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Announcing **OUR FINALISTS**
for the

**2021 \$100,000
IMPACT GRANT**



May 2021 Newsletter

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MANY HANDS UPDATES

And The 2021 Grants Go To...



We are thrilled to present the four organizations selected by our Focus Area Committees as finalists for the 2021 Impact Grant. At our **Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 13** (details below), Many Hands members will hear presentations from the executive directors of all four finalists; they will then vote for the organization that will receive the 2021 Many Hands \$100,000 Impact Grant.

Each of the three other finalists will receive a Partner Grant of at least \$60,000. We are truly humbled by the outpouring of support that has enabled us to make these unprecedented Partner Grants. In this year of uncertainty and challenge, the incredible generosity of Many Hands members and friends stands testament to our ability to make a difference together.

We are proud to support the work of all four of our 2021 grantees and invite you to join us in doing so. We are still welcoming new members, as well as donations of any size, which will directly benefit the work of this year's Impact and Partner Grantees.

If you would like to become a Many Hands member and vote in this grant cycle, please note that we must receive your membership gift by **Monday, May 10** if made by check and by **Thursday, May 13** if made online. For more information about membership, visit our website at manyhandsdc.org/membership or email Membership chairs Lynne Battle and Anna Gunnarsson Pfeiffer at membership@manyhandsdc.org. If you have any payment-related questions, please contact Treasurer Wendy Gray at treasurer@manyhandsdc.org.

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And without further ado, the finalists for the 2021 Impact Grant are:



Economic Empowerment

La Cocina VA empowers women in low-income communities throughout

the DC area by using the power of food as an agent for social and economic change, generating workforce and entrepreneurship development, and providing healthy food assistance, all in an effort to solve such issues as hunger, unemployment, environmental degradation, and debilitating diseases.



Education

Community Youth Advance harnesses the power of community to

help underprivileged students in Prince George's County Public Schools excel in school and in life by providing year-round academic enrichment, mentoring, and college and career readiness activities that promote excellence, build character, and prepare youth to meet life's challenges.



Health

The Homeless Children's Playtime Project cultivates resilience in

DC children experiencing family homelessness by providing and expanding access to transformative play experiences in the shelters where they live and challenges systemic injustice by advocating for policies and practices that reduce the risks of chronic homelessness.



Housing

Community Advocates for Family & Youth empowers victims of

crime and their families in Prince George's County to gain the confidence to hold offenders accountable, restore families, and educate the community by giving voice to the vulnerable and providing therapeutic services, thereby enabling victims to remain healthy and productive citizens.

MEMBERS' CORNER

It's Time to Vote for the 2021 Impact Grantee!

This year's Annual Meeting will take place as a **Zoom Webinar** on **Thursday, May 13** beginning at **7:00 pm**. We urge you to join us to hear the executive directors of the 2021 grantees present their organizations' work and respond to audience questions. Following the meeting, each member will receive an email ballot to vote for the organization she believes should receive the 2021 Many Hands \$100,000 Impact Grant. The ballot will be sent from vote@manyhandsdc.org. If you have not received the ballot by 10:00 pm, please contact Board Secretary Melissa Dennis at the same email address. Voting will remain open until **Sunday, May 16** at **5:00 pm**.



All members will receive an email tomorrow that will contain proposals and program updates from each of our four finalists so that you can familiarize yourselves with their work prior to the Annual Meeting and prepare your questions. Please be on the lookout for this email and contact us at info@manyhandsdc.org if you do not receive it by the end of the day.

Join Many Hands Today!

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