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Organization Representative	Coleen M. Djouha, President
Organization Address	P.O. Box 584, Frederick, MD 21705
Website Address	www.akacto2003.com
Telephone Number	301-662-6768
Organization's Mission	Founded 103 years ago, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is the first sorority founded by African American College Women. Our aim is to provide "service to all mankind". Our current theme is "Global Leadership through Timeless Service".
Organization's Current Projects	We are planning an asthma prevention summit and a canned foods drive. We are mentoring a group of young ladies at Tuscarora High School and a group of young ladies from several middle schools in the Frederick community. We are also working with the children of those who are incarcerated.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	We would love to work with other organizations in the areas of poverty, human rights, health care and politics.

Organization	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Iota Gamma Omega Chapter
Organization Representative	Saran T. Baker, President
Organization Address	P.O. Box 421 Lanham, MD 20706
Website Address	www.igoaka.org
Telephone Number	301-254-4311
Organization's Mission	Since its founding over a century ago, Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission has been to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind."
Organization's Current Projects	Inspired by a dedicated investment in human capital and a bold commitment to basic human rights, we shall devote our talent and resources to this cause. Awareness, advocacy and action are the primary vehicles for the worldwide delivery of our service initiatives which includes: Emerging Young Leaders, Health, Economic Security, Social Justice and Human Rights, and Internal Leadership Training.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	We are currently interested in supporting legislation focused on the eradication of human trafficking and domestic violence in Prince George's County.

Organization	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter
Organization Representative	Mrs. Shawn Jackson Wilson, President
Organization Address	P.O. Box 445, Laurel, Maryland 20725
Website Address	www.aka-peo.org
Telephone Number	301-552-3831
Organization's Mission	The mission of Psi Epsilon Omega