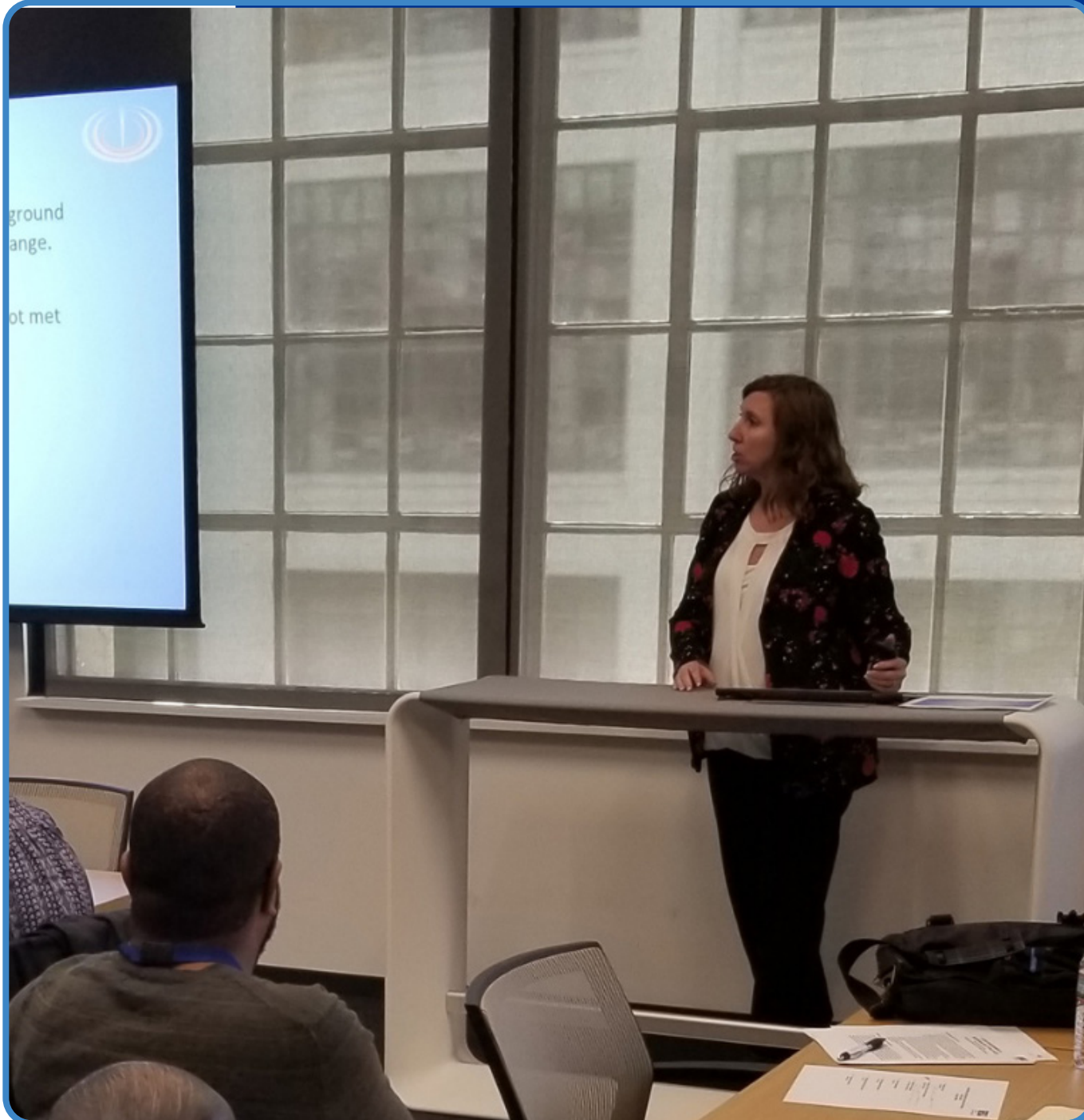


A WIDER CIRCLE

2021 Year in Review

A Message from Amy



Amy Javaid
President & CEO

Friends,

2021 was a big year for A Wider Circle — we celebrated 20 years of service; Partnership to Independence, our long-term support program, celebrated its third anniversary; and we completed two major construction projects with the renovation of our Silver Spring Center and the build-out of our Ward 8 Hub in Southeast DC. Plus, we opened our doors for the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, inviting clients, donors, and volunteers back into our centers after many months of contactless and remote services.

On top of it all, our core programs continued to do what they do best: turning thousands of apartments into comfortable, welcoming homes; giving hundreds of job seekers the guidance, tools, and support they needed to navigate the path to financial self-sufficiency; and empowering residents in DC's Washington Highlands neighborhood to work toward building a community that is safe, healthy, and full of opportunity.

