

Inside An Amazing Look...



Treasures Highlights 2019-2020

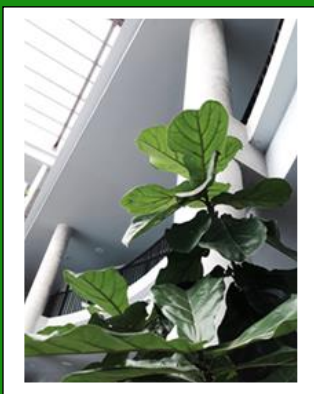
Greater Washington Women's Network

25TH ANNIVERSARY

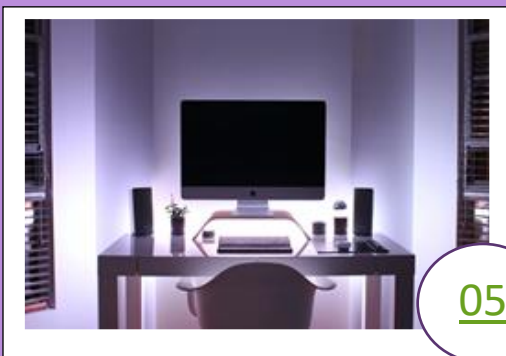
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MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greeting Members, Partners, and Friends:

I can't begin to tell you how grateful I am for another opportunity for **GWWN** to share our highlights 2019-2020 "*Inside An Amazing Look... Treasures.*" This program year started out normal. However, a few months into 2020, we were attacked by a global pandemic virus (COVID-19). Everything **was** shutdown with a few exceptions: hospitals, groceries stores, deliveries and other essential businesses and facilities.

Nonprofit organizations, like other businesses probed new opportunities to conduct business. Virtual connection and gathering soared. This crisis **caused** us to take an inventory, including time to reflect, be grateful and identify what we really value. More than ever, I believe this pandemic has confirmed how much we need each other and the power of connection. This time of solitude helps us to reveal our values and what we treasure. "*Treasures are any person or thing considered very valuable.*" Source: www.dictionary.com. **GWWN** values you! Your invisible and unmeasurable treasures including compassion, respect, motivation, and tenacity are remarkable. In addition, **GWWN** values your visible treasures: gifts, talents, support, and financial contributions.

In celebrating our *25th anniversary*, we express our appreciation. You are a treasure! **GWWN** operates by members and volunteers without a salaried staff. Passionately you are making a difference for us to fulfill our mission and vision.

These highlights also include some impact by the numbers and personal experiences related to your contribution. We invite you to navigate through our highlights from the "*Table of Contents*" and the **hyperlinks** in each chapter. The **back-and-forth features** are convenient to quickly capture information.

On behalf of **GWWN** Executive Board, thank you for your support and donations over the years. Join us to make a greater powerful impact serving and exploring inside amazing treasures to empower others.

A Timeless Connection,

Mary Greene

Executive Director

"Treasured Traditions help to give shape and meaning to our dreams."



Network/Virtual Connection

Our program year was off to a good start participating in a face-to-face networking event as a community sponsor.

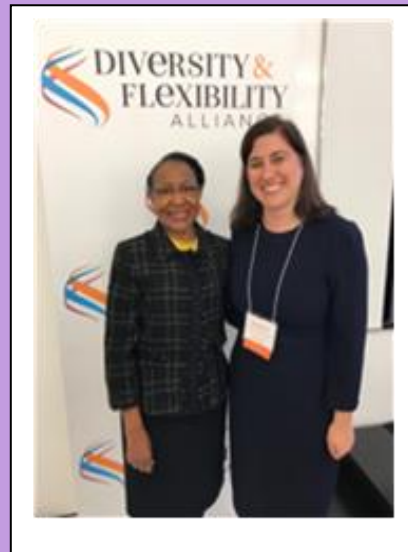
DIVERSITY & FLEXIBILITY ALLIANCE 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Diversity & Flexibility Alliance's 2019 Annual Conference

Inspire. Innovate. Ignite!



