The 2020 Virtual Community Ball

Recovery for All

A WIDER CIRCLE
Prior to our Ball, attendees should have received an email to register for a Hopin account, A Wider Circle’s official platform for the Ball. Once you have created your account, use your login to access the event. Through the platform, you’ll have exclusive access to robust chat features, polling, and a virtual networking reception, along with an amazing raffle.

Contact our team via email at events@abcdandcompany.com or give us a call at (301) 348-5260.

We look forward to your participation!
Welcome

Good Evening,

It is a special night, and we are honored to have you with us. In a time of, let’s just say, “unusual” events and energy, one thing remains clear: we need to come together.

We need to come together to heal and to act. We need to recognize that even in this time of social unrest and change, those in poverty remain marginalized, neglected, and at-risk like never before.

The inequities in our society were evident the minute we had to shut down large parts of the economy. The inequities were evident as soon as we began to see who was most affected by the virus and, at A Wider Circle, as soon as we began to have long and emotional conversations with those we serve.

In fact, as early as mid-March, as we reached out to those we serve to reschedule appointments, conversations that used to last two or three minutes were lasting 20 or 30 minutes.

People shared their fears and their sense of social isolation. We realized that the human connection on which the organization was founded was still its most important role. And that is where you come in.

Think about living through this pandemic, being homebound morning, noon, and night, with no furniture. On what do you sit? On what do you sleep? Always deleterious to your health, how would you have responded to living in such scarcity during this pandemic?

This suffering is needless. We have the resources, the stuff, the creativity. The real answers are found in each of us - in our thoughts and our actions. No matter what else is happening around us, how we treat the most vulnerable in our midst is the reflection we see in the mirror.

That is why the theme of this night is a Recovery for All.

There will be a recovery. We will emerge from all that is happening this year and as we do, we have the opportunity to ensure it is a recovery that everyone experiences. That is what tonight is all about. Shared prosperity or even a shared experience of having enough to get by has not been the story of our country. We can change that.

A Wider Circle is on the ground - working hard and with determination. We have adapted to the need for physical distance and we still find a way to furnish 10 - 15 homes per day. Many of you are likely donating stuff or coordinating small or large drives for stuff. Thank you! Email furnish@awidercircle.org any time to schedule a drop-off or learn how to help. And if you want to make it a larger volunteer effort, email volunteer@awidercircle.org and we can figure that out with you.

Our workforce development program continues to grow; we are offering classes via Zoom and working on the phone every day to help people build their resumes, obtain professional clothing, and connect with individual job coaches.

Work in neighborhoods is highlighted this season by the completion of our new neighborhood center in the Highlands community of Southeast Washington, DC. We have always sought to go where the needs are greatest, where we have been asked to go, and where we listen to the residents and get behind them as they seek to improve their communities. The future of A Wider Circle includes an increased focus on this neighborhood emphasis, supporting residents as they transform their communities. Your support tonight will help us grow this effort and add people and resources to our work in these most underserved and under resourced neighborhoods.

Communities across the nation are struggling. The demand reaches far beyond our region. That is why I will transition in 2021 to a more national focus. I will become the Executive Chair of A Wider Circle’s Board as I work on creating an institute to increase the national focus on those in poverty, including the implementation of a national plan that I will highlight during my speech this evening. We are excited to create a partner organization to carry out nationally what A Wider Circle does locally.

The work of A Wider Circle has never been more important. The demand for our services - even during the pandemic - has been extremely high, and our response has been equal to it. The team has been heroic in its efforts in each of our three direct service programs.

For nearly two decades now, I have seen up close and personal how effective A Wider Circle is. Tonight, during this virtual gala, you will have a chance to see that, as well.

Thank you for tuning in and for doing your part to ensure that those with the greatest need are our greatest priority.

Dr. Mark Bergel
Founder, President & CEO, A Wider Circle
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2020 Program

Welcome
Dr. Mark Bergel & Michael Akin

How It All Began
Dr. Mark Bergel

Highlight
Aleli & Janet

Award Presentation
Outstanding Leadership & Public Service Award

Highlight
Mika & Liz Anne

Special Feature
Senator Tim Scott

Remarks
Amy Javaid

Award Presentation
2020 Commitment to Change Award

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Distinguished Corporate Citizen Award

Highlight
Tasharn & Tina

Award Presentation
Excellence in Leadership Award

Closing Remarks
Dr. Mark Bergel
Quick Facts

Read below to learn more about A Wider Circle’s impact.

- **4,668** Essential Support families served in 2019.
- **852** Essential Support families served since in-person services resumed on June 8.
- **10-15** Homes a day furnished during the pandemic (contactlessly, of course).
- **1,154** Market bags delivered to families in need in 2019.
- **700** Backpacks full of school supplies were distributed this summer.
- **3,023** Job seekers received professional clothing from our PDC in 2019.
- **30,000** Volunteers gave their time and talents in 2019.
- **30** Kids received new desks for remote learning through our new desk giveaway!
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On November 6, 2018, Muriel Bowser became the first woman ever re-elected as the Mayor of Washington, DC and the first mayor to earn a second term in 16 years. Her administration is focused on making DC’s prosperity more inclusive, advancing DC values, and building safer, stronger, and healthier neighborhoods across DC’s eight wards.

