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As the largest giving circle in the DC area, Many Hands has mobilized more than \$2.8 million since 2004 to support local nonprofits serving and empowering women, children, and families in socioeconomic need.

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2023 IMPACT REPORT

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Many Hands awarded \$310,000 to four DC area nonprofits in May 2023, bringing the amount granted since 2004 to over \$2.8 million. More than 75 members participated in our grant review process, reading applications, attending site visits, examining financials, and ultimately identifying one grantee per focus area (Economic Empowerment, Education, Health, and Housing). Following presentations by the four grantees at the Annual Meeting, Many Hands members selected **Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital** to receive the 2023 \$100,000 Impact Grant. **Child Resource Connect**, **Edu-Futuro**, and **The Wanda Alston Foundation** received Partner Grants of \$70,000 each. All grants provide unrestricted funding.

To support the transition from program grants to unrestricted funding, we shared opportunities and resources for members to learn more about trust-based philanthropy. In addition, our fall and spring education events offered deep dives into critical issues in health, education, and equity from the perspective of a leading academic expert and recent grantees.

Behind the scenes, the Membership and Grants Committees developed proposals to broaden Many Hands' membership base and further reduce the burden on applicants, in line with the 2022-25 strategic plan. These initiatives will roll out in 2023-24.

We are deeply grateful to the donors and volunteers who make this work possible and to the nonprofits that it is our privilege to support. *Together we make a difference.*

With gratitude,
The Many Hands Board



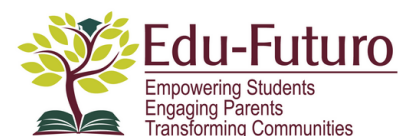
2023 GRANTEES



Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital (CISNCAP) surrounds students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. By placing dedicated staff members inside partner schools, CISNCAP is able to identify students at risk of dropping out. CISNCAP site coordinators work closely with school administrators to assess student needs, develop a support plan, and engage a network of 70+ community partners and volunteers to address both academic and human service needs. During the 2022-23 school year, CISNCAP worked in ten DC public schools throughout Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8, reaching over 4,300 students and their families and providing intensive case management for more than 400 students.



Child Resource Connect (formerly Prince George's Child Resource Center) creates healthy and nurturing environments for children by supporting their families and educating their caregivers. Through direct services for families, coaching for childcare providers, and collaboration with other public and private agencies, they work to ensure that children in Prince George's County have a healthy start through maternal and child health services, access to first-rate childcare programs, safe and secure housing, and other crucial supports.



Edu-Futuro breaks the cycle of poverty by empowering underserved Latino and immigrant youth and families through education, leadership development, parent engagement, case management, and workforce development. In Edu-Futuro's two-generation approach to economic empowerment, the educational achievements of students motivate their parents, and in turn, youth are inspired by the economic progress of their parents. In 2023, Edu-Futuro will serve more than 3,400 students and their families throughout Northern Virginia.



The Wanda Alston Foundation (WAF) seeks to eradicate homelessness for LGBTQIA2S+ youth and to ensure, through advocacy and programming, that they have access to services that improve their quality of life. WAF is the only housing program in Washington, DC solely dedicated to offering pre-independent transitional living and support services to LGBTQIA2S+ youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness in all eight wards. WAF programs include life skills training, links to other social services, and support for survivors of intimate partner violence and/or sexual assault.

2022 GRANTEE UPDATES

February 2023 - My Sister's Place (MSP) and Capital Area Asset Builders (CAAB) create first cash transfer program for domestic violence survivors

"At MSP, we know that the most common reason victims of domestic abuse do not leave their abuser is economic dependency on the abusive partner," said Mercedes Lemp, executive director of My Sister's Place. "A cash assistance program for survivors of domestic violence provides a gateway for survivors to leave abusive relationships and gives them the support they need to rebuild their lives."

The new RISE Trust provides \$500 monthly for two years to 45 families in MSP's RISE transitional housing program. Participants also receive a broad range of financial literacy programming, including access to savings matching programs.

The innovative partnership stems from Many Hands' selection of MSP and CAAB as grantees in 2022. "I have always been a big fan of [CAAB]," Mercedes said, "so we were really excited to see them also be a grantee." Inspired by this new connection, she sat down that summer with CAAB CEO/Executive Director Joseph Leitmann-Santa Cruz to explore possibilities for collaboration, and the RISE Trust was born.

May 2023 - Beacon House launches youth mental health website

"We know that students of ours are struggling with the pandemic's effects, and we also know that Black and Brown children face significant disparities in receiving mental health services," said Kevin Hinton, Beacon House CEO/executive director, describing the motivation behind the decision to launch www.youthmentalhealthdc.com, together with the George Washington University Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health.

The website provides an interactive directory of mental health supports, both in-person and online. It was developed as part of the Building Resilient Youth through Connection and Empowerment (BRYCE) initiative, created in 2020 to build Beacon House's capacity to address students' mental health needs.

June 2023 - Nueva Vida selected for second Be Bright Pink cohort

Funding and capacity building support from venture philanthropy fund Bright Pink will help Nueva Vida standardize and ultimately replicate *De Madres a Hijas*, a pioneering intergenerational initiative to improve understanding of hereditary breast and ovarian cancer innovations among Latinas, who have the highest rate of BRCA1 mutations after Ashkenazi Jews.

