



“DEMOCRATIZING AND DIVERSIFYING PHILANTHROPY THROUGH THE POWER OF COLLECTIVE GIVING”

2021

VIRTUAL ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Monday, March 8, 2021

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Keynote Speaker

Valaida Fullwood:
Author, “Giving Back:
A Tribute to Generations
of African American
Philanthropists”, Creator,
The Soul of
Philanthropy, and Co-
Architect, Black
Philanthropy Month



Keynote Speaker

Sara Lomelin:
Executive Director,
Philanthropy
Together, and
Founder of the Latino
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Celebrating

(S)HEROES AMONG US
On International Women's Day

Welcome! Thank you for joining us to hear national philanthropic leaders Valaida Fullwood and Sara Lomelin will discuss how the landscape of philanthropy is shifting, and how collective giving is continuing to play a transformational role in bringing in many more — and more representative — women donors to the table to create more equitable communities, and make a difference through the power of giving, together.

And, to celebrate (S)heroes Among Us - all of you!

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WGC's 2021 VIRTUAL ANNUAL CELEBRATION **March 8, 2021**

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Event Timeline

WGC Event Begins:

5:30 pm: Event waiting room opens, participants log-in

5:55 pm: Participants enter event

6:00 pm: Event begins

WGC Overview:

- Candace Dodson-Reed: Event Host, Welcome
- Jennifer Bodensiek, WGC Vice Chair, Highlights
- Buffy Beaudoin-Schwartz: WGC Executive Director, Speakers

WGC Event Host:

- Candace Dodson-Reed: Chief of Staff to the President and Executive Director of the Office of Equity and Inclusion at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), and WGC Advisory Board Member

WGC Keynote Conversation:

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- Sara Lomelin: Executive Director, Philanthropy Together, and Founder of the Latino Giving Circle Network™, the Largest Network of its Kind in the Country

WGC (S)heroes Among Us:

- Laura Bacon: WGC Membership & Events Committee
- Candace Dodson-Reed: WGC Grants Committee Chair

WGC Involvement:

- Melissa Curtin: WGC Membership & Events Committee Chair

7:30 pm: Event ends



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The Women’s Giving Circle of Howard County is highlighting “(S)heroes Among Us” this year during our Annual Celebration. All women are (S)heros in their own ways - women admired for their courage and outstanding achievements. This year we are honored to acknowledge the many ways women are supporting our community through our (S)hero Snapshots. One way that women are supporting communities is through collective giving - or giving circles. Our keynote speakers will discuss “Democratizing and Diversifying Philanthropy Through the Power of Collective Giving”.

Hear from national philanthropic leaders Valaida Fullwood and Sara Lomelin, lead by Event Host Candace Dodson-Reed, how the landscape of philanthropy is shifting, and how collective giving is continuing to play a transformational role in bringing in many more — and more representative — women donors to the table to create more equitable communities, and make a difference through the power of giving, together.

Valaida Fullwood

Valaida Fullwood is a nationally known writer, public speaker and project strategist. She is author of “Giving Back: A Tribute to Generations of African American Philanthropists,” an award-winning book chronicling traditions of giving in Black communities. And, she is a co-Architect of the Black Philanthropy Month global campaign every August and year-round to elevate and promote Black philanthropy across the United States and around the world. In 2014, she was selected Lake Distinguished Visitor by Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. Valaida is a founding member of New Generation of African American Philanthropists, a Charlotte-based giving circle that launched the Giving Back Project, a civic engagement initiative that reframes portraits of philanthropy through the arts, stories, culture and conversation. In 2020, the giving circle introduced The Bold Project, a local initiative with Black organizations leading differently.

Sara Lomelin

Sara Lomelin is a connector of people and ideas, a relationship builder, and a firm believer that everyone can be a philanthropist. As founding executive director of Philanthropy Together, the first organization dedicated to strengthening and scaling the collective giving movement globally, she is working to diversify and democratize philanthropy by creating the infrastructure needed for the giving circle model to flourish in ALL communities. Prior to Philanthropy Together, Sara served as Senior Director of Leadership Philanthropy at Opportunity Fund, the largest nonprofit small business lender in the US. Previously at the Latino Community Foundation, Sara served as VP of Philanthropy for eight years and created the Latino Giving Circle Network™—the largest network of Latinx philanthropists in the US with 22 circles and 500 members. Sara graduated with honors from Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City and earned her Administration & Management Certificate from Harvard University. She lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her three teenage children.



CELEBRATING (S)HEROES AMONG US

A (S)hero is a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a heroine.

The Women's Giving Circle of Howard County is honored to highlight and celebrate the many (S)heroes Among Us in our community who make a difference in their own ways every day in our community.

This year, we are proud to highlight 5 women who have led critical efforts on behalf of organizations that we have funded this year through our Emergency Response Network, that are focusing on widespread community needs affecting women, their families, and the broader community.