Though we served thousands in 2021, there is still so much work to be done to ensure everyone in our region has the opportunity to live a life of dignity and stability. So, as you read through this Year in Review, I hope you are inspired to join us in building a path to a better future for our neighbors and ensuring they do not have to walk that path alone.

With gratitude and hope,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy", with a large circular flourish at the end.

2021 Highlights

14,433 children and adults served

20 years of service celebrated

2 major renovation projects completed



Community members toured our newly renovated Center for Community Service at our Grand Re-Opening Event.



Essential Support

2,961 homes furnished

10,144 children and adults served



A mother and son sitting in their new chairs as their vehicle is loaded with furniture for their new home.

Our largest and longest-running program, Essential Support, provides beds, furniture, and other basics to families leaving homelessness, survivors of domestic violence or trafficking, or those who are simply living without some of life's most basic necessities. Regardless of each client's circumstances, Essential Support not only meets their tangible needs but also provides the ability to come home to a safe and stable environment where children can thrive and adults can pursue better lives for themselves and their families.



Workforce Development

133 job seekers received career counseling



Adam Albanese, our Director of Workforce Development, meets with a job seeker outside of our Ward 8 Hub.

400+ individual career counseling sessions

817 job seekers received professional clothing

For many years, our Workforce Development Program has provided holistic support to job seekers. Then, in 2020, life became increasingly isolated, and we saw the need for even greater connection and deeper, more individualized support. To meet this need, we expanded our long-term job readiness programming in 2021, including hiring a full-time Career Counselor to work one-on-one with job seekers as they worked towards their unique goals. In addition to a deepened level of engagement, job seekers joined the Workforce Development team and volunteer experts from across different industries for virtual workshops and networking events and continued to visit our Professional Development Center to receive the attire needed for that first impression and beyond.



Neighborhood Partnerships

560

served via micro-grant programming

916

children received school supplies

1,944

market bags delivered



Funded by our microgrants program, BOLD Babies was a series of weekly classes held for parents in the community. Families practiced parenting skills, worked on enhancing their child's growth and development, and were connected to resources in the community.

Based at our Ward 8 Hub in Southeast DC, the Neighborhood Partnerships Program works with residents to address needs specific to their community, providing services including health and wellness programming, career counseling, community empowerment, and more. We also saw the launch of our first-ever microgrants program in 2021, through which 12 local leaders, entrepreneurs, and community groups received grants of \$250-\$2,500 to fund projects that directly benefited the neighborhood. While we provided the funding, the final grant selections rested with residents themselves. Programs that were funded included weekly parenting classes, substance abuse support groups, and the purchase of school uniforms for nearly two dozen students returning to the classroom.



Partnership to Independence

81% have an emergency savings account

75% are currently employed

58% are in positions that align with career goals



P2I participants and their families joined our team in October to celebrate the program's three-year anniversary.

In 2021, we celebrated the third anniversary of our five-year long-term support program, Partnership to Independence (P2I). Our cohort of 16 participants receives long-term comprehensive support, working closely with staff Advocates and trained volunteers to identify their unique needs and goals, creating a road map to self-sufficiency. Milestones in 2021 included 13 participants sustaining emergency savings accounts and 8 participants increasing their household income. Other successes included participants getting promotions or new jobs, securing stable housing, and enrolling in or completing higher education.

Good Karma Holiday Program

262 received Thanksgiving meal baskets



Good Karma Holiday Program

In honor of Karma Kenny, a role model for us all.

1,000 received holiday gifts



Volunteers



8,459 individuals volunteered

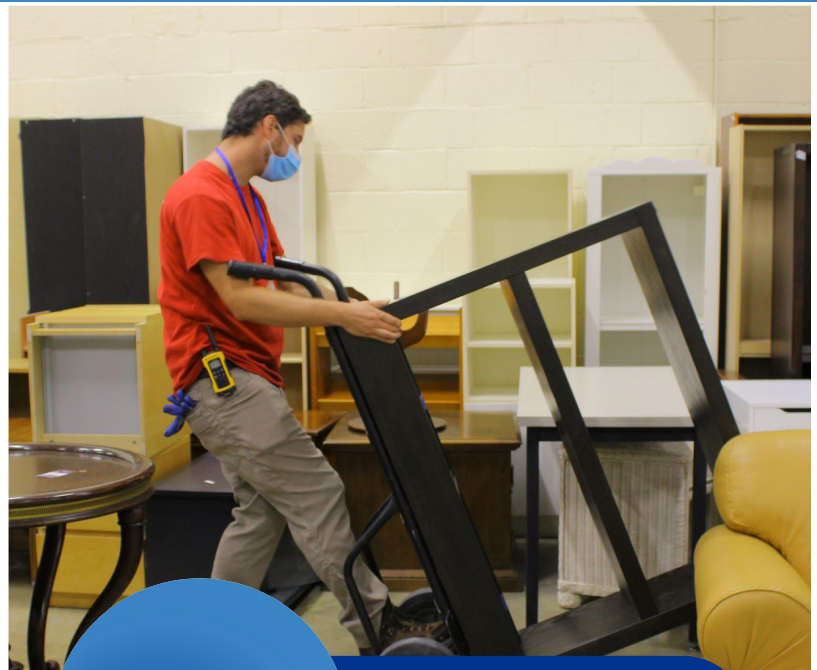


Thank you to all the volunteers who made our work possible in 2021!