EVENTS

Thursday, October 13 | Membership Kickoff

Chevy Chase Village Hall + live stream

Char Beales, board chair of 2021 Impact Grantee Playtime Project, and Playtime managing director Roderic Irby spoke about the impact of the Many Hands grant and how unrestricted funding helped Playtime move nimbly to meet emerging needs in the pandemic.



Wednesday, November 16 | Just Health

Zoom

Dr. Dayna Bowen Matthew (top right), dean of The George Washington University Law School, discussed disparities in health, healthcare, and the social determinants of health and her new book, *Just Health: Treating Structural Racism to Heal America*. Many Hands Board member Dianne Rudo moderated the conversation.



Wednesday, April 26 | DC Kids

Hogan Lovells (Metro Center, DC)

Jodi Ovca (center right), founder and executive director of 2019 Impact Grantee Access Youth, and Kevin Hinton (bottom right), CEO and executive director of 2022 Partner Grantee Beacon House, shared powerful insights into the challenges facing DC youth, families, and schools, and the nonprofits who serve them, three years into COVID. Many Hands member Stephanie Nealer moderated the discussion.

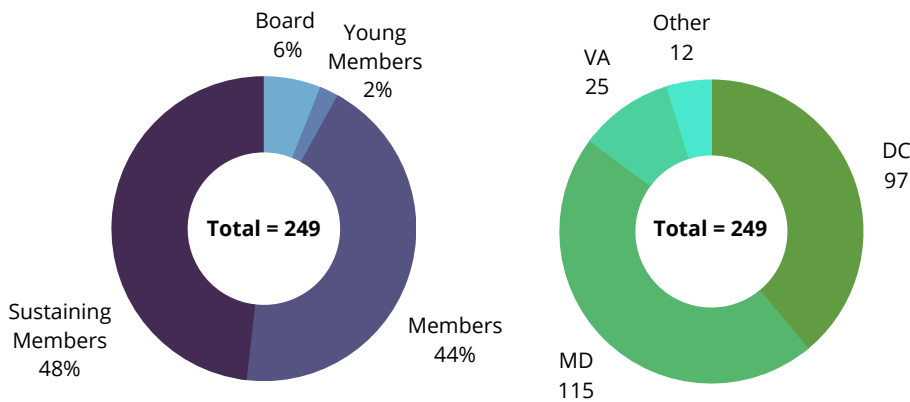


Thursday, May 18 | Annual Meeting

Chevy Chase Village Hall + live stream

The executive directors of the 2023 grantees shared presentations about their work and responded to audience questions before the opening of voting for the 2023 Impact Grantee.

MEMBERSHIP



The work of the Membership Committee focused on two objectives set forth in the strategic plan: increasing member retention and broadening the membership base. The committee developed plans to strengthen outreach to new members and carried out a year-end survey and two listening sessions to collect feedback.

The committee also recommended reducing the minimum membership gift for members under 35 from \$500 to \$300 and piloting a 50% membership gift waiver for individuals for whom cost presents a barrier to membership. The Board approved these proposals, to take effect in the 2024 grant cycle.

In addition, committee members planned Many Hands' recruiting, education, and grantmaking events.

2022-23

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of members said they are better informed about issues in philanthropy and the four focus areas—economic empowerment, education, health, and housing—as a result of their Many Hands experience.

93%

of members reported they were very satisfied or satisfied with their experience this year.

FINANCIALS

Fundraising remained strong in Fiscal Year 2023. A slight increase over the total raised in the preceding 12 months, combined with a decrease in operating expenses and an increase in investment income, allowed the Partner Grants to grow from \$67,000 each in 2022 to \$70,000 each in 2023, bringing the total awarded in grants to \$310,000.

Operating expenses over the same period totaled \$24,100, including:

Credit Card & Bank Fees.....	\$5,200
Software & Technology.....	\$9,300
Events & Education.....	\$4,800
Professional Services.....	\$1,000
Marketing.....	\$1,400
Other Business Expenses.....	\$2,400

Professional services expenses were significantly lower this year due to the decision by the Board to change the Fiscal Year End from December 31 to June 30, effective June 30, 2022, to better reflect Many Hands' operations. The resulting short tax year (January-June 2022) reduced public accounting firm expenses, which will return to the normal level in Fiscal Year 2024.

Many Hands' policy is to maintain approximately three months of total expenses in Net Assets (Reserves). This calculation includes the Board-designated Fund for the Future. Net Assets are funded by contributions toward Many Hands' operating expenses and gifts to the Fund for the Future. Management of these funds is subject to the Board-approved investment policy.

Fiscal Year 2023

Statement of Financial Position (6/30/23)

Assets	
Bank Account.....	\$12,021
Prepaid Expenses.....	12,285
Investments.....	93,730
Total Assets.....	\$118,036
Liabilities & Net Assets	
Accrued Expenses.....	\$1,700
Net Assets.....	116,336
Total Liabilities & Net Assets.....	\$118,036

Statement of Activities (7/1/22-6/30/23)

Revenue & Support	
Contributions	
Grants & Operations.....	\$328,727
Future Fund.....	4,000
Investment Income.....	8,384
Total Revenue & Support.....	\$341,111
Expenses	
Programs	
Grants Awarded.....	\$310,000
Other Program Expenses.....	8,635
Fundraising.....	6,238
General & Administrative.....	9,222
Total Expenses.....	\$334,095
Change in Net Assets.....	\$7,016

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