The event was held
Thursday, November 7, 2019
Washington, DC Offices of Jones Day
300 New Jersey Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001



Manar Morales, President and CEO, Diversity & Flexibility Alliance
Mary Greene, Executive Director, Greater Washington Women's Network
Angela Whitehead Quigley, Manager of Strategic Initiatives

Virtual Networking Expands

In March of 2020, we were faced with a national shut down due to the COVID-19. This was something that required us to go to virtual events and family gatherings.

We still could get together, which made life better!



GWWN collaborated and partnered with other women organizations, who were hosting virtual network events. A few organizations were:

Healthywomen

Woman's Journey: John Hopkins Medicine

Working Mother Media

National Association for Female Executives

Diversity & Flexibility Alliance's

Darfur Women Action Group

In addition to virtual networking many women attended online classes sponsored by local libraries or other sources.

GWWN's accomplishments: (1) enhanced members continuing education goals, (2) raised self-esteem, (3) helped members to perform jobs better, and (4) stimulated a powerful connection.

Community Engagement



The pandemic brought many on-site community engagement programs to a halt. **GWWN** re-imagined strategies to fulfill our mission and vision. Here's what some of the activities included: (1) increased articles in our newsletters and community resource newscast to educate, inspire, and support organizations and readers, beyond our members, (2) **GWWN** performed research, provided resources, responded to inquiries, and provided assistance on various topics including how to host teleconferencing events, (3) Published other organizations events, (4) Sent appreciation letters to members and others.

Frontline workers and other essential workers experienced unbelievable challenges to keep the hospitals, groceries, transportation, and deliveries functioning: (5) **GWWN** facilitated an initiative to send a personal thank you poem card entitled "*Because You Care*" to hospital essential workers in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Twenty-five cards were mailed, (6) **GWWN** members performed other acts of kindness such as pooled groceries and shopping errands, provided various items including food to small groups, (7) participated in the "Get Out to Vote" campaign, and (8) other caring tasks to express appreciation. Although these actions might seem small, they generated big bright smiles and joy.

Our accomplishments: (1) **GWWN** operated as an information resource powerhouse, (2) **GWWN** demonstrated how we cared and appreciated others, and (3) since we missed previous privileges before the pandemic, *these actions made life sweeter!*

Because You Care

Greater Washington Women's Network, GWWN
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Female Executives, NAFE

From All of Us
To
All of You

Mary Greene, GWWN, Executive Director said, "I
wrote this poem on behalf of your love and
commitment to everyone."
"You are amazing!"

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Because You Care

*You took the pain away
You made the sunlight stay
We have a peace of mind
You are so kind
You are our strength
We did not sink
Now the story can be told
You reached your goal.*

We Thank You

Treasure Channels



Historic Achievements

National Women's Museum

Defends for You to be Represented

In Recognition of Women's History and Contributions to America and to Empower

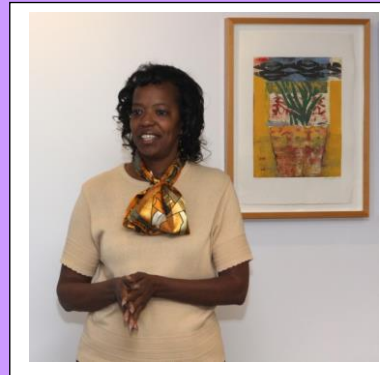


On February 10, 2020, The House of Representatives voted on H.R. 1980, a bill that would establish a National Women's History Museum (NWHM) with the Smithsonian. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) answered the question "Why" for the museum. Watch the [YouTube video](#).

She introduced H.R. 1980 on March 28, 2019, with Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence (D-MI), and Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC).

On December 1, 2017, Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney, hosted a luncheon with women organization leaders to share the vision for the new NWHM. **GWWN's** Marilyn Dawson, Business Advisory Chair, attended the meeting on behalf of Mary Greene, **GWWN** Executive Director and **GWWN**.

Toastmaster, Advanced Communicator Bronze (ACB) Award
GWWN, Director of Membership and Secretary



Ms. Cheryl Blount was awarded Toastmaster, Advanced Communicator Bronze (ACB) June 2020. The ACB award requires the completion of two advanced manuals, and the Competent Communicator manual. Ms. Blount also possesses the “Competent Communicator” and “Competent Leader” awards.