Please join us in thanking these (S)heroes for their efforts, and in highlighting every day (S)heroes Among Us, by uploading a photo of YOUR Howard County (S)hero on our [WGC \(S\)heroes Among Us Virtual Mosaic Wall](#).

Thank you for helping the WGC to highlight women across the county before, during and after our March 8, 2021 Annual Celebration.

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WGC's 2021 FEATURED (S)HEROES AMONG US



(S)hero
Jen Broderick
Executive Director,
Bridges to
Housing
Stability



(S)hero
**Erika Strauss
Chavarria**
Founder,
Columbia
Community
Care



(S)hero
Bitia Dayhoff
President,
Community
Action
Council/Howard
County Food
Bank



(S)hero
**Dr. Mariana
Izraelson**
Executive
Director,
Grassroots Crisis
Intervention
Center



(S)hero
**Vanita
Leatherwood**
Executive
Director,
HopeWorks of
Howard
County



FEATURED (S)HERO NONPROFIT PARTNERS

Learn more about the five nonprofits that are lead by our five featured (S)heroes.

Bridges to Housing Stability

- **Mission:** To provide a path to self-sufficiency to prevent and end homelessness through affordable housing solutions and advocacy in Howard County, Maryland.
- **How to Volunteer:** Opportunities include preparing housing units for client turnover, participating in a Bridges committee, and so much more. [Click here to volunteer](#)
- **How to Donate:** Go to [donate page on the website](#) or contact Development and Marketing Manager, Kristin Miller, at 410-312-5760 ext. 116.
- **Learn more:** At the [Bridges website](#) and [WGC's recent \(S\)hero Blog](#)

Columbia Community Care

- **Mission:** This group was set up because so many amazing members of our community wanted to help our fellow residents in this unprecedented time of need. Let's come together (six feet apart), uplift and support our community.
- **How to Volunteer:** Opportunities include distributing food, restocking pantries, translating, shopping, or delivering food. Go to the [volunteer page on the CCC website](#) to sign up.
- **How to Donate:** Go to the [donate page on the CCC website](#) to make a financial contribution and to view the wish list items.
- **Learn More:** At the [Columbia Community Care website](#) and [WGC's recent \(S\)hero Blog](#)

Community Action Council

- **Mission:** To diminish poverty, enable self-sufficiency and advocate for low-income families and individuals.
- **How to Volunteer:** Opportunities include serving on the Board of Directors or a committee, taking food bank shifts. People interested in serving as volunteers are welcome to complete the online volunteer application on the [CAC website volunteer page on the website](#)
- **How to Donate:** Go to the [donate page on the CAC website](#). They offer numerous naming and sponsorship opportunities through their Village of Supporters program.
- **Learn more:** At the [Community Action Council website](#) and [WGC's recent \(S\)hero Blog](#)



FEATURED (S)HERO NONPROFIT PARTNERS

Grassroots Crisis Intervention

- **Mission:** Grassroots provides supportive and professional 24-hour crisis intervention, suicide prevention, shelter, and outreach services to individuals and families experiencing a personal, situational, mental health, or shelter crisis.
- **How to Volunteer:** Help is needed to pack and deliver groceries. There is a need for prepared meals for people living in the shelter at the building on Freetown Road. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Monteith Mitchell, at mont@grassrootscrisis.org for an online application and to schedule a phone or video interview.
- **How to Donate:** Go to the [donate page on the Grassroots website](#) to find out how to donate food, clothes, meal prep and filling the pantry.
- **Learn More:** At the [Grassroots website](#) or contact Monteith Mitchell at mont@grassrootscrisis.org and [WGC's recent \(S\)hero Blog](#)

HopeWorks

- **Mission:** To provide support and advocacy for people in Howard County affected by sexual and intimate partner violence and engage the community in creating the change required for prevention.
- **How to Volunteer:** Ways to get involved include [arts for healing and activism](#), [community programs](#) and [in-kind donations](#). Call 410-997-0304 for more information.
- **How to Donate:** Go to [donate page on the HopeWorks website](#) or contact the Office Manager at 410-997-0304 or sromano@wearehopeworks.org.
- **Learn More:** At the [HopeWorks website](#), call 410-997-0304, or send an email to info@wearehopeworks.org and [WGC's recent \(S\)hero Blog](#)

Join Us!

WGC Follow-Up Virtual Coffee With Our Featured (S)heroes Wednesday, April 14, 8:30 - 9:30 am

Interested in Learning More?

Join us to hear directly from

Jen Broderick, Erika Strauss Chavarria, Bitia Dayhoff,
Dr. Mariana Izraelson & Vanita Leatherwood

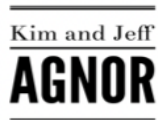
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