



## January 2020 Newsletter

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### MANY HANDS UPDATES

#### Focus Area Committees Get to Work



annual meeting on May 14.

The Education, Health, Housing, and Job Readiness Committees will meet for the first time in late January. Over the following three months, each committee will convene half a dozen times to discuss grant applications, as well as conduct site visits at several nonprofits, before selecting one organization as its finalist. All four finalists will be invited to present their proposals to Many Hands members at the

Members who joined by December 31 received an email earlier this week with a link to sign up for a Focus Area Committee. If you did not join by December 31 and are interested in serving on a committee, please contact Grants Committee co-chair Elizabeth Bausch at [grants@manyhandsdc.org](mailto:grants@manyhandsdc.org). Committee slots may become available later in the month.

#### Save the Date for the Annual Meeting - Thursday, May 14 @ 7:00 pm

Join Many Hands any time before the May 14 annual meeting to hear presentations by the four finalist organizations and vote for the nonprofit that you believe should receive the 2020 Many Hands \$100,000 Impact Grant. Together, Many Hands members are making a lasting difference in the lives of Washington, DC-area women, children, and families in need while becoming better informed donors and more engaged members of their community. For more information about membership, [click here](#). To sign up today, [click here](#).



## I'd Like to Know More About...



The Membership Committee welcomes suggestions for topics and speakers for future donor education events. These programs take place twice a year and are open to all. Past topics have included the **long-term effects of adverse childhood experiences**, **gentrification in DC**, **mass incarceration**, and the **foster care system**. The formats have ranged from intimate book discussions to multi-speaker panels, and the venues have included both public spaces and donors' homes. To propose a subject for a future program or recommend possible speakers, please [click here](#).

## Ways to Give

Many Hands is exploring partnerships with local businesses to build awareness of our work and the work of the nonprofits we support. If you know a company that may be interested in co-sponsoring a donor education event or in helping us reach a broader audience, please contact Treasurer Wendy Lynn Gray at [treasurer@manyhandsdc.org](mailto:treasurer@manyhandsdc.org).



## MEMBERS' CORNER



Kick off the new year at the Many Hands member coffee on **Sunday, January 12!** This informal event is an opportunity to gather for coffee and conversation--about Many Hands or not--with friends both old and new. If you did not receive an email with information about the coffee and a link to RSVP, please contact Membership Committee co-chairs Lynne Battle, Marianne MacDonald, and Anna Pfeiffer at [membership@manyhandsdc.org](mailto:membership@manyhandsdc.org).

In addition, all members are invited to join the Membership Committee, which plans Many Hands donor education events and oversees member recruitment and stewardship. Members are welcome to tailor their participation to their interests and schedule, making this an excellent alternative to service on a Focus Area Committee for anyone seeking a more flexible commitment. The Membership Committee will hold its next meeting at 9:00 am on **Thursday, January 16** in Bethesda. Please email the co-chairs for directions.

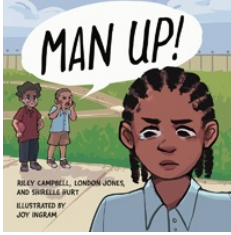
## NEWS FROM OUR GRANTEES

NBC4 Washington's Leon Harris highlighted 2019 Many Hands \$100,000 Impact Grantee **Access Youth** and its work to keep at-risk youth in school and out of the criminal justice system in a segment this fall. To watch the clip, including interviews with students and Executive Director Jodi Ovca, [click here](#).



*Washingtonian* editors selected Corinne Cannon, founder and executive director of **Greater DC Diaper Bank**, which received Many Hands Partner Grants in 2016 and 2019, as one of 11 "Washingtonians of the Year." To read more about the work that inspired their choice, [click here](#).

Teen tutors working with **Reach Inc.**, the 2016 Many Hands \$100,000 Impact Grantee, have published nearly 30 children's books that reflect their diverse backgrounds and experiences. One of this year's titles, *Man Up!*, takes on the challenge of encouraging boys to express their feelings. To read more about the book and its authors in *The Washington Post*, [click here](#). To watch a related segment on WUSA9,



[click here.](#)

2010 Many Hands \$100,000 Impact Grantee [A Wider Circle](#) partnered with the DC Housing Authority to provide holiday gifts for close to 5,000 children this year. To read about the 16th annual Gift of Love event, which also distributed books and winter coats, [click here.](#)

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