Her journey in Toastmasters International began in November 2012. She became a member of Wheaton Community Toastmasters Club (Silver Spring, MD) , and has held several officer positions – President, Vice President of Education, Vice President of Membership, Secretary, and Sargent-At-Arms.

Ms. Blount is currently Vice President of Education at Wheaton Community Toastmasters Club. She is continuing her journey in the Toastmasters Pathways Leadership Development program to help practice and improve her speaking, communication, and leadership skills.

She credits her volunteer experience with **GWWN** as the springboard to her development and growth of leadership skills. She became a dedicated **GWWN** volunteer in 2001, and was involved in event planning, and strategic planning when she was asked to be a member of **GWWN** Board of Directors. As a result, Ms. Blount's leadership skills were instrumental in her receiving several job promotions in her career.

Women: Breaking Barriers

Six women ran for the presidency in 2020 , more than any in the U.S. History.

A total of six women from the Democratic Party were in the race for president — Tulsi Gabbard, Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar, Marianne Williamson, Kamala Harris, and Kirsten Gillibrand. **These barrier breakers are achievements for all women!**

On Tuesday, August 11, 2020, Kamala Harris (Senator and 2020) presidential candidate from California (2017–present) was named by Joe Biden as his VP pick, choosing his former Democratic primary opponent. There are many barrier-breaking moments if elected - she will be the nation's first female, first student from Howard University, an Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), first Black and first Asian American Vice President. Also, Joe Biden, 77 will be the oldest President to be elected.

Harris said: "I'm honored to join him as our party's nominee for Vice President and do what it takes to make him our Commander-in-Chief." Harris brings energy and charisma to Biden's campaign along with her qualifications and expertise.



Biden said: "I need someone working alongside me who is smart, tough, and ready to lead. Kamala is that person," he wrote. "I need someone who understands the pain that so many people in our nation are suffering. Whether they've lost their job, their business, or a loved one to this virus."

2020 Democratic Party Vice Presidential Candidates

Finalists

Senator and 2020 presidential candidate Kamala Harris from California (2017–present) were among the vetted finalists

		
Former National Security Advisor Susan Rice from Washington, D.C. (2013–2017)	Senator and 2020 presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren from Massachusetts (2013–present)	Governor Gretchen Whitmer from Michigan (2019–present)

Also, there was a short list of other candidates.

These women are role models. We applaud all trailblazers for their boldness, confidence, tenacity, and their resilience to represent us despite the odds. They are treasures!

GWWN accomplishments: (1) highlighted these women’s successes, motivated us to believe in possibilities, (2) raised awareness on the importance of building positive character, and being motivated about your passion.



GWWN's interview compiled from inquiries related to our achievements.

Interviewer: Why is this celebration significant?

GWWN: We have empowered women and men for 25 years. When one person succeeds another one succeeds. This means the impact **GWWN** made on their lives were transferred to others. It is still being transferred to more people because it is a domino effect. This is a very important achievement.

Interviewer: Where was **GWWN's** first networking event hosted?

GWWN: In 1995 when **GWWN** was established, our first networking event was hosted at the historic Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC. Many events were hosted there.

Interviewer: You facilitated your regular monthly events at other venues, right?

GWWN: Yes, many businesses sponsored nonprofit organizations by providing meeting facilities.

Interviewer: Really- Pro Bono?

GWWN: Yes. The Adams National Bank, now the Premier Bank, and Robert Half International and Office Teams sponsored space for **GWWN** many years until they downsized.

Interviewer: What are some challenges and lesson-learned?

GWWN: Although you might be a visionary, there will always be challenges. The key is work your passion and motivate your faith. Encourage and help others to identify their talents and appreciate them. Always do your absolute best and don't be afraid to ask for help. Things will work out on your behalf. Be grateful!

GWWN: This year's highlight *Inside An Amazing Look...Treasures* acclaims **GWWN's** 25th year anniversary legacy.

Interviewer: How?

GWWN: *Inside An Amazing Look: Treasures...* are countless accomplishments which are unbelievably valuable and priceless treasures.

Interviewer: Tell me more.