In the past five years, Mayor Bowser has added more than 57,000 jobs, reduced unemployment by 28 percent, and increased DC Government’s annual spending with local businesses by $200 million. She has chaired the National League of Cities Task Force on Housing, doubled the District’s annual investment in affordable housing, and set a bold goal to build 36,000 new homes by 2025. With her time in office, she has transformed DC’s homeless services system by building small, service-enriched shelters across the city and bringing chronic homelessness to a 15-year low.

Mayor Muriel Bowser has championed a wide range of family-friendly policies, including: raising the minimum wage to $15/hour, adding more than 1,000 new child care seats, and focusing the DC Government’s attention on improving maternal health outcomes.

Prior to becoming Mayor in 2015, Bowser served as the Ward 4 Councilmember on the Council of the District of Columbia. As a Council Member, she served as the Chairwoman of the Committee on Economic Development which created more than 5,000 units of affordable housing.

Mayor Bowser earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Chatham University and a Master’s degree in Public Policy from American University, and received honorary doctorates from Chatham University and Trinity University. With more than 20 years of experience in local government, she first entered elected office as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in the Riggs Park neighborhood.
Arne Sorenson is President and Chief Executive Officer of Marriott International, Inc. In his role, Mr. Sorenson presides over one of the **WORLD’S LARGEST** hospitality companies and some of the **MOST ICONIC** brands in travel.

Mr. Sorenson led the acquisition of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide in 2016, resulting in a dramatic expansion of Marriott’s ability to provide unparalleled guest experiences around the world. The company now has more than 7,400 properties across 134 countries and territories and 30 brands. The merger also created the industry’s largest travel program, Marriott Bonvoy, which has more than 140 million members.

An outspoken corporate leader, he has advocated for environmental sustainability, human rights and diversity and inclusion.

Mr. Sorenson joined Marriott in 1996 and held a number of positions before serving as president and chief operating officer. He was elected to Marriott’s Board of Directors in 2011. He became chief executive officer in 2012, making history as the first person to hold the post without the Marriott family name.

Mr. Sorenson is active on multiple boards. He joined the Microsoft board of directors in November 2017. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Business Roundtable, the board of trustees for The Brookings Institution and the board of directors for Special Olympics and Warrior-Scholar Project.

Mr. Sorenson is a graduate of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and the University of Minnesota Law School. Before joining Marriott, he was a partner with the law firm Latham & Watkins in Washington, D.C. Mr. Sorenson’s LinkedIn blog, which has more than 770,000 followers, can be found [here](#).
Senator Dick Durbin, a Democrat from Springfield, is the 47th U.S. Senator from the State of Illinois, the state’s senior senator, and the convener of Illinois’ bipartisan congressional delegation.

Durbin also serves as the Democratic Whip, the second highest ranking position among the Senate Democrats. Senator Durbin has been elected to this leadership post by his Democratic colleagues every two years since 2005.


Durbin sits on the Senate Judiciary, Appropriations, Agriculture, and Rules Committees. He is the Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on Immigration and the Appropriations Committee’s Defense Subcommittee.

Senator Durbin makes approximately 50 round trips a year between Washington and Illinois. He is married to Loretta Schaefer Durbin. Their family consists of three children—Christine (deceased), Paul and Jennifer—as well as six grandchildren. They reside in Springfield.
William C. Smith Jr. was born and raised in Silver Spring, Maryland. His parents were young adults during the height of the civil rights movement. It was their struggle and sacrifice that opened doors of opportunity for Will. With the support of his family, Will became a first-generation college student when he attended and graduated from the College of William and Mary. He would go on to earn a master’s degree from Johns Hopkins University and a law degree from William and Mary.

After college, Will enrolled in AmeriCorps where he worked as a community engagement leader for IMPACT Silver Spring and worked at the ACLU as a Legislative Assistant. During law school Will worked at a law firm handling employment discrimination cases and sought a commission as an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve, a position in which Will continues to serve in today.

In 2010, Will received a White House appointment to serve as a Director at the Department of Homeland Security under President Barack Obama.

In 2014, Will was elected to represent District 20 in the Maryland House of Delegates. As a member of the Judiciary Committee, Will served on the criminal justice and family law subcommittee. Along with these roles, Will was a member of several key workgroups including Justice Reinvestment, Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights and Death with Dignity.

In 2016, Will was appointed to represent District 20 in the Maryland State Senate, making him the first African-American Senator from Montgomery County. In 2019, Will became the 50th Chairman of the Judicial Proceedings Committee. He is the first African American to hold that post. As Chairman, Will has championed robust criminal justice reform measures and has led efforts to provide economic and educational opportunities for all Marylanders.

Today, Will continues to practice law. He lives in Silver Spring with his wife, Camille, daughter, Jacqueline, and dog, Monty.
It Takes All Of Us.

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Road to Recovery

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Thank you for honoring us with the Distinguished Corporate Citizenship Award. Marriott International is proud of our longstanding partnership to support the valuable work of A Wider Circle.
Sheryl & Gary Rosenbaum salute Dr. Mark Bergel for his Tireless Commitment to End Poverty.

From Hoopsilons to A Wider Circle, you have always been a great leader!

Network for Good is proud to support small nonprofits making a big difference.

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A common cause knows no bounds.

Tonight, you’re proving even when we’re apart, changing lives will always bring our communities closer.

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