

HEARTS OF EMPOWERMENT

*The official Spring newsletter of
Hearts of Empowerment*

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CREATE CHANGE.**

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HAMILTON HOTEL OFFICIAL PARTNERSHIP



EXPERIENCE THE HAMILTON HOTEL ON BEHALF OF YOUR FAVORITE CHARITY, **HEARTS OF EMPOWERMENT**



DINE & DRINK

Savor Italian classics and authentic Neapolitan pizza at a reimagined modern osteria, discover expertly crafted cocktails at D.C.'s first luxe microbar, and delight your guests with some of the most creative catering in the nation's capital.

Feel at home in stylish accommodations where thoughtful amenities have been carefully selected for your comfort and wellbeing. Experience modern luxury at Hamilton Hotel Washington, D.C. Get **15% off** hotel rooms when you use our referral code!

SLEEP



CREATE MEMORIES

The Hamilton's event spaces offer a modern backdrop, innovative service, and exceptional catering for an absolutely unforgettable evening. Whether you are looking to host a stunning D.C. wedding, blowout gala, celebratory dinner, or an international business conference, their in-house events, catering, and hotel team can organize and orchestrate the perfect experience.

WORKING TOGETHER

As an organization that values collaboration, Hearts of Empowerment has partnered with the Hamilton Hotel to host various charitable events throughout 2021. We invite you to check out the Hamilton Hotel and plan your next event with them. For more information contact, Laura Romaine; Director of Events, at

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MARCH MADNESS FUNDRAISER

Written by Editorial Team

In the basketball community, March means Madness and Hearts of Empowerment got in on the action. As a unique and creative non-profit organization, we love expanding our focus and efforts in various directions. This is why this year we hosted our very own, March Madness Bracket Competition!

As we continue navigating the idea of virtual fundraising we're so grateful to have people who support us through it all! Without you there would be no Hearts of Empowerment. Thank you to the 218 entries that participated in the challenge this year and to Mahdi Ibrahim for partnering with us on this event!

Congrats to all of our raffle winners as we gave out over \$1000 in Cash Prizes!



All proceeds of this fundraiser will be used to support the mission and projects Hearts of Empowerment has planned for 2021



EARTH DAY PROJECT

by Editorial Team

Hearts of Empowerment partnered with Invasive Management Area's (IMA) Carol Turner, Site Leader at Justice Park in Falls Church, Virginia in order to provide assistance in restoring Justice Park.

More than 25 volunteers registered and gathered at Justice Park in order to assist with planting over 70 different plants and trees local to the area, including the removal of several invasive plant species. Located next to the historic Justice Park High School, the park holds a special place in the hearts of local community members.

Invasive Management Area Program (IMA), a volunteer program overseen by the Fairfax County Park Authority, is dedicated to thwarting invasive plant species that degrade our natural ecosystems. Many of these invasive plant species have overtaken the natural forests and parklands Justice Park has to offer. IMA's Justice Park Site Leader Carol Turner, provided assistance with local plantlife knowledge native to the Falls Church area, as well as leading the process of both excavation and reseeding of the local park grounds.

In recognition of Earth Day, the event aimed to raise awareness to the rapid deterioration of the planet's natural ecosystems and habitats. Hearts of Empowerment used its vast network to gather all 25 volunteers needed. These volunteers used their time and energy to not only appreciate what nature has gifted our community, but to preserve what we have left. This project was sponsored by Wegmans Grocery and Toastique Gourmet Toast & Juice Bar



FIRST TIME VOLUNTEER WITH HEARTS OF EMPOWERMENT AND THEY DID NOT LET DOWN. IT'S GREAT TO FIT AN ORGANIZATION OF LIKE-MINDED, MOTIVATED YOUNG ADULTS LOOKING TO LEAVE A POSITIVE MARK ON THIS WORLD AND SHOW UP TO DO THE WORK! CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR ABOUT THE NEXT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - YOU BETTER BELIEVE I'LL BE THERE!

CAREN PLUMMER, VOLUNTEER



NEW PARTNERSHIP ALERT!

Housing Up x Hearts of Empowerment

Hearts of Empowerment is proud to announce its newest partnership with nonprofit, Housing Up. Housing Up builds thriving communities in Washington, DC by developing affordable housing and offering comprehensive support services to homeless and low-income families. They believe that people who have safe, affordable housing and genuine opportunities are empowered to transform their lives. Hearts of Empowerment has become a Community Cares Partner and will develop monthly projects that address specific needs that will improve the lives of Webster Garden families.



Webster Garden Apartments

Once families are stably housed, the team provides ongoing education and training to help families maintain stable housing. Key areas of education include basic apartment maintenance, household management and credit repair. Webster Garden houses 52 families and 120+ individuals.

Volunteer

Our monthly projects will address the many issues and needs the families and individuals of Webster Apartment face. Our projects will allow you to volunteer and become involved with these families. Visit the link below in order to become a volunteer.

[REGISTER HERE](#)





GIVING BACK WITH BICYCLES

Written by
Editorial Team

This past April, Hearts of Empowerment received a generous donation of 20 bicycles from a fellow supporter. The organization was able to use its vast network in order to relocate them and ultimately donate them to Gearin' Up Bicycles', a nonprofit organization in Washington D.C.

Gearin' Up Bicycles' purpose is to create career development opportunities and teach essential workplace skills to youth from under-served communities, while encouraging cycling as a practical, healthy means of transportation. Gearin' Up provides access to quality, affordable, used bicycles for those in need and hosts various community outreach programs throughout the year.

Hearts of Empowerment believes that second chances are important, and a simple bicycle can jumpstart a new journey. We would like to thank the generous supporter for providing the 20 bicycles in order to make a difference in our community.



"Sometimes we underestimate the importance of bicycles. To us they may be used for leisure, but to some they are the only form of transportation."

Correy Faciane, Hearts of Empowerment.