



CELEBRATION OF WOMEN & GIRLS

OCTOBER 22, 2025 | VIP RECEPTION 5:30-7:00 PM | MAIN CELEBRATION 7:00-9:00 PM
THE HOUSE AT 1229 | WASHINGTON, DC

The Celebration of Women & Girls is an intimate, invitation-only evening bringing together 150 leaders from the political, business, and philanthropic sectors. The event will feature an exclusive VIP pre-reception with special guests, followed by a celebration with passed hors d'oeuvres, food stations, music, drinks, and dessert to close the night, culminating in the presentation of our 2025 Visionary Award Honorees.

MEET OUR 2025 VISIONARY AWARD HONOREES



We are proud to honor the **Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, accepted by Jane Lipton Cafritz, Board Chair and CEO of the Foundation.** The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation is deeply committed to improving the quality of life for all Washington, DC metropolitan area residents. The Foundation responds to community needs and opportunities in the areas of Arts and Humanities, Community Services, Education, the Environment and Health.

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We are proud to honor **Tonia Wellons, President & CEO of the Greater Washington Community Foundation,** the largest public foundation in the Greater Washington region. Under her leadership, The Community Foundation launched a bold 10-year strategic vision to help close the region's racial wealth gap by directing capital, strengthening civic and philanthropic infrastructure, and centering economic justice.

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WASHINGTON AREA WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

MISSION

Washington Area Women's Foundation is a community-supported foundation that invests in the power of women and girls of color in the Washington, D.C. region.

All proceeds from the 2025 Celebration of Women and Girls will support Washington Area Women's Foundation's mission.

Since 1998, we have awarded more than \$17 million in grants to more than 215 local community-based organizations and individuals.

HISTORY

The Washington Area Women's Foundation was built on the belief that women, united in purpose, can drive lasting change to improve the physical, social, and financial well-being of women and girls. Inspired by the growing "women's funding movement" across the United States and recognizing a critical need for Washington, D.C., a group of visionary women took action. What began as a simple invitation to an afternoon tea soon blossomed into a powerful movement. that evolved into what we proudly know today as Washington Area Women's Foundation.

OUR PROGRAMS

Maternal Health & Birth Equity Initiative

Every mother deserves a safe and supported birthing experience. We invest in community-driven solutions to dismantle racial disparities in maternal health and ensure that every birthing person has access to equitable care and resources.

Early Care and Education

To advance Early Care and Education we house the Early Care and Education Funder's Collaborative (ECEFC), connecting funders and facilitating learning, action, and philanthropy. The ECEFC funds advocacy and grassroots organizations to increase the quality and capacity of and access to early care and education in the Washington, D.C. region.

Young Women's Initiative

The Young Women's Initiative (YWI) is a national initiative of prominent women's foundations to ensure all young women—particularly young women of color—lead, prosper economically, and live safe and healthy lives. We put young people at the helm of advancing solutions to the problems they encounter in their lives and communities to advance gender equity and racial justice in DC and surrounding regions.

Black Women's Leadership Project

Black women nonprofit leaders face systemic challenges that hinder their success. The Black Women's Leadership Project (BWLP), inspired by our Thrive As They Lead report, addresses these barriers by strengthening the sector's infrastructure to ensure it is meeting their needs.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Your partnership in the 2025 Celebration of Women & Girls is more than an investment in a single event—it's an investment in lasting change. Each level offers unique benefits designed to showcase your commitment, connect you with influential leaders, and highlight your role in advancing equity and opportunity. Corporate and Individual Sponsorships available.

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VIP Admission for 8

- Exclusive VIP pre-reception access with key stakeholders, honorees, and prominent leaders in the region
- Admission to the main Celebration
- Recognition as a sponsor of one (1) #AskHer series webinar
- Recognition on all event materials, including an on-screen feature at the venue
- Logo and/or name inclusion in all event-related communications

STAND WITH HER SPONSOR | \$10,000

VIP Admission for 6

- Exclusive VIP pre-reception access with key stakeholders, honorees, and prominent leaders in the region
- Admission to the main Celebration
- Recognition on all event materials, including an on-screen feature at the venue
- Logo and/or name inclusion in all event-related communications

EMPOW(H)ER SPONSOR | \$7,500

VIP Admission for 5

- Exclusive VIP pre-reception access with key stakeholders, honorees, and prominent leaders in the region
- Admission to the main Celebration
- Recognition on all event materials, including an on-screen feature at the venue
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"I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to WAWF's Early Care and Education Funders Collective for believing in MSFCCA's vision and investing in our efforts to strengthen the family childcare profession. Your partnership has not only enabled us to weather the storms of uncertainty but has also empowered us to emerge stronger and more resilient than ever before."

**Ruby Daniels, President of
MSFCCA**



ROCK STAR SPONSOR | \$5,000

Limited VIP Access

- Exclusive VIP pre-reception access for (2) two with key stakeholders, honorees, and prominent leaders in the region
- Admission for (4) four to the main Celebration
- Recognition on all event materials, including an on-screen feature at the venue
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SILVER SPONSOR | \$2,500

Celebration Admission for 3

- Admission for (3) three to the main Celebration
- Logo and/or name inclusion in all event-related communications

FRIEND SPONSOR | \$1,500

Celebration Admission for 2

- Admission for (2) two to the main Celebration
- Logo and/or name inclusion in all event-related communications

"The Women's Foundation has been an unwavering advocate for women and girls in the DMV. From economic security to policy, no other organization centers its work in such a unique and powerful way."

Donna Callejon, Past Board Chair and WAWF Donor

To learn more about partnership opportunities, visit wawf.org/2025celebration or contact us at events@wawf.org.