

# Georgetown Village

#### **NOVEMBER 2020**

# **GEORGETOWN VILLAGE AT A GLANCE - 2020**



Where would we be today without Georgetown Village? My guess is we would be rather lonely, depressed, and maybe even afraid and nervous while staying home to protect ourselves from COVID 19. But we are not! We are fine. We are not aware of any member or volunteer who has contracted Covid 19, and most of us are engaged in what is happening in the Village, in Georgetown, and beyond.

Georgetown Village did not shut down in mid-March, rather it went into high gear – first providing masks and weekly calls to provide advice on COVID and then putting all in-person activities on line. We heard from Madeleine Albright, and many others,

all on Zoom. The number of Villagers needing assistance increased because families live far away and could not visit to help. Younger volunteers were recruited as the older ones stayed safe. Volunteers did our grocery shopping, picked up medicines, books, and safely delivered meals to sick members. As soon as it was deemed safe, suitably masked volunteers once again provided rides to the doctor, yard clean ups, and house watching. A huge thanks to all our volunteers! For fun and to combat isolation, just for our members, we hold Zoom Happy Hours, sometimes at Martin's Tavern, with young Lauren Martin mixing us a virtual cocktail.

To keep everyone safe we have had to cancel our May fundraising event, as well as our traditional December anniversary party. Did you know that donations from these two events normally cover half of our annual budget? To help make up that loss, we are holding a virtual "Celebrating the Community with Jose Andres and Martin's Tavern" fundraising and social event on Dec 3rd. It will feature the Martin Family receiving our annual award and the famous chef and philanthropist Jose Andres will join us in an interview with Bill Plante. Invitations are on the way. See you soon.

#### Please take a look at this year, future plans and how you can help!

Toni Russin Jim Smith Toni Russin

2020 Anniversary Celebration

Featuring: World Renowned Chef, Restauranteur, and Philantropist, Jose Andres December 3, 2020 at 6:00pm

#### **Georgetown Village Board of Directors**

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# JOIN for the Support...











- Volunteers and staff fulfilled 1,000 service requests
- Outdoor home assistance increased eightfold
- Convenience services such as grocery shopping and prescription pick up increased more than 40%
- Remote IT support services grew by more than 50%
- Safe, clean, masked transport to medical appointments for members

#### GV celebrates its volunteers who provided 2,400 volunteer hours of service

# ... and STAY for the FUN



The Martin Family





# JOIN -- VOLUNTEER -- DONATE

#### GV Board Challenge Increases Your Gift in 2020



The last nine months have changed our world. But what hasn't changed is Georgetown Village (GV) and the many ways we are here to serve you. This past year GV pivoted quickly to meet the needs of our members, providing the services and programs you depend on--and adding new ones. Who knew what Zoom was last year? Now, thanks to GV training, we're connecting with loved ones and enjoying the informative and entertaining online offerings from GV and others.

But we can't do any of this without you. Contributions and grants typically represent more than 60% of our annual revenues. In the past, half of the donations came from our spring event, which, like all nonprofit organizations, we had to cancel because of the pandemic. So we're asking for your support now.

Plus, a portion of every dollar you give this year will be matched, thanks to a generous challenge from members of the GV Board.

Here are a few tips and incentives on how to give easily and maximize your impact.

**Gifts by check or credit card are easy** and can be mailed in the enclosed envelope to Georgetown Village, P.O. Box 3563, Washington, DC 20027.

**Gifts of appreciated securities receive a double tax benefit.** In addition to the charitable tax deduction, you eliminate taxes triggered by the capital gain, which can be higher than 20 percent. Please call 202-999-8988.

If you do not itemize, The CARES Act, passed in March 2020, allows you to deduct up to \$300 of a cash contribution to a qualified charity. This is in addition to the standard deduction. (Under prior rules, individuals who do not itemize their deductions could not take a charitable deduction for cash contributions.) If you itemize, the CARES Act increased the deduction for cash contributions to a qualified charity to 100% of your adjusted gross income (AGI), up from 60%.

#### THE GEORGETOWN VILLAGE LEGACY PROGRAM

We urge you to consider Georgetown Village in your estate planning. With a bequest or other planned gift, you will help ensure that our important work will continue for years to come. Two of the easiest ways are with a bequest or by designating GV a beneficiary of your retirement plan. These gifts offer tax wise and flexible ways to extend your support of GV into the future and are a perfect complement to lifetime giving.

We welcome gifts at all levels, including those in honor or in memory of family or friends. For more information about gifts to GV and a list of our donors, please visit www.georgetown-village.org or call 202-999-8988. Thank you!

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING GENEROSITY!



# **Calendar of Events - November 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	Online Happy Hour 5:30-7:00pm	4 Weekly Check-In Call at 11:00 am	5 Covid Call 10:30	6	7
8	9	10	11 Weekly Check-In Call at 11:00 am	12 Covid Call 10:30	13	14
15	16 Online Book Discussion The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish	17 Online Happy Hour 5:30-7:00pm	18 Weekly Check-In Call at 11:00 am	19 Covid Call 10:30	20	21
22	23	24	25 Weekly Check-In Call at 11:00 am	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3 GV 2020 Virtual Anniversary Celebration	4	5

#### **Building Community. - Connecting Neighbors**



Nancy Taylor Bubes



Dr. Fred Rickles



Isabel Sawhill



Bill Plante

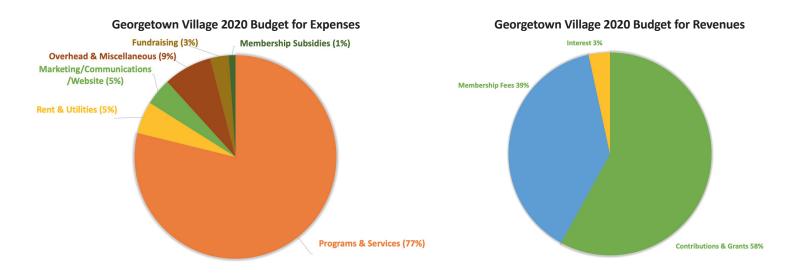


Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright

- Covid, Cocktails and Conversation with Interesting Speakers
- Health and Exercise Programs
- Book Group and Happy Hours
- Zoom Tutorials & Online Training
- Weekly Chat and Check-In Calls
- Virtual Museum Tours & Concerts
- Men's Lunch
- Nearly 1,200 attended GV sponsored programs GV hosted 28 speakers on a variety of topics

#### **Budget for 2020**

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### JOIN -- VOLUNTEER -- DONATE

#### Georgetown Village Celebrates Community with Jose Andres & Martin's Tavern

Join us in celebrating the holidays on December 3 for a fun filled hour long program on Zoom where you will hear from GV members, volunteers, and founders as well as world renowned chef, restauranteur, and philanthropist Jose Andres interviewed by GV board member and former CBS correspondent Bill Plante. We also will honor Martin's Tavern, the oldest family owned restaurant in the nation's capital and a home away from home for many.

**Sponsorships range from \$10,000 to \$250**. Tickets are \$25 for members, volunteers, and current donors, \$50 for nonmembers. **A portion of every dollar above \$25 will be matched, thanks to a generous challenge by members of the GV Board.** 

Please send us your gift in the enclosed envelope. For more information, visit the GV website or call 202-999-8988.





Georgetown Village P.O. Box 3563 Washington, DC 20007 **202-999-8988**  Our Impact - 4,661 Services To Our Community So Far

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