Dear Impact100 DC Members and friends,

What an incredible summer it has been! Our Annual Celebration was a historic milestone as we awarded three $100,000 high-impact grants for the first time and officially surpassed $1 million in collective giving.

Even as we celebrate this incredible achievement, the Impact100 DC leadership team is already hard at work planning for our upcoming grant cycle and gearing up for a robust recruitment season. We are all committed to building on the tremendous progress we've made this year, and to growing our impact. As we do, we recognize that it is our members' passion that is our greatest asset, and I invite you to help us share the Impact100 DC story. Word-of-mouth is our most powerful tool. So, as you catch up with friends, colleagues, and neighbors this summer, I hope you will share your experience and invite others to join us!

Thank you for your ongoing dedication, generosity, and enthusiasm. I wish you all a safe, relaxing, and joyful rest of the summer!

With gratitude,

Francine
President, Impact100 DC

Our Grantees at Work

DC KinCare Alliance

When Marcia arrived at **DC KinCare Alliance's** (DCKC) legal clinic cradling two-month-old Legacy, she needed help fast. Legacy's teenage mother had abandoned her shortly after birth, leaving Marcia as her sole caregiver. DCKC attorneys helped Marcia secure custody so she could obtain healthcare and other essential support for Legacy.

After being released from prison for violently assaulting Legacy's mother, Legacy's father sought visitation rights. To protect Legacy's safety, DCKC represented Marcia through custody hearings, visitation disputes, and a two-year adoption process.

In December 2025, the court finalized the adoption, and Marcia officially became Legacy's mother. Her unwavering love, combined with DCKC's steadfast advocacy, gave Legacy what every child deserves: a safe, loving home and the promise of a brighter future.

"My goal was to save her life," said Marcia.

Save the Date: Sept. 15 | 10 a.m.

Join DC KinCare Alliance on the steps of the DC Council to celebrate Kinship Care Month and honor kinship families, caregivers, and the partners who help strengthen families across Washington, DC.

Grassroots Health

2025 Mission Grantee and 2026 Finalist **Grassroots Health's** first-ever 5K & Fun Run raised more than $15,000 to expand health education programs into five new middle schools, while bringing together athletes, students, teachers, donors, board members, volunteers, staff, family, and friends for a morning of activity, connection, and celebration.

Jennifer, a seventh-grade parent at Center City Brightwood PCS, shared: “Grassroots is doing great work providing important health education to students. The 5K they organized recently was full of community spirit and encouragement – a testament to the positivity of the organization.”

For the Grassroots Health team, the day was a powerful reminder that strong communities fuel lasting impact. Read more about the day **here**.

Art Stream

2023 Mission Grantee **ArtStream** highlights the impact of its work through Ben, an ArtStream actor since the organization's founding 20 years ago.

Ben said: “I like coming to ArtStream because you meet a lot of good, wonderful people. You get to perform live in front of people, and they get to clap and laugh and see all the hard work we’ve done for six months.”

His favorite ArtStream memories include dancing – especially tap – and learning the waltz.

Ben embodies ArtStream’s mission: “Through collaborative performance and lifelong learning opportunities, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) gain the skills and confidence to engage with the world.” He encourages other adults with IDDs to “come and learn and see what we do every year, because you learn something by participating and it’s a good, warming experience.”

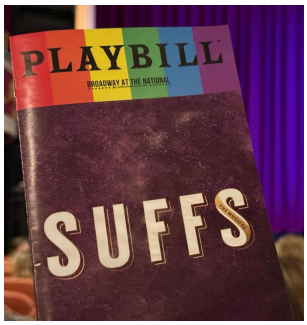
For Ben, the experience has been life-changing: “Learning my lines quickly has changed my life. It builds my self-confidence. It gives you something to do once a week, and it gives positive feelings. It’s a challenge.”

A Night at the Theater

More than 50 Impact100 DC members and guests joined us for an evening in June to see “Suffs,” the Tony award-winning musical that chronicles the fierce American women who fought for the right to vote. A pre-theater dinner reception, at the woman-owned **11:Eleven Gallery** featured an inspiring conversation with Anna Laymon, president and CEO of the

Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation, who has led the movement to establish a monument on the National Mall.

As Impact100 DC President Francine Lamoriello noted, "the historic battle for women's right to vote carries a timeless message that directly echoes our own mission of collective philanthropy: when women act together, we can achieve what none of us could achieve alone."



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