GWWN: Our powerful 25thyears highlights emphasizes GWWN's legacy. It

- Identifies **GWWN** extremely valuable treasure: members, partners, friends, pictures, documentaries, awards, loyalty, passion, respect, and dignity. These are a few.
- Opens **GWWN's** windows and channels treasures authenticating **GWWN's** achievements. Also, this entire highlight **showcases GWWN** successes. Make time to read the complete publication.
- Preserves our history: As a small powerful organization **GWWN's** brand is "*personal touches*". We demonstrate passion to serve, warm hearts, caring, excitement, and always offering a hand to assist others, even to nonmembers. People said **GWWN** "*makes them feel special*". **GWWN** always has documented our history.
- Appreciates and value others. During this pandemic, **GWWN** respond to many emails and follow up with calls. Before this crisis at networking events, women and men talked about experiencing a graceful welcoming reception, genuine concerns, and excellent take-a-ways. One guest shared, "*I had such a great time at the last networking event, I brought my mother with me.*"
- Recruits renowned pro bono speakers to present business, and career development educational topics for empowerment to elevate our women.
- Advances and promotes members through education, networking, resources, community engagement and youth development. Many women are gainfully employed, changed careers, received promotions, returned to college for higher education, started businesses, grown professionally and enhanced their self-development. Academic internships and scholarships have assisted students with their college education.
- Recognitions are a key component: Achievements are broadcast and celebrated.

Interviewer: Wow, this is fantastic!

GWWN: Once in the presence of these fabulous women, you can be assured that positive energy, information, and kindness will embrace and transform you.

Interviewer: Is there anything else you want me to know about **GWWN**?

GWWN: As a small organization, you can always count on someone being there to help who cares. **GWWN** has made an impact on countless number of women, men, and youth beyond the DC Metropolitan area.

Interviewer: Are men welcomed to join **GWWN**?

GWWN: Yes. Men are our allies. We all need each other. Also, **GWWN** offers volunteer opportunity to anyone who wants to be involved in a dynamic organization.

Interviewer: You do not have paid staff, right?

GWWN: That is correct. An organization without salaried- staff this might be surprising, however, when there are women and men with a passion to help others to succeed, goals are achievable. Our pay is the opportunity to serve and make a difference. As Mary Greene, Executive Director, always say, *“A faithful passionate team is like a “posse” because everyone has the mind to work. A small number can be a powerful team and a treasurer.*

Interviewer: I want to learn more about **GWWN**.

GWWN: Our accomplishments serve as a beacon of light. Our story is to inspire, help others to realize their potentials, succeed, and to serve. Those who love **GWWN**'s mission and vision can appreciate our journey and achievements. Read these highlights on the [GWWN's website](#) from previous years.

- *Passion Moves Forward to Serve 2018-2019*
- ***GWWN**, Empowering in the Region 2017-2018*
- *A Celebration of Twenty-Two Years of Service: Looking Back...Past Networking Expressions Learn-Fun-Share-Connect 2016-2017*
- *Personal Touches Transforming Lives for 21 Years 2015-2016*
- *Greatness is Earned Through Service 2014-2015*
- *Transforming Lives Is What We Do; The Impact 2013-2014*

Interviewer: Looking forward to seeing what is next.

Education Information Center



Published

GWWN Newsletters

No. 20, March 2020
Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)
Be Strong and Courageous
Make Your Impact!

No. 21, May 2020
Important Now More Than Ever

No. 22, August 2020
Have You Heard the Women's Voice?

Community Resources Information Newscast

No. 14, September 30, 2019

GWWN-NAFE Website Article

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Silence the Ignorant Talk with Science and Data

Resources

Employment and Resumes
 Resources and Referral Assistance
 Mentoring and Coaching

Impact: By the Numbers and Real Expressions



Impact By the Numbers 2019-2020

The metric identifies some impact numbers on the next page. Also, read what they are saying on the following pages.

