# PERSONAL TOUCHES TRANSFORMING LIVES FOR 21 YEARS

GWWN HIGHLIGHTS: 2015-2016 PROGRAM YEAR

... telling our story as a beacon of light. We LEARN-GROW-SHARE through education, networking, community service, and resources to empower and transform others for greater success.





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#### GREETINGS FROM MARY GREENE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am delighted to share our 2015-2016 Program Year highlights in this publication. As I reflect on this program year, we have given more personal touches to others than cited in these highlights. We are joyful, that in turn, there were positive transformations in our lives. That is a powerful characteristic of love.

Read the information in each title of the publication. The impacts are there. So, I am not going to list them here. In my message... (1) I want to thank my board of directors and every individual who supported me over the past 15 years as executive director. (2) I want to recognize a few people outside of the board of directors who remarkably supported and contributed to the success of GWWN's mission and vision. They have not asked to be recognized. Their love, support and assistance cannot be unnoticed. As an organization without paid staff, GWWN depends on volunteers and donations. Without these honorees, monetary gifts, and other volunteers, there would not be an organization. GWWN also expresses gratitude to everyone who volunteered. We look forward to your continuous support in the future.

#### HONOREE VOLUNTEERS:

L'Tange Alexander
Gloria Blackwell
Marilyn Dawson
Frederick Isler
Tanetta Isler
Julie Och
Frances Simpson, Community Service Chair

#### HONOREE SPECIAL DONATIONS

Gloria Blackwell
Novella Gumbs
Frederick Isler
Samuel Whitfield

Mary Greene, Executive Director

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#### NETWORK CONNECTION

#### A FABULOUS EDUCATIONAL AFTERNOON TEA



Edgar Restaurant in the Historic Mayflower Hotel Washington, DC (October 4, 2015)







## PERSONAL TEA TOUCHES...

Raised Awareness:
Proper Tea Etiquette

Demonstration:
Proper Tea Tips

Networking:
Professional Business
Women

Relaxing, Delicious and Fun

Surprise Gift Bag

#### WHAT THEY SAID:

"Educational and enjoyable."

"My first proper tea experience. This was exciting and fun."

"Loved the small intimate group...get to know everyone."

"Confidence and ready for business."

## GIRLS' SCOUT GOLD AWARD CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY







CANNON HOUSE OFFICE
BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC
JUNE 14, 2016

IMPACT...

For 100 years, Girl Scouts have made meaningful, sustainable changes in their communities and beyond. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve.

"Network Contacts: A
dynamic historic event with
people from all careers,
expertise, and backgrounds,
such as Senator Tim Kaine,
of Virginia [pictured left]
and Congresswoman Donna
F. Edwards
U.S. Representative of
Maryland's 4th
Congressional District, who
were among the speakers."

"An inspiring and unforgettable experience...sharing."

#### EMBRACING THE COMMUNITY

## SPEAKING PANELIST ENGAGEMENT: WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN THE 21ST CENTURY





#### SPEAKING IMPACT...

Cheryl Blount, GWWN
Director of Membership and
Secretary

Beacon Hotel Washington, DC May 18, 2016

Module Title: "Building a Professional Network: Power of Connections"

Presentation: "Networking, Mentorship, Trust Building, and Informational Interview"

The seminar was hosted by The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars to strengthen and inspire the women of Sonora, Mexico, in their career endeavors.

#### WHAT THEY SAID:

"Cheryl has a warm personality, great ideas, resources, talents, and professionalism." "Excellent takeaways."

## THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION: MANY FACES HOMELESS PERSONAL TOUCHES



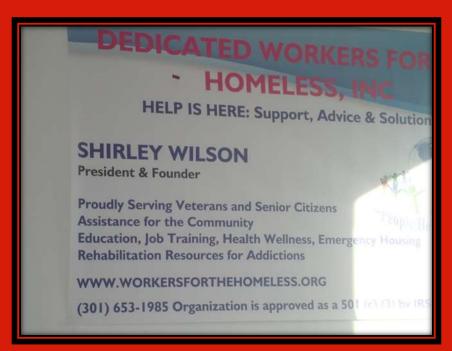
Rene' Storr has spearheaded a team for over 23 years to provide personal touches to (over 1,000) residents at the Mitch Snyder Homeless Shelter, Washington, D.C. (November 15, 2015)







Homeless personal touches are more than a meal and clothing. They include taking time to listen, hear stories, have compassion, and provide solutions, if possible. There are many faces of homeless residents, but they preferred not to be photographed. However, they welcome all who lift their spirit.