In-Kind Donations



2,458 beds



1,790 dressers



1,339 couches



1,071 dining tables



....all redistributed because of the generosity of our community!

Silver Spring Renovations



President & CEO Amy Javaid and local officials cut the ribbon at our Grand Re-Opening Event.

A project many years in the making, the renovation of A Wider Circle's Ann and Don Brown Center for Community Service was fully completed in the summer of 2021. All parts of the building, once divided into four separate units, are now connected from end-to-end, allowing a cohesive experience for those who come to us, and making it easier for staff and volunteers to provide services. There is now nearly triple the amount of space for services, the space is completely ADA compliant, and the design of the Center is trauma-informed, ensuring comfort and support for all who visit. We are incredibly grateful to the team at Donohoe Construction for leading the project and seeing the renovations to their completion.



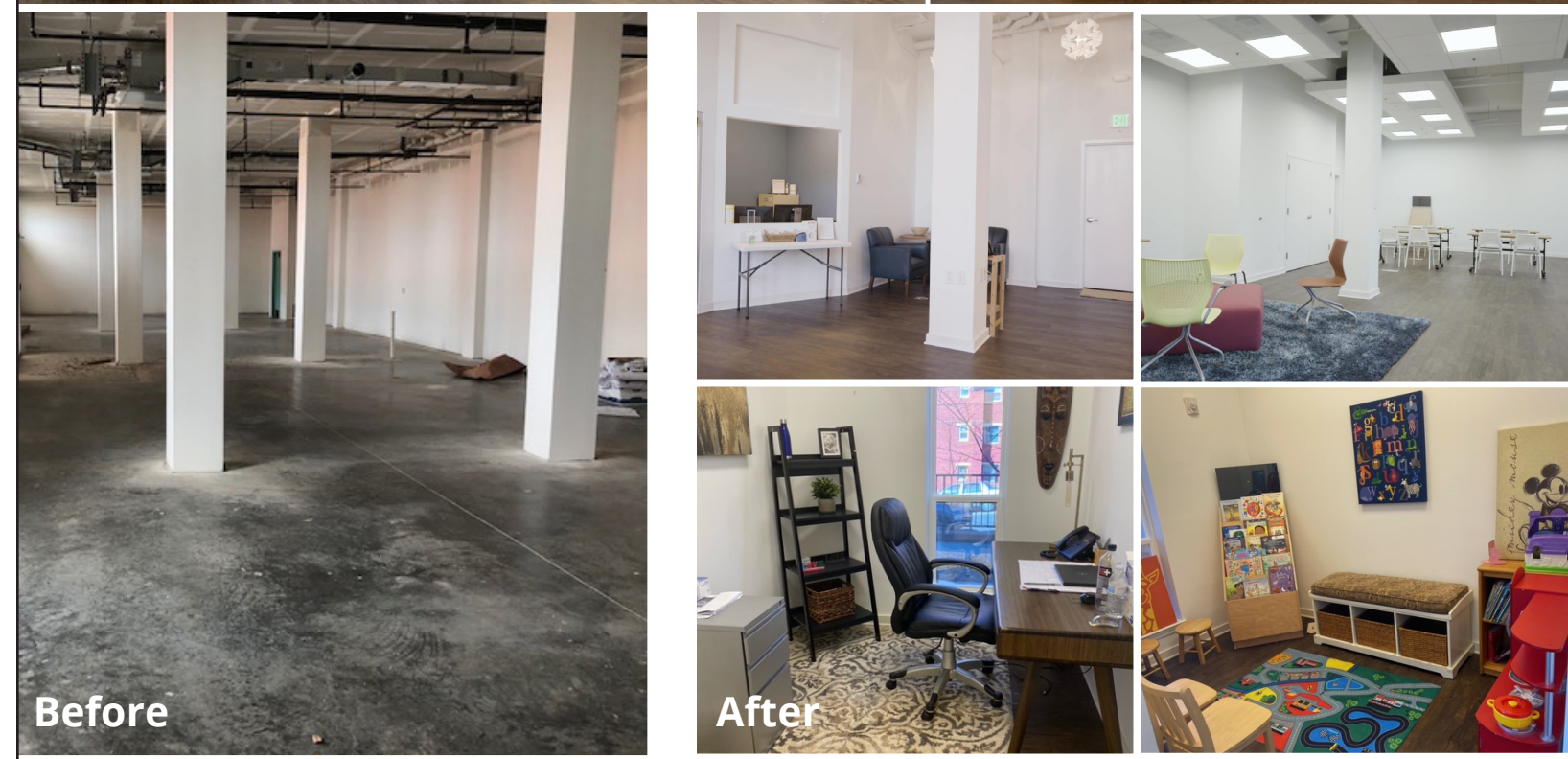
Our Ward 8 Hub



Residents of the Washington Highlands neighborhood joined us to celebrate the Grand Opening of our Ward 8 Hub.