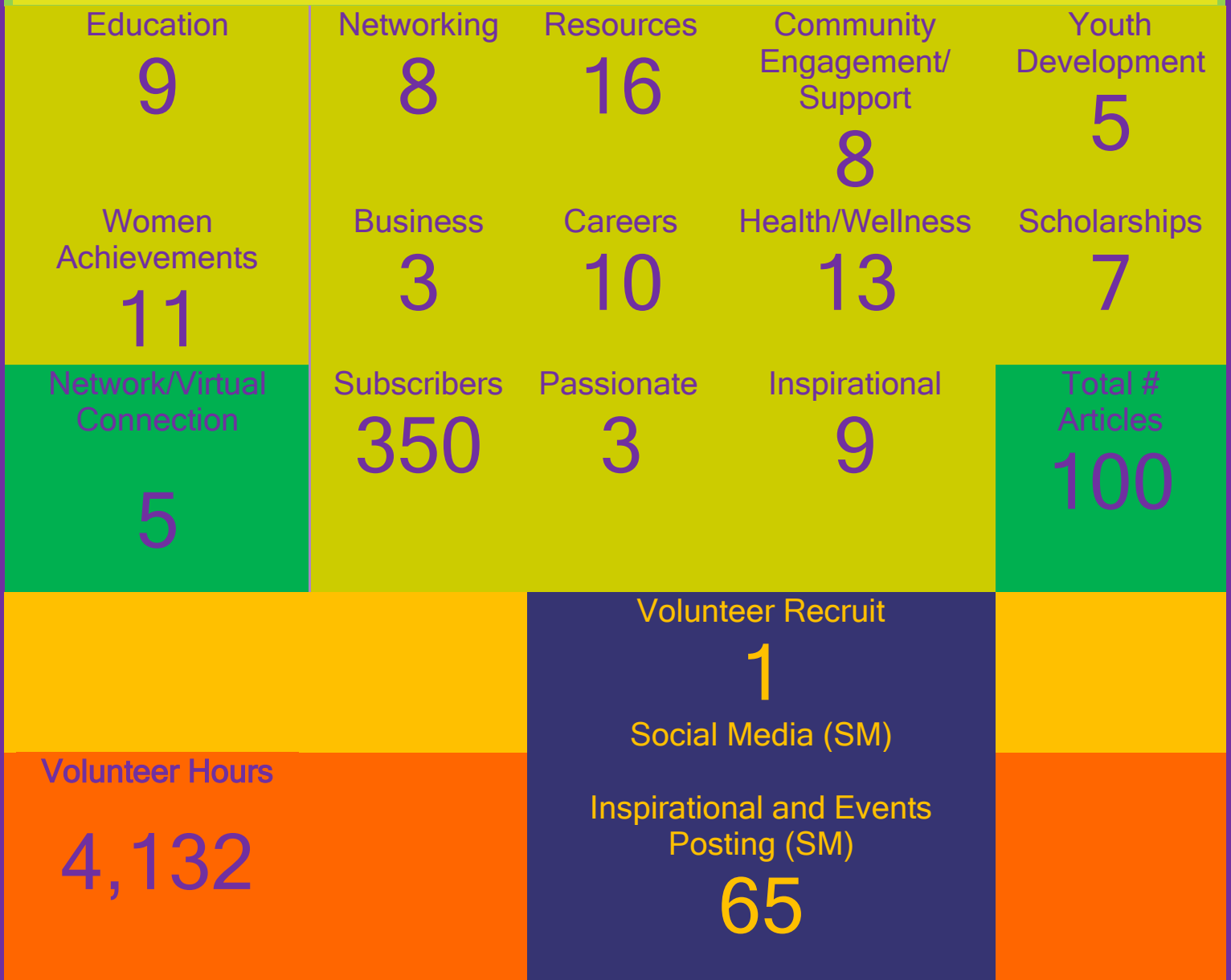
Here are **GWWN**'s accomplishments:

1. Equipped our members with education information to achieve higher level of knowledge and hone skills.
2. Increased members' self-worth.
3. Raised the visibility of **GWWN**'s brand as a resourceful and dynamic organization.
4. Encouraged members to strive for excellence.
5. Provided an opportunity for volunteers to use their talents and experience to grow and serve others.
6. Publicized the positive feedback from others and the impact **GWWN** made on their lives.

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS 2019-2020

PUBLICATIONS and ARTICLES

Newsletters 3 Newscast 1



Real Expressions

What they are saying!

