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TAKE A LOOK AT OUR END OF YEAR
NEWSLETTER!



OUR WE WORK OFFICE

Welcome to the Hearts of Empowerment HQ!

Earlier this year, the Hearts of Empowerment team celebrated the accomplishment of purchasing an office space to call home! We couldn't be more excited. This office space has given us the opportunity to strategize, learn and network in order to propel our mission forward.

This is a huge milestone in our journey as an organization. We'd like to give a special shoutout to WeWork for their continuous community engagement and investments that assist Social Impact organizations fulfill their mission.

STATE POLICY NETWORK ED-PRIZE WINNER



Hearts of Empowerment is excited to announce that it was recently recognized by the State Policy Network and awarded the notorious ED-Prize Grant. This national award is given to 3 nonprofits from all over the country that are creating innovative ways to provide education to youth, outside of the traditional education system. This funding will expand our PACT Program—a new project that is concentrated on offering educational opportunities through mentorship programs for middle and high school students. Our goal is to set-up youth for success through alternative ways of learning that results in a career path after graduation.



Congratulations to
2022 SPN Ed-Prize Winner:

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State Policy Network's Ed-Prize recognizes innovative nonprofits expanding learning options for parents and students. The Ed-Prize inspires and accelerates new solutions to improve education outcomes across the country. Through grant funding and other support, the program helps entrepreneurs and innovators bring new education approaches to life—creating a brighter future for American families and students.

Thank you to the generous support of the Walton Family Foundation, supporters and advocates of the State Policy Network. Their generosity will propel our organization into new heights and impact the lives of many. The 2022 Ed-Prize winners were recognized at State Policy Network's 30th Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA and received grants totaling \$150,000.



TOGETHER WE BAKE

We take great pleasure in sharing our most recent project in which we were able to assist a local nonprofit, Together We Bake.

Together We Bake is a comprehensive workforce training and personal development program for underserved and underrepresented women. They help women gain self-confidence, transferable workforce skills, and invaluable hands-on experience, which will allow them to find employment and move toward self-sufficiency.

Leaders from Hearts of Empowerment were able to attend the graduation ceremony of 7 amazing women who have spent the past 10 weeks going through the Together We Bake training program. We were able to share some motivational words and provide them with resources that will assist these women in their next chapter.



HOUSING UP

CHRISTMAS FROM THE HEART FUNDRAISER

For the past two years, team members and volunteers have spent their Friday evenings in the community room of Webster Garden Apartments, In Washington DC. Our Housing Hearts program takes place here, which provides families with essential services and the assistance they need while living at Webster Garden, a low Incoming housing unit.

Through the course of serving the families of Webster Garden, important friendships and bonds have formed. We felt that we wanted to make this Christmas special for our dear friends. Earlier this month we launched our Christmas From The Heart Fundraiser and let us tell you, we killed it.

Our initial goal was to provide gifts to 50 children within our Housing Hearts program. Due to the generosity and support of our supporters, we were able to surpass our goal. We provided Christmas gifts to over 600 children!

We are aware that our group of supporters are special and dedicated to making a difference in the lives of many within our community. The joy and happiness that was spread to all 600 children was special. We thank you.

CASA CHIRILAGUA

We'd like to share a message from our friends over at Casa Chirilagua. They are a nonprofit that serves more than 100 families and their children (1st-12th grades) each week through their community programs.



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A message from Molly Klein, Mentorship Program Director.

Calling all change-makers! Casa Chirilagua is looking for mentors who are interested in a relationship-building opportunity to create a change in our community. As a nonprofit organization in the Alexandria - Chirilagua neighborhood, relationship building is at the heart of our Mentoring Program. We believe this holistic transformation begins with one-on-one matching with a student in the neighborhood. By investing in the life of a young child, mentors boost confidence in their academic skills and improve the student's well-being. As we have seen mentorships grow, mentors learn more about their mentees and the Chirilagua neighborhood, which is mostly comprised of Central American immigrants and their families. It is their program goal for lives to transform through mentorship.

For more information or to become a mentor, please contact Molly Klein at molly@casachirilagua.org.