In early 2018, the DC Housing Authority offered us 2,700 square feet of storefront space to use on the ground floor of the Highland-24 building in the Highland Dwellings community. The only stipulation was that the inside of the space needed to be completely built out. With the help of AvalonBay Communities, construction was completed in the summer of 2021, with the Grand Opening of our Ward 8 Hub celebrated in September.

From the Ward 8 Hub, we offer direct services including programming on health and wellness, short and long term family support, career counseling, and financial management. We also offer space at the Hub to partners and other groups, creating greater access to services in the community. We are excited for this new space to be a place of collaboration, connection, and impact for the local community.



Special Initiatives

Bed and Desk Distributions

In November of 2021, we partnered with Montgomery County Public Schools Down County Consortium to host two bed and desk distribution events.

Students from more than 50 local families received furniture designed to set up bedrooms with study spaces so that they can be well-rested and ready to learn.



Staff and volunteers load desks onto a local family's truck during one of our November bed and desk distributions.



A client from Afghanistan working with a volunteer and a staff member to select items for his new home.

Helping Refugees from Afghanistan

In partnership with local refugee resettlement agencies, including Lutheran Social Services and Homes Not Borders, we helped set up homes for refugee families from Afghanistan. As a result, 20 families — more than 100 of our newest neighbors — were able to settle into fully furnished homes after arriving to the region.

Partners

Thank you to the following partners who helped make our work possible in 2021!

Referral Partners

Ayuda	Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, Inc.
Back on My Feet	Lighthouse DC
Bright Beginnings*	Metro Bethesda Rotary Club
DC Volunteer Lawyers Project	Mission of Love*
District Alliance for Safe Housing	Prestige Health Resources
Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative	Shelters to Shutters*
Friendship Place	Washington Health Institute
House of Ruth*	Wendt Center for Loss and Healing
Independence Now	YWCA NCA*
Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse	

A Wider Circle is incredibly grateful to have worked with 300+ nonprofits, government agencies, and community groups who referred individuals and families to our services in 2021. The list above outlines partners with whom we held a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the past year.

* indicates new MOU partners for 2021.

Ward 8 Implementing Partners

Alliance of Concerned Men	Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative
Circle Yoga	Glen Echo Pottery
Community of Hope	Grapevine Health
Cure the Streets	Highland Addition Resident Council
David Lynch Foundation	Highland Dwellings Resident Council
DC ANC Representative	Sasha Bruce Youthwork
DC KinCare Alliance	Sibley Memorial Hospital and Johns Hopkins Medicine
District of Columbia Housing Authority	So What Else, Inc.
District of Columbia Public Library	Tzedek DC
Exodus Treatment Center	Washington Health Institute

In-Kind Donation Partners

123 Junk	Mic's Moving
Community Forklift	Moyer & Sons Moving & Storage
Donation Nation	Riderwood Senior Living
The Elizabeth Condominium	TurboHaul
Habitat for Humanity Restore	

Supporters

***Thank you to our generous supporters
who donated \$25,000 or more in 2021.***

A L Luria Foundation
AT&T Services, Inc.
David and Naomi Balto
Benson Family Charitable Fund
Lisa Braverman
The Honorable Ann W. Brown
Capital One Services, LLC
CareFirst
Clark Charitable Foundation
Clark-Winchcole Foundation
DC Wise Inc
Joseph Deal
Marty and Eden Durbin
The E. Bryce and Harriet Alpern Foundation

Pamela and Richard Feinstein
Ferris Family Foundation
Deborah and Gary Ford
Sari Hornstein
The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation
Johnson Family Foundation
Phillips 66
PNC Foundation
Frances Raynor and Craig Hillman
Richard E. and Nancy P. Marriott Foundation
Alice Schoettelkotte
Share Fund
Sibley Memorial Hospital
Robert H. Sievers
William S. Abell Foundation
The Wolpoff Family Foundation

Mailing Address

10325 Kensington Parkway, #70
Kensington, MD 20895

Ann and Don Brown
Center for Community Service
9159 Brookville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20895

Ward 8 Hub
400-A Atlantic Street SE
Washington, DC 20032

www.awidercircle.org

301-608-3504

contact@awidercircle.org