**GWWN** salutes Shirley Wilson! She launched her business to serve the homeless, her passion and dedication for over 24 years. Connecting with **GWWN** proved to be very valuable in encouraging her to move forward.





Welcome!

DC Central Kitchen...

Uses food as a tool to strengthen bodies, empower minds, and build communities.

Thus:
Combating Hunger,
Creating Opportunity

A Call for Action: VOLUNTEERS:

GWWN Response: December 5, 2015

...making a difference to all mankind- women, men, and children.

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

~Author Unknown





Encouragement goes a long way any time and place...
That is what we do!

## THE PRESIDENT'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD





Mary Greene, Executive Director of NAFE's Greater Washington Women's Network, recently received top honors - the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for individuals who have completed 4,000 or more of service hours.

Robbie Motter, NAFE, Global Coordinator presented the award.

#### Celebrating Those Who Donate Their Time.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition. Various levels of service earn different awards.

#### EDUCATION INFORMATION CENTER

#### Strengthening-Learning-Inspiring-Sharing-Leading

#### **Published**

#### **NAFE News and Notes**

N. 326 – April 14, 2016

N. 329 – May 26, 2016

N. 334 – August 4, 2016

#### **GWWN - Community Resource Information Newscast**

Sharing employment information, health, internships, and other tips

N. 5 - March 22, 2016

N. 6 – May 11, 2016

N. 7 – September 22, 2016

#### **GWWN** - Newsletter

N. 13 – March 2016

#### Resources

- Employment and Resumes
- Resources and Referrals Assistance
- Mentoring and Coaching

# PARTNERNSHIPS -VOLUNTEERISM DONATIONS

#### Partnerships

- The White House Council on Women and Girls
- People-4-People
- Office of Partnerships and Grant Services
- Working Mother Media
- Idealist
- Volunteer Match

#### Volunteerism

**GWWN** is an organization operated by members and volunteers. It was founded in 1995. There is no salaried staff. Our team has a passion to serve others. **GWWN's** membership consists of women from various backgrounds.

**GWWN** promotes volunteerism. 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 business women, and (5) making a positive impact in the community. Internships are available for academic credit and professional development. **GWWN** cannot emphasize enough how important volunteers are to the success of our program. Sometimes their service is for a project, or for a few hours. It all adds up to help us reach our goals.

**GWWN** is an affiliate of the National Association for Female Executives, (NAFE). NAFE is one of the largest renowned women's professional associations in the United States, founded in 1972.

#### 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 our post office box.

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#### **GWWN BEACON OF LIGHT**

Eight additional Personal Touches to Transform and Empower Members:

- 1. Helping others to discover their talents and skills within to help themselves.
- 2. Building self-esteem and confidence.
- 3. Promoting and recognizing achievements outside as well as within the organization.
- 4. Spending countless unselfish hours coaching and mentoring.
- 5. Supporting career and business professional endeavors.
- 6. Providing networking opportunities for advancements.
- 7. Conducting extensive research and providing resources.
- 8. Providing financial support to the following organizations: (1) Dedicated Worker for the Homeless, (2) Suited for Change, (3) Mitch Snyder Homeless Shelter

#### **MISSION**

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

#### VISION

Our vision is to transform and empower members to reach their greatest potential and help others to succeed.

#### SPIRIT OF GRATUITY

**GWWN** appreciates all the volunteer services, information, assistance, and monetary gifts everyone provided to the organization.

You have made a difference!

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES

GWWN.....\$40.00

NAFE.....\$39.00

Both Organizations.....\$79.00

Join both organizations for greater benefits.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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