

many ✦ hands

2018 impact report

Many Hands is a women's grantmaking organization committed to making a lasting impact on the lives of Washington, D.C.-area women, children, and families in need, and to helping its members become well-informed donors.

✦ 2018 GRANTMAKING

When 100 women contribute \$1,000 each to benefit a single cause, our collective grant of \$100,000 to a metro D.C.-area nonprofit has a measurable impact on the lives of local women, children, and families in need. Since 2004, Many Hands has granted over **\$1.4 million** to community nonprofits that are dedicated to addressing challenges in the areas of Education, Health, Housing, and Job Readiness. In 2018, Many Hands awarded a total of **\$221,500** in grants. Four organizations received awards:

Housing

Friends of Guest House
\$100,000

Education

Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital
\$40,500

Health

The Grassroot Project/
Athletes United for Social Justice
\$40,500

Job Readiness

Community Family Life Services
\$40,500

✦ \$100,000 GRANT RECIPIENT Friends of Guest House

Friends of Guest House provides structure, supervision, and support to women from the Commonwealth of Virginia who are reentering the community from incarceration. Its tiered three-year program includes housing, job training, and counseling. Since its founding in 1974, Friends of Guest House has helped more than 3,000 formerly incarcerated women and, by extension, their nearly 4,000 children. Without reentry support, 70% of ex-offenders nationwide reoffend within two years. Among Friends of Guest House graduates, fewer than 10% reoffend. Friends of Guest House will use the Many Hands \$100,000 grant to purchase the rental home where eight of its aftercare clients live, to ensure it will not be sold out from under them. The women's affordable monthly rent will support general operating costs at this home, freeing up funds to support housing for other Friends of Guest House clients.



2018 FINALISTS



COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL works to help students in resource-challenged communities stay in school, graduate, and succeed in life. CIS site coordinators bring community resources and partners into the schools to address student needs and remove barriers to success. This includes everything from providing school uniforms and transportation to addressing challenging social and emotional issues. This year CIS is supporting over 5,000 students in twelve D.C. Public Schools. The Many Hands grant will support the site coordinators—who work to identify, coordinate, and provide individualized support services to students—and to cover the costs of program supplies, group enrichment activities, and basic needs.



THE GRASSROOT PROJECT recruits and trains NCAA Division 1 student-athletes to provide innovative, sports-based health education in D.C. schools. Since 2009, as part of a city-wide effort to reduce HIV infections, decrease HIV stigma, and increase access and adherence to HIV treatment, TGP athletes have provided more than 50,000 hours of sexual health education to teenagers at 63 D.C. schools. TGP is currently expanding its work to offer a three-year holistic health education and health service program that will include one year of sexual health education, one year of physical health education, and one year of mental health education. The Many Hands grant will support the development, implementation, and evaluation of the two new curricula focused on mental and physical health.



COMMUNITY FAMILY LIFE SERVICES provides women returning from prison or jail with both short-term crisis assistance, and a broader range of supports designed to help them change their lives over the long term. CFLS uses intensive case management, workforce development programming, peer mentorship, housing assistance and health services to help formerly incarcerated women get jobs, to increase criminal justice compliance, and to improve their quality of life. The Many Hands grant will help CFLS further expand its Employment Program by increasing staff support and providing ongoing case management.

BY THE NUMBERS

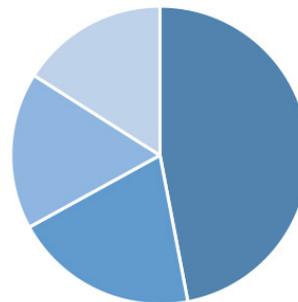
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Grant Applications Received	97
Site Visits Completed	26
Focus-Area Committee Members.....	63
Voting Members	237

Since 2004

Years Supporting Metro D.C. Organizations.....	14
Nonprofits Supported.....	31
Grant Funds Distributed.....	\$1,405,500

2018 APPLICANTS BY THE NUMBERS



By Focus Area

● Education	47%
● Health	20%
● Housing	17%
● Job Readiness	16%



By Geography

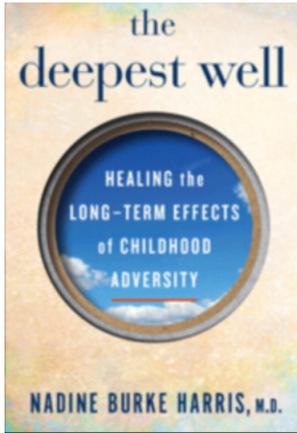
● D.C.	62%
● MD	26%
● VA	12%

✦ YEAR IN REVIEW

Donor Education

PANEL DISCUSSION: D.C. WORKFORCE BARRIERS With Anne-Marie Bairstow, Leicester Johnson & Bob Wittig

Panelists Bob Wittig, Executive Director of the Catalogue for Philanthropy; Leicester Johnson, Executive Director of the Academy of Hope; and Anne-Marie Bairstow, VP of Marketing and Communications for WC Smith, shed light on the considerable challenges low-income job applicants face, as well as some of the more successful strategies to overcome these obstacles.



BOOK DISCUSSION: *THE DEEPEST WELL: HEALING THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF CHILDHOOD ADVERSITY* by Dr. Nadine Burke Harris Moderated by Jill Rosenbaum Meyer with Guest Judith Sandalow

Many Hands hosted a discussion with Judith Sandalow, Executive Director of D.C.'s Children's Law Center, about the trauma-informed approach to understanding childhood adversities through both science and medicine and the impact it can have on the overall long-term health of children and adults.

✦ MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVES

New Young Members Program

Available to women ages 25–34, our Young Members Program offers full membership benefits and privileges at a discounted annual donation amount of \$500.

Catalist FORMERLY THE WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE GRANTMAKING NETWORK

Catalist supports the creation, development, and expansion of women's collective giving nationwide to build women's leadership and amplify the power of giving together. There are currently over 60 collective giving grantmaking groups that are members. Many Hands joined Catalist in April 2018 in order to learn and share best practices with other member organizations and participate in their educational forums and conferences.



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