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2013 ANNUAL REPORT

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF SUPPORT FOR SW ORGANIZATIONS

This year's annual meeting will be one of celebration: we've increased our donor base; increased the number of grants awarded; and increased the total dollars made in grant awards. We've actually come back from the place about two years ago when we were considering abandoning our efforts. We thank donors for your enthusiasm and support.

A REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Friends of Southwest DC began 2013 with the following officers and board members: Coralie Farlee, President; C. W. Hargrave, Treasurer; Joyce Bouvier, Secretary; Farley Fisher; Donald H. Flanders; Keith E. Melder; Ezra A. Naughton; and Rodney A. Ross. Keith Melder and Ezra Naughton completed their service in 2013. CW Hargrave was re-appointed and Cecilie Jones joined the Board at the July meeting for three year terms.

The annual meeting was held on March 28, 2013. At that meeting, the members of FOS adopted the revised Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws which changed the organization from one in which donors would be voting members of FOS to a donor organization. The reason for the change was that the new DC non-profit law would make it impossible for FOS, a very small volunteer organization with no paid staff, to provide the members with rights and privileges set out in the law which, essentially, was designed to give shareholder rights to donors/members. We will continue to welcome and encourage donors' advice and suggestions.

Friends of Southwest DC keeps administrative costs to a minimum. In 2013, administrative expenses dropped to only 3.3% of total spending.

Fund raising

In 2013, FOS raised over \$18,000.00 through two fund-raising campaigns and matching funds. Grants totaling \$18,135.00 – the largest amount for a year to date – were awarded. Donations are welcome throughout the year. Tax-deductible contributions should be made out to “Friends of Southwest DC” and mailed to 389 O Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024. Donations by credit card may also be made via Razoo at: www.Razoo.com, and enter “Friends of Southwest DC” in the upper right-hand side in the box “Find Cause or Fundraiser.”

2013 Awards in Support of SW Community Projects

Ten awards were made to seven organizations:

Arena Stage

A grant to Arena Stage provided scholarships for two Southwest students to attend the four-week intensive session of Camp Arena Stage, a multi-arts day camp for young people ages 8 through 15. The budding artists are given an opportunity to be creative in classes in dance, music, theater, and visual arts.

Additional grants helped support the Voices of Now after-school program in which participants devise and perform a piece of theater for social change based on their own collective writing. This program, initially involving only students from the Jefferson Junior High, now Jefferson Middle School, has expanded to other schools and organizations. Arena Stage staff has also travelled to India under US Department of State auspices to introduce the model there.

DC Sail

The FOS grant provided full scholarships for eight Southwest students to attend the week-long Kids Set Sail session. DC Sail’s youth programs allow “at-risk” youth who live near the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers to participate in a safe recreational and skill-building program on the water.

EmmaUs Learning Center

The FOS grant helped support this organization’s 13th summer enrichment program for Southwest youth and chaperones. It covered their educational trip to Philadelphia which exposed them to the early history of America’s independence.

Kemet Productions, Inc.

The grant from FOS covered the cost of costumes for participants in Kemet’s holiday theatrical production, “The Nutcracker and the Mouse King.” The show

had a successful staging in December 2012, with many Southwest youth participating. Additional young people were added for 2013, thus the need for additional costumes. Participation enables the young people to develop self-confidence and self-esteem in the areas of education, responsibility, communications, and performing arts.

Near SE-SW Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC)

The FOS grant helped support summer programs at the new Randall Recreation Center. Sasha Bruce Youthworks was contracted by CBCC to provide programming for teens and young adults in a variety of fields, including health, arts, and computers.

Southwest Community Forum

A grant helped support children's entertainment at the Forum's seventh annual Southwest Community Unity Day, held at Lansburgh Park on August 24.

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc.

Two scholarships were awarded through SWNA to Southwest college students Marlon Mitchell and Vincent Omekam, studying at Kent State and Temple University respectively.

The Southwester, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc.

Our two advertisements in The Southwester supported this important community resource. The ads also increase FOS' visibility in the Southwest neighborhood, as well as that of the grantees, and we use this opportunity to also solicit donations and grant applications.

STATUS OF FOS AT END OF 2013

Contributions in 2013 continued to exceed those in any previous year. We also added another 17 new donors with the total number of donors now at 66. As always, our year-end account balance reflects the fact that our primary fundraising occurs in the latter part of the year. This means that we can start the new year with sufficient funding to assure that we can award grants during the initial months of 2014 when the majority of grant applications typically are submitted.

While we modified our organizational documents – accepted at the annual meeting in March, 2013 -- to indicate that the Board has the major decision-making authority, we continue to value the suggestions and advice of our donors.

We very much welcome “new blood” on the board of directors and seek people who can serve either on the board or as volunteers for other aspects of the organization to support this worthy cause.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AT THE END OF 2013

Coralie Farlee, President

C. W. Hargrave, Treasurer

Joyce Bouvier, Secretary

Farley Fisher

Donald H. Flanders

Cecilie Jones

Rodney A. Ross

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Calendar Year 2013

ASSETS

Account balance (December 31, 2012)	\$ 13,317.93
Income (January-December 2013)	18,037.00
	\$ 31,354.93

GRANTS

Arena Stage: Camp Arena Stage, Voices of Now	6,400.00
D. C. Sail	3,150.00
EmmaUS	985.00
Kemet Productions, Inc.	775.00
Near SE-SW Community Benefits Coordinating Council	2,500.00
Southwest Comm-Unity Forum	925.00
SWNA <u>The Southwester</u>	400.00
SWNA Scholarship	3,000.00
	\$18,135.00

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Supplies, printing, etc.	\$ 304.15
DC Government registration	160.00
Association Dues	115.00
Razoo administrative processing	28.47
Website administration	96.06
Bank checks	32.00
	\$ 735.68

TOTAL OUTLAY \$ 18,870.68

ACCOUNT BALANCE (December 31, 2013) **\$ 12,484.25**