



*Women's*  
**LEADERSHIP  
BREAKFAST**

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022

8-10 A.M.

# Women's LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST



## About the Breakfast:

Started in 2018, JLW's Women's Leadership Breakfast (WLB) is an opportunity to learn from and connect with women business leaders, entrepreneurs, change agents, and advocates across the greater Washington, DC, area. The theme for the breakfast will be Leading from Within. Proceeds from the breakfast and WLB programming are used to fulfill JLW's mission.

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*Agenda*

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**7:30-8 A.M. - CHECK-IN  
NETWORKING BREAKFAST  
JLW MARKETPLACE POPUP**

**8 A.M. - PROGRAM STARTS**

**8 A.M. - WELCOME**

**8:10 A.M. - PANEL AND Q&A**

**8:55 A.M. - BREAK**

**9:05 A.M. - KEYNOTE REMARKS & FIRESIDE CHAT**

**9:45 A.M. - AWARDS & THANK YOU**

**10 A.M. - EVENT CONCLUDES**

**10-10:30 A.M. JLW MARKETPLACE POPUP**

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# Speakers

*Sirisha Bandla*

 @SIRISHABANDLA

Sirisha Bandla is the vice president of government affairs and research operations for Virgin Galactic.

Sirisha oversees legislative, regulatory, and government business priorities for the company, as well as works with research customers to fly science and technology experiments on Virgin Galactic's spaceship class of vehicles. Previously, Sirisha served as the associate director for the Commercial Spaceflight Federation (CSF), an industry association of commercial spaceflight companies. Sirisha has a BS in aeronautical/astronautical engineering from Purdue and a MBA from George Washington University.



*Lauren Bealove*

 @DJBEAZ

Lauren's experience in the fields of policy and advocacy has allotted her a career that spans across the areas of political strategy, policy implementation and civic engagement. Lauren Bealove graduated from Michigan State University in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Relations and Policy from James Madison College, and decided to utilize her degree to further pursue a Masters of Arts in Public Policy from The New England College. Additionally, Lauren is the Co-Founder for a women-owned non-profit organization by the name of Y.A.B., which is a young entrepreneurial conglomerate for businesses owned by women of color.



*Wardos King Ed.D.*

 @DRNEKING  @NABSE

Dr. King currently serves as the Interim Chief Equity Officer for FCPS. She also previously served as the Assistant Superintendent for Region 3 and served the Region Offices as the Executive Principal of Region 1. Dr. King was also the principal at Mt. Vernon High School for 9 years. She is the current president of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (“NABSE”) and is a member of the Apple Federal Board; she also serves on the Board of Directors of the Virginia State University Foundation.



*Nicole Quiroga*

  @GWHCC

Nicole Quiroga, a native of Washington D.C., is the President and CEO of the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Quiroga promotes and strengthens the economic growth and development of the Greater Washington Hispanic business community. Ms. Quiroga’s expertise in strategic planning, member services, program management, economic development, nonprofit operations, and fundraising plays a vital role in fostering the continued success of GWHCC members, partners and sponsors. Her experiences in business development, journalism, multicultural marketing and business planning directly aligns with the position she holds at GWHCC.



*Mikayla Bouchard Hensler*

 @MIKAYLABOUCHARD

Mikayla Bouchard Hensler is a managing editor for CNN Politics, overseeing a team of reporters and editors who cover Washington's core beats: the White House, Congress, national security, the Justice Department and the judiciary. Since joining CNN in December 2021, Bouchard has helped direct digital coverage of the U.S. reaction to the war in Ukraine, a Supreme Court confirmation, ongoing investigations surrounding former President Donald Trump, coverage of the committee investigating the January 6 Capitol attack and more.





