicated service.

For sponsorship opportunities, contact Libbie Reed, Development Assistant, at lreed@nstreetvillage.org.



Your Support Makes Our Village Shine

We are deeply grateful to our staff, volunteers, and corporate partners for your commitment to the Village. You ensure women in the District receive vital resources and services in a safe community environment.

JULY

Our all-star **Ambassadors Council** kicked off the summer with its annual Ice Cream Social and returned to host a groovy Tie-Dye event filling Bethany Women's Day Center with a kaleidoscope of colors.

Students at **Georgetown Day School** prepared lunch to be served to our clients. We were honored to spend a morning at the school, sharing about our work at N Street Village and ways to get involved.

Plants and Blooms Reimagined created gorgeous bouquets for the women at Bethany Day Center—a heartfelt gift that our clients love.

Zoe Feldman Design volunteers brought the glitz and glam by hosting a dazzling beauty fair with sparkling drinks and light snacks. They also donated clothing for our clients and a karaoke machine that had everyone singing, even after we waved *see you later* to the volunteers.

GlobalGiving lent a hand in our Clothing Closet, helping to organize mountains of summer clothes for our clients.

AFCEA Bethesda chose N Street Village as the charity of choice for its inaugural Summer Gala, where they held a silent auction to benefit our programs. We were thrilled to join the event, which was held at the International Spy Museum with the theme, "From Bethesda with Love: An Evening of Elegance and Espionage."

AUGUST

Howard University School of Law students traded briefs for brushes and spent a morning getting creative with the Village. The group held a canvas-painting session with our clients and brightened everyone's day.

BCG hosted a "shoe-per" footwear drive at their D.C. office, delivering almost 100 shoes to the women we serve.

Thornton Tomasetti volunteers brought the fun and excitement of Bingo to our clients at the Flagship location.

As part of our continued partnership with **William and Mary Washington Center**, the Village welcomed **Bess Brown**, who interned with the development and volunteer engagement team during the summer. **Alex Burch**, Volunteer and In-Kind Gifts Coordinator, and **Samara Kurien**, Program Associate, joined Bess at the Washington Center's farewell reception for the D.C. Summer Institutes Fellows.

This month's group volunteers who helped organize our Clothing Closet and donations were first-year students from the **Center for Social Justice Research, Teaching & Service at Georgetown University**; and students from the **William and Mary Washington Center**.

The **Ambassadors Council** hosted a delicious taco bar with warm tortillas, sizzling meat and veggie fillings, and all the toppings that had everyone's mouths watering. The evening was full of lively conversations and contagious laughter.

AC member **Monica Jenkins'** son, **Joey**, serenaded the women with his guitar playing and singing, which made the dinner extra special.





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The Village Shines with Your Support

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Our partners at the **National Women’s Shelter Network** secured a fabulous selection of makeup and cosmetic donations from the **Give N’ Glo Foundation**.



I Support The Girls gave a generous donation of bras, underwear, and toiletries, which are always much-needed items for our ladies at the Village.

SEPTEMBER

This month’s group volunteers who helped organize our Clothing Closet and donations were: **UNFCU, Girls Global Academy, and Capital One.**

Bethany Women’s Day Center opened seven days a week, and we celebrated with a grand re-opening event including games, activities, and smiles all around. Our food partners, **La Tejana** and **Call Your Mother Deli**, provided a delicious breakfast spread.



A team from **Warner Bros. Discovery** spent their Impact Day—WBD’s annual day of service around the globe—at our Flagship location. They packed toiletry bags, called out Bingo, and served lunch.



Washington Hebrew Congregation (WHC) and the **Multi-Faith Neighbors Network (MFNN)** have partnered to distribute free menstrual cups in the D.C. area. They gave a presentation

to our clients about the cups—what they are and how to use them. They also donated more than 300 cups for us to distribute to our clients and residents who are interested in using them.

N Street Village was proud to attend this year’s **DC Workforce Investment Council Summit** at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in D.C. as the only exhibitor representing a housing and supportive services provider.

The **Gates Foundation** joined us to call a fun Bingo session for our clients and residents at Flagship.