Volunteer Opportunity

- *Thank you for allowing me to use my talents. I want to keep my skills sharp!*

Community Resource Newscast

- *There is always something in this publication to inspire me. Thank you so much for sharing.*

GWWN Newsletters

- *So much good educational information for everyone. Keep up the good work!*

Newsletters and Newscasts

- *They are so professional and colorful. Love it!*

Passion for GWWN Shows

- *Through the years, your caring about others is making a difference. Even if you can't see it.*

Pandemic Lifter

- *This crisis has been very challenging. You have been there for me. I really appreciate everything you've done. Thanks a lot.*

NAFE Website

- *I saw your article about the event on NAFE's Website. Thanks for sharing...will register.*

GWWN Organization

- *YOU ARE PHENOMENAL!*

GWWN's Publications

- *All of your publications encouraged me. I get inspired with new ideas!*

GWWN Website Resources

- *An 8th grader mother shared: I wanted to thank the team at the Greater Washington Women's Network for putting together your resources page. My daughter is working on a fun project for her Business and Economics class; they're required to essentially start a small business! Her teacher asked them to write up a business plan, provide marketing strategies, find applicable grants and loans, etc. (Things sure have changed since I was in school LOL!) Your resources helped a bunch and I just wanted you to know :)*

Treasure Windows



A valuable treasure, each person is connected like window panes and windows. We are mixed and bound together like glue to be stronger and supportive. As one person strives from another's skills and talents, our better potentials are defined, developed, and unfolded to enrich our lives as well as other success. This creates the beauty within us to shine and illuminates, just like looking through a window. **GWWN's** accomplishment: (1) exposed members to other treasured organizations with parallels goals, and (2) identified ways to volunteer to make a positive impact.

Collaborations and Partnerships

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Crisis Center• Darfur Women Action Group• Diversity & Flexibility Alliance's• Healthywomen• Idealist• Office of African Affairs• Office of Partnerships and Grant Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Training Source, Inc• Volunteer Match• Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Public Library, DC• Washington Network Group• Woman's Journey: John Hopkins Medicine• Working Mother Media |
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VOLUNTEERISM

GWWN is an organization operated by members and volunteers, without salaried staff. It was founded in 1995. Our team is passionate about serving others. **GWWN's** membership consists of women and men from various backgrounds. **GWWN** is an affiliate of the National Association for Female Executives, (NAFE), founded in 1972 and became a renowned women's professional association in the United States.

GWWN promotes volunteerism which is important for the success of our mission and vision. A few benefits are: (1) limitless opportunities to achieve careers and professional goals, (2) networking, (3) learning new skills, (4) building relationships with other dynamic professional and businesswomen, (5) making a positive impact in the community, and (6) earning academic and other credits from Internships for career and/or professional development. Volunteer service sometimes may be for a project, or for a few hours. It all adds up to help us reach our goals.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Greene.....Executive Director
Cheryl Blount..... Secretary
Jenifer Golson..... Treasurer
Cheryl Blount..... Director of Membership

HONOREE VOLUNTEERS

Victor Adams	Novella Gumbs *
L'Tange Alexander*	Frederick Isler *
Gloria Blackwell*	Lekshmy Nair**
Oliver Caceres	Samuel Whitfield*
Marilyn Dawson	Frances Simpson, Community Service Chair

*Boosters

**New

DONATIONS

GWWN is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. We operate on donations, monetary and in-kind gifts. All monetary gifts are used for the organization's services. We accept any donations on-line through our website, or via Post Office Box, 65532, Washington, DC 20035.

SPIRIT OF GRATUITY

GWWN appreciates all volunteer services, information, assistance, and monetary gifts everyone provided to the organization. **GWWN** provides unique benevolent monetary gifts to others. Your contribution makes a difference!

MISSION and VISION

Our **Mission** is to advance and promote our members, business, and professional women, through education, networking, community services, resources, and youth development.

Our **Vision** is to transform and empower business and professional women to reach their greatest potential and help others to succeed.

MEMBERSHIPS

Greater Washington Women's Network, **GWWN**

An affiliate of the National Association for Female Executives, NAFE

Membership Fees

GWWN.....\$40.00

NAFE..... \$39.00

Both Organizations..... \$79.00

[Join both organizations](#) for greater benefits!

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Your contribution made a difference!

GWWN's Accomplishments: (1) enriched our treasures and history with photos and (2) define **GWWN** as a unique, passionate, and powerful legendary organization.

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