*Amy Javaid*

**MARY HARRIMAN COMMUNITY AWARDEE**

Amy was named A Wider Circle's President & CEO in July 2021, after having served as the organization's Interim President and Chief Executive Officer since January 2021. She has been with the organization as a staff member since 2017, most recently serving as Senior Vice President, and spent many years prior as the organization's Vice President of Programs, Interim Director of Workforce Development, Workforce Development Coordinator, as well as a volunteer. For nearly 20 years, Amy has worked with various nonprofit organizations in the Greater Washington, DC, area, assisting each organization in the areas of project design, implementation, management, and monitoring. Specifically, she has led activities in workforce development, reproductive health and HIV/AIDS prevention.

*Yasmine Arrington*

**RISING LEADER AWARDEE**

At 29 years old, Washington DC native Yasmine Arrington currently serves as the Founder and Executive Director of ScholarCHIPS, a nonprofit organization that she founded in 2010, while a junior in high school. ScholarCHIPS provides graduating high school seniors with incarcerated parents mentoring, peer support network, and scholarships to pursue higher education. To date, ScholarCHIPS has awarded over \$300,000 in college scholarships to 77 scholars, 32 of whom are already college graduates. Yasmine is also the Founder and CEO of IncarciCare, a company that helps family members, friends, and mentors purchase care packages and send them to their loved ones who are incarcerated or residing in transitional housing.

*Awardees*



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# JLW Grants

The Junior League of Washington is proud to invest in the Washington, D.C. community through our targeted grants, scholarships, and other direct giving programs. One of the ways that our organization leads from within is by providing financial resources and trained volunteers to community organizations that support pathways to opportunity through improved access to education, professional and financial development, and capacity building in our community.

For more information please visit: <https://www.jlw.org/grants/>

**Capacity Grant:** up to \$15,000

**Innovation Grant:** up to \$15,000

**Community Assistance Grant:** up to \$5,000

**Pathway Grant:** up to \$1,000

**Volunteer Resources Grant:** JLW volunteers with up to \$2,000 budget

## Community Assistance Grant Recipients





# 2022 Community Assistance Grant Recipients

## Nourish Now Inc

Nourish Now's mission is to solve two major social issues simultaneously: food waste and hunger. They recover fresh food and also purchase it from restaurants, caterers, farms, local governments, and other licensed food providers throughout the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Food is then donated directly to families in need and partner organizations to help support their food distribution efforts. They will use the funding to purchase nutritious meals and fresh produce for 2,500 Montgomery County and Southeast Washington DC residents struggling with hunger through the Multi-Cultural Mobile Food Assistance Program. The program provides Family Relief Boxes, containing breakfast, lunch, dinner and fresh produce for a family of four for five days.

## The Heart Leaf Center

The Heart Leaf Center provides access to mental health services, specifically play therapy, for children whose mental health is suffering due to isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant money would allow for 58 appointments to be scheduled with families in need. This is a serious need right now, because there is currently a waitlist of 10-15 families awaiting play therapy appointments.

## Greater DC Diaper Bank

Greater DC Diaper Bank empowers vulnerable families and individuals by providing an adequate source for basic baby needs and personal hygiene products across the Washington Metro area. GDCDB will use the \$5,000 grant toward the purchase of diapers for distribution to their Hubs. This amount would allow the GDCDB to purchase 31,250 diapers at wholesale rates.

## BRAWS - Bringing Resources to Aid Women's Shelters

BRAWS provides women and girls with new undergarments and menstrual supplies, which are excluded from welfare programs, expensive, and often overlooked by community donors. Due to the pandemic, BRAWS is experiencing a surge in demand for services. In response, the organization has tripled its work, now serving 60,000 individuals in 15 geographic areas through its partnership with 165 shelters, schools, pantries and community organizations. With \$5,000 from CAF, BRAWS could purchase 1 pallet of 120 cases of pads and serve over 1,440 vulnerable women and girls over the next 30 days.

## Carpenter's Shelter

Carpenter's Shelter supports and shelters people at risk of homelessness, and provides temporary shelter while individuals look for longer-term housing. CAF grant money is being used to send ten children to Alexandria City Department of Recreation Day Camp in Summer 2022, including camp fees, supplies, and transportation.



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## Path Forward (formerly A-SPAN)

Path Forward's goal is to transform lives by delivering housing solutions and pathways to stability for people experiencing homelessness in Arlington, VA. Serving more than 500 individuals, veterans, and families experiencing homelessness, annually, the Homeless Services Center (HSC) provides all programs "under one roof" so that clients can access a full range of services at one central location, including: safe shelter, day programs, meals, medical care, medical respite, substance abuse and mental health treatment, case management, and eviction prevention training. The increases in staffing and programmatic needs as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, supply chain issues, and increased cost of necessary items made this year especially difficult financially. Expenses continue to be extraordinarily high due to COVID-related safety measures and supplies, as well as ongoing supply chain issues. In-person fundraising events have been on-hold due to the pandemic, and as a result donations are dwindling. The CAF grant will help volunteer nurses pay for "medical backpacks" which cost \$2,500. Most nurses make less than \$8000 per month, and thus cannot afford to buy the backpacks themselves. The backpack contains all the items a nurse needs to check vitals, treat wounds and other skin conditions, test and/or vaccinate for COVID-19, test blood glucose levels, and administer and teach others to administer NARCAN for opioid overdose.

## Washington School for Girls

The Washington School for Girls' mission is to ignite the joyful pursuit of learning and inspire lives of faith-filled purpose, leadership, and service. WSG provides a rigorous academic experience, grounded in the Catholic educational tradition, for elementary and middle school girls in grades 3-8. Their faith-based curriculum is individualized and culturally responsive addressing the unique needs of all students. WSG is the only tuition-free independent, all-girls school that intentionally serves a minority population in Washington, D.C., and one of fewer than 15 in the United States. WSG has spent over \$15k in COVID-related safety and health protocols, and protective equipment. To safely reopen WSG had to restructure their classrooms, offer more out-of-school time support, and a new need for pandemic-related supplies and resources. CAF funding will fund pandemic-related costs for the FY 2021-2022 school year, specifically the air cleaning machines, cleaning supplies, and RetroFit kitchen costs.

## Dreams for Kids DC

Dreams For Kids DC provides life-changing activities that empower youth with physical and developmental disabilities to unite with their peers and realize their potential. Due to the pandemic, there was a lack of social engagement for youth because of a necessity to halt in-person programming for not only their organization, but also for many other service providers in the area. With \$5,000 from CAF, Dreams for Kids purchased laptops and accessible attachments for the 2022 cohort of their 'Your Path to Success' program.



# *Get on Board Graduates*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 COHORT OF JLW MEMBERS  
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Through the GOB Program, members of the League are trained in a variety of substantive and relevant areas, including the basic roles and responsibilities of nonprofit boards, the board-staff partnership, strategic planning, financial oversight, and fundraising. The GOB program has been completed by more than 170 active JLW members since the program started in 2015.

For more information about the program and/or to inquire about program graduates potentially working with your organization, please contact [leadershipinstitute@jlw.org](mailto:leadershipinstitute@jlw.org).

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# Goody Bag

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## Mission

The Junior League of Washington (JLW) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

## The Women of JLW

JLW is one of the oldest and most effective volunteer organizations in the Washington, DC, area. A network of more than 2,300 highly trained volunteers, JLW members are daughters, mothers, sisters, spouses, friends, lawyers, teachers, real estate agents, consultants, government workers, students, stay-at-home moms, and more who are united by a shared passion for helping the greater Washington, DC community thrive.

## Focus Area

JLW focuses our financial and volunteer resources on supporting pathways to opportunity across the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area. We have adopted a broad approach in response to evolving challenges facing our community, in order to produce real change.

JLW MEMBERS COLLECTIVELY GIVE MORE THAN **\$2 MILLION WORTH OF VOLUNTEER TIME EACH YEAR** IN SERVICE OF THE LEAGUE'S MISSION, PROGRAMS, AND PARTNERSHIPS.

