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Letter from the **President**

The year 2020 was unusual, to say the least. In late February, WGA joined fellow women's collective giving groups at the Philanos Conference in Seattle. By the time we were ready to board our flights home, COVID-19 was a topic of conversation, though not a reason to be overly concerned. Everything changed by mid-March.

The topics discussed in Seattle seemed almost prescient: trust-based philanthropy, diversity, equity and inclusion and advocacy for marginalized groups. Attendees came back home thinking that these were great discussions that we could have in the coming year. But with the rapid spread of the pandemic, resulting economic fallout and racial unrest spreading across the country, WGA realized the need to start the discussions immediately.

As you read this annual report, you will see how WGA stepped up to these challenges. You'll get a sense of the courage and dedication of the many nonprofits in our community that showed all of us how to move forward. Time and time again, nonprofits pivoted to learn new technologies, implement new workplace and safety protocols and continue serving those who depended on them.

I am so proud, not only of WGA Members and our leadership, but so very proud of the agencies we work with. Thank you to all of you.

In closing, I would like to quote former Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg:

"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

Thank you for joining WGA!

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Mary Pietan, President

WGA MISSION

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To improve the lives of women and girls in Northeast Florida, and inspire women to become strategic philanthropists.

SINCE 2001, WGA HAS FOCUSED ITS WORK ON FOUR KEY AREAS:



PILLARS

"The benefits of WGA go beyond the grant pool. Our advocacy for Sadowski funds for affordable housing reflects an important part of our mission."



A YEAR LIKE OTHER

2020 marked the third year of WGA's focus on breaking the cycle of female poverty through intervention and prevention. The year began with optimism, as women made gains in areas including employment, a (somewhat) narrowed gender wage gap, increases in female C-suite leadership³ and continued progress in breaking the silence on gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment and assault.⁴

But as COVID-19 surged, the pandemic exposed crippling weaknesses in our health care, housing, education, government, supply chains, food system and other bedrocks of society and the economy. Exacerbating gender, racial and economic inequities, women bore the brunt of COVID. Impacts were particularly devastating to poor and vulnerable populations including low-paid women, women of color, migrants and working mothers.⁵

"I cannot express how grateful we are. I no longer feel as if I am fighting alone. You are living proof that there are still good people around."

- Ms. A., single mother of two

COVID'S IMPACT ON WOMEN & GIRLS

It will take time to determine the full impact of the pandemic, but there are some early indications of gender-specific challenges:



With a large concentration of jobs in hard-hit industries such as education, hospitality, restaurants, child care and retail, women lost over 5.4 million jobs.6



More than 2.3 million women left the labor force, bringing female workforce participation down to 57%, the lowest level since 1988.6



U.S. domestic violence increased by 8.1 percent following stay-at-home orders.⁷ Data also shows an increase in child removals for reasons such as parents' inability to cope, parental drug abuse and domestic violence.⁸



School shutdowns widened racial disparities, with students of color falling an estimated three to five months behind, compared with one to three months for white students.



Women shouldered additional responsibilities on top of an already disproportionate amount of unpaid tasks such as child and parent care, cooking, cleaning and other home responsibilities.¹⁰



Minority women and undocumented female workers faced pressures such as precarious employment in domestic and essential services, overcrowded housing and a lack of access to health care and sick pay."

2020

Milestones & Accomplishments

Despite the many challenges, WGA made tremendous strides in 2020. With the support of WGA's dedicated Members and nonprofit partners, WGA advanced initiatives in advocacy, grantmaking, virtual programming, research and diversity, equity and inclusion.



AUG. 11

session to gather insights from nonprofit partners

WGA hosts

convening

WGA Advocacy Committee meets with lawmakers in Tallahassee

FEB. 23-25

WGA joins fellow women's giving groups at the Philanos Conference in Seattle

MAR 1

Florida announces its first cases of COVID-19¹²

MAR 7

Full appropriation of Sadowski trust funds for affordable housing¹³

MAY 20

WGA Members ratify \$595,000 in grants to lift women out of poverty

APRIL 9

WGA's Steering Committee votes to expand WGA grantmaking to include Putnam County

APRIL 6

WGA mobilizes COVID-19 relief and postpones grant reporting requirements



SEPT. 15

WGA strategic plan update creates diversity, equity and inclusion committee

OCT. 2

The Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center announces "Research to Action: Make Girls a Priority in Florida," a report funded in part by WGA

DEC. 1

Florida becomes the third U.S. state to surpass 1 million COVID-19 cases¹⁴



A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR FOR GRANTS







Putnam County added to WGA's area of service

Rethreaded

opportunities.

Survivor Development
Program – All Northeast
Florida Counties
Support sex trafficking
victims with traumaspecific counseling,
weekly life skills
classes and other
career development

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council

Community Development

Troops – Duval, St. Johns & Clay Counties

Provide positive programming for 1,200 at-risk girls to build skills in financial literacy, leadership, community service and camping.

MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation

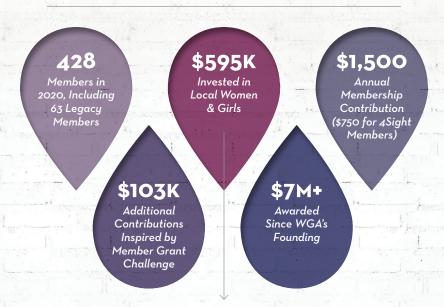
Girl Power!

Duval County

Implement Overcoming Obstacles Curriculum with classes, academic support, mentoring and mental health services for middle- and high-school girls.

"One of the greatest benefits I've found in being a member of WGA is the joy that comes from being an active participant in a highly respected

2020 GRANTMAKING AT A GLANCE



"A missed week of work can lead to a missed rent payment which can lead to homelessness. A small step with emergency cash assistance can help keep a roof over someone's head."

- Gwen Gallagher-Howard, Executive Director, Helping WIN





\$586,000: Poverty-focused grants

\$9,000: Direct response to provide food to homebound senior women











Year Up Jacksonville

Workforce Development ProgramDuval County

Help women secure livable wage jobs by providing professional training and internships in high-growth industries such as IT and sales/customer support.

Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM)

Single Parent Program
Duyal & St. Johns

Duval & St. Johns Counties

Support 60 women on their path to economic stability, via a three-year program that includes case management, financial training, career support and mental health services.

Barnabas Center

Hope Builders for Women 2.0

Nassau County

Offer individualized life skills training, a savings match program and financial assistance for housing, transportation and childcare to Nassau County women living in poverty.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County

SMART Girls Initiative

Nassau County
Fund the SMART Girls
curriculum, mentorship
and peer support,
providing age- and
gender-specific
programming to Nassau
County girls ages 11-18.

Delta Research & Educational Foundation

Dr. Betty Shabazz Academy/Growing & Empowering Myself Successfully (BSA/ GEMS) – Duval County

Engage 200 African-American girls, ages 11-18, in activities that promote interest in obtaining a college degree or vocation and becoming more fiscally responsible.

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428 MEMBERS

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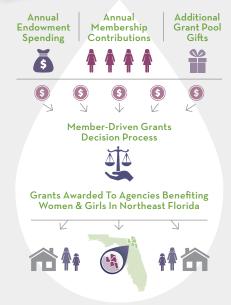
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