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## ANNUAL REPORT: 2011

### A REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

Friends of Southwest DC began 2011 with the following officers and board members: Coralie Farlee, President; C. W. Hargrave, Treasurer; Joyce Bouvier, Secretary; Preston Amos, Donald H. Flanders, Emerson J. Melaven, Keith E. Melder, Ezra A. Naughton, and Sheila Z. Wood.

The Annual meeting was held on March 30, 2011. The following Directors were elected for three years: Coralie Farlee, Donald Flanders, and Rodney Ross.

Preston Amos was thanked for his service as Director. Sheila Wood resigned from the Board during the year; Mr. Amos and Mr. Melaven died during the year.

#### Expenditures for Grants vs. Administration

Friends of Southwest DC functions with volunteer board members, no paid staff, and has always kept its administrative costs to a minimum. In 2011, administrative expenses were 5.2% of total spending.

#### 2011 Awards to Community Projects

Awards were made to 5 organizations in two of our mission categories, education and community development.

#### Education

##### EmmaUS Learning Center

Our grant helped support this organization's eleventh summer enrichment program for Southwest neighborhood children. Specifically, it covered the costs of a trip to Philadelphia to historical sites for 12 children and two chaperones.

##### Arena Stage

Scholarship funds were provided for two Southwest students to attend Camp Arena Stage, a summer program held at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School. Professional artists and highly trained staff encourage the active pursuit of knowledge, self-discovery and joy through the arts.

An additional grant, from our Margaret Feldman Memorial Fund, went to Arena Stage for the Voices of Now program. This program trains Jefferson Middle School students in writing their own play and in acting skills. They perform their original play at several venues each spring. A total of \$7,500 went to Arena Stage for Voices of Now in 2010 and 2011 from this special memorial fund.

### DC Sail

A grant was awarded to DC Sail, a program of the National Maritime Heritage Foundation, to provide full scholarships for four Southwest students to participate in their Kids Set Sail summer camp on the Southwest Waterfront. DC Sail youth programs allow "at risk" youth aged 7-14 who live near the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers to participate in a safe recreational and skill-building program on the water.

Southwest Scholarship Fund, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc. In 2011, our annual scholarship was awarded to Terrence Williams, a freshman at Delaware State University in Dover. A graduate of Bell Multicultural High School, Terrence is majoring in sports management.

### Community Development

#### Southwest Comm-Unity Forum

A grant to this organization helped fund children's activities at their Southwest Community Unity Day, held on August 6 at the King-Greenleaf Recreation and Sports Field. In addition to this annual event, SWCF provides mentoring and support programs for often neglected residents of our community.

#### The Southwester, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc.

Our advertisements in The Southwester help support this important community resource. They increase FOS's visibility in the Southwest community, as well as that of our grantees as we solicit donations and grant applications.

Road of Creativity, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc. A grant went to SWNA for the sponsorship of community concerts by the Road of Creativity saxophone ensemble. Recently founded by Connie Frigo, a former Southwest resident (currently on the faculty of the University of Georgia), the ensemble includes eight saxophones, piano and percussion. Members are at universities in seven states. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church provided space for a week of rehearsals and the venue for the standing-room-only free concert on January 7, 2012. The group also played for the guests at the church's community breakfast on the 8th.

### FUND RAISING

Friends of Southwest DC raised \$13,200.00 through its fund-raising campaign and matching funds. Grants totaling \$11,785.00 were awarded. While FOS has just one yearly fund-raising campaign, in the autumn, donations have always been received and are welcome throughout the year. Tax-deductible contributions should be made out to Friends of Southwest DC and mailed to 389 0 St., SW, Washington, DC 20024.

### STATUS OF FOS AT END OF 2011

To be, or not to be, in terms of the possible termination of the Friends of Southwest DC (FOS) will be discussed at the March 2012 annual meeting.

While our organization had credible achievements during the past year, as recounted above, the fact remains that try as the FOS board did, it has been largely unsuccessful at expanding our donor base, or in raising as much money as hoped for, especially if one discounts the contributions of a handful of long-term donors who can no longer be relied upon for funds.

This, coupled with new DC-mandated organizational requirements for non-profits, the need for volunteer assistance to support our activities, and the planned resignations of several board members, has led to the feeling by a majority of the board that FOS should either be terminated or suspend its operations as of the conclusion of the March annual meeting.

But positive sentiment, backed by volunteered commitments from those who attend the March meeting and others, can give FOS a new lease on life.

#### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AT THE END OF 2011

Coralie Farlee, President

C. W. Hargrave, Treasurer

Joyce Bouvier, Secretary

Donald H. Flanders

Keith E. Melder

Ezra W. Naughton

Rodney A. Ross

## 2011 DONORS

### **PATRONS**

Coralie Farlee  
Larry Feldman and Margaret Stempien  
Richard and Beth Feldman  
Keith Melder  
Ezra Naughton  
Rodney Ross

### **BOOSTERS**

Joyce Bouvier  
Anthony Bowman  
David H. and Barbara B. Ehrlich  
C. W. Hargrave  
Janet Hartnett  
Gale Kaufmann  
Jean Sammon

### **SUPPORTERS**

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Marilyn Charles and Reuben Simmons  
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Lawrence Impett  
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Ray Olson  
Robert G. Sewell  
Omega C. Logan Silva  
Patrick Swygert  
Sheila Z. Wood

Included in this listing are those persons who made specific contributions in memory of Margaret Feldman, Emerson Melaven, and Preston Amos, all former Board members.

### **CONTRIBUTORS**

L. Balfour C. Alston  
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We acknowledge with many thanks the various contributions of Perry Klein and Theresa Jenkins.

**FRIENDS OF SOUTHWEST D.C.  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
Calendar Year 2011**

**ASSETS**

Account balance (December 31, 2010)	\$ 8,358.64
Income (January-December 2011)	13,225.00
Adjustments	56.00
	\$ 21,639.64
Total Assets	

**GRANTS**

Arena Stage: Camp Arena Stage;	\$ 1,800.00
Voices of Now (Feldman Fund)	2,500.00
D. C. Sail	1,400.00
EmmaUS	985.00
Road of Creativity	1,500.00
Southwest Comm-Unity	1,500.00
The Southwester	600.00
SWNA Scholarship	1,500.00
	\$11,785.00

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

Supplies, printing, etc.	\$ 344.65
Educational expenses	89.00
Association Dues	100.00
Bank & other fees	108.64
	\$ 642.29
Total Administrative Expenses	

**TOTAL OUTLAY** \$ 12,427.29

**ACCOUNT BALANCE (December 31, 2011)** \$ 9,212.35