



STAND TOGETHER RECEPTION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS | WASHINGTON, DC

This inclusive gathering will bring together nearly 400 of the top political, business, and philanthropic leaders from the Washington region, as we unite in celebrating our shared commitment to creating an equitable and just future, where women and girls can thrive. This year, we are proud to honor our 2024 Visionary Award Honorees Angela Franco, President & CEO of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, and Deryl McKissack, Founder, Chairwoman, and CEO of McKissack & McKissack. Lesli Foster, Weeknight Anchor at WUSA9 will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

MEET OUR 2024 VISIONARY AWARD HONOREES



Angela Franco, President & CEO of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce - Angela Franco is President and CEO of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC). Prior to joining MCCC, Franco was President & CEO of the DC Chamber of Commerce from 2020 to 2024. Her commitment to support and advocate for Chamber members demonstrates passion and vision to grow the organization. Franco joined the DC Chamber of Commerce during civic unrest and a global pandemic and continues to move the organization forward. By working with its executive team and board of directors, Franco creates programs and services that position the Chamber as a valuable resource and leading advocate for businesses throughout DC. Franco is an experienced business leader who has strengthened and revitalized organizations, including the DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority and the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Before relocating to the US, Franco held management positions in Bogotá, Colombia. [Read More](#)



Deryl McKissack, Founder, Chairwoman, & CEO of McKissack & McKissack - Under Deryl's McKissack's leadership, McKissack has worked for public and private clients in the civic, culture, energy, education, entertainment, healthcare, hospitality, housing, infrastructure, housing, mixed-use, and office sectors and has grown to over 150 employees with offices in Baltimore, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, and DC. McKissack has managed landmark projects including the Museum of African American History and Culture, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, the Obama Presidential Center, and the Navy Pier Centennial Projects in Chicago. McKissack recently marked 30 years in the AEC industry and was recognized in Strategy+Business, published by the PwC consulting firm, Aviation Business, Construction Dive, Engineering News-Record, and other business and AEC industry publications. In 2020, McKissack developed a seven-point plan to combat racism and discrimination in the AEC industry which led to her creation of AEC Unites to harness the influence of the AEC industry to build the talent pipeline for minorities and build minority businesses. [Read More](#)



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All proceeds from the 2024 Stand Together Celebration will support Washington Area Women's Foundation's mission to invest in the power of women and girls of color in the region through our grantmaking, programs, and initiatives.

MISSION

Washington Area Women's Foundation is a community-supported foundation that invests in the power of women and girls of color across the Washington metropolitan region. Since 1998, we have awarded more than \$17 million in grants to more than 215 local community-based organizations and individuals.

THE HISTORY OF THE WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

The Women's Foundation was founded on the principle that women, working together, can help enhance the physical, social, and financial well-being of all women and girls. After seeing an influx of women's foundations launching in the United States as part of a "women's funding movement" and also seeing a critical need for Washington, DC to be a part of a rapidly growing agenda to address the equity and empowerment of women across the nation, a group of women decided to take action. What started as an invitation for afternoon tea, soon became a movement that revolutionized the philanthropic sector and our community, ultimately transforming into what we know today as Washington Area Women's Foundation.

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OUR PROGRAMS

Birth Equity

This year, we expanded our strategic priorities to focus on the perinatal health and safety of women and birthing individuals of color. We're conducting research and assessing local birth equity funding gaps to identify what role we can play in helping to address the region's maternal health crisis.

Early Care and Education

In 2008, we established the Early Care and Education Funders Collaborative, as a multi-year, multi-million dollar collective funding effort. The Collaborative works to increase the quality and capacity of, and access to, early care and education throughout the Washington region and is supported and directed by corporate funders and local and national foundations.

Young Women's Initiative

In 2017, we launched the DC chapter of the Young Women's Initiative. Through leadership development, advocacy, and direct support to organizations, the Initiative aims to reduce systemic and institutional barriers to success and opportunity for young women of color, inclusive of cis, transgender, and gender-expansive youth, so they may reach their full potential.

In 2019, we launched the Rock Star Fund—a participatory grant making initiative that provides young women of color between the ages of 12 and 24 living in DC with up to \$2,000 to invest in their own learning, leadership, ideas, and community projects. This year, we are proud to have extended our program to Prince George's County, Maryland, serving more youth in our region.



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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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PRESENTING SPONSOR | \$50,000

- (30) Thirty VIP tickets to the Reception
- Volunteer engagement opportunities with our grantee partners
- Co-branded step-and-repeat banner
- Recognized sponsor of two (2) #AskHer series webinars
- Branded Signature or Specialty Cocktail
- Exclusive name recognition on cocktail napkins at the Reception
- Prominent recognition on all Reception materials including an on-screen feature at the venue
- Inclusion of logo in all event-related communications and press release distribution
- Linked logo on the event website
- Recognition as a lead sponsor in WAWF email newsletter
- Podium accolades
- Recognition on the Foundation's website and social media platforms, as appropriate
- Exclusive invitations to select issue briefings, webinars, and private events with The Women's Foundation staff and leadership



VISIONARY SPONSOR | \$25,000

- (25) Twenty-five VIP tickets to the Reception
- Volunteer engagement opportunities with our grantee partners
- Recognized sponsor of one (1) #AskHer series webinar
- Recognition on all Reception materials including an on-screen feature at the venue
- Logo displayed in centerpiece arrangement at each high-bar table
- Inclusion of logo in all event-related communications
- Linked logo on the event website
- Recognition as a sponsor in WAWF email newsletter
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- (20) Twenty VIP tickets to the Reception
- Volunteer engagement opportunities with our grantee partners
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- Recognition on all Reception materials including an on-screen feature at the venue
- Inclusion of logo in all event-related communications
- Linked logo on the event website
- Recognition as a sponsor in WAWF email newsletter
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STAND WITH HER SPONSOR | \$10,000

- (15) Fifteen tickets to the Reception
- Volunteer engagement opportunities with our grantee partners
- Recognition on all Reception materials including an on-screen feature at the venue
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- Linked logo on the event website
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EMPOW(H)ER SPONSOR | \$7,500

- (12) Twelve tickets to the Reception
- Volunteer engagement opportunities with our grantee partners
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- Inclusion of logo in all event-related communications
- Linked logo on the event website
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ROCK STAR SPONSOR | \$5,000

- (10) Ten tickets to the Reception
- Inclusion of name and logo in all event-related communications
- Linked logo on the event website
- Recognition as a sponsor in WAWF email newsletter
- Exclusive invitations to select issue briefings, webinars, and private events with The Women's Foundation staff and leadership

SILVER SPONSOR | \$2,500

- (5) Five tickets to the Reception
- Linked logo on the event website
- Recognition as a sponsor in WAWF email newsletter

FRIEND SPONSOR | \$1,000

- (2) Two tickets to the Reception
- Linked logo on the event website
- Recognition as a sponsor in WAWF email newsletter

PATRON SPONSOR | \$500

- (1) One ticket to the Reception
- Recognition as a sponsor in WAWF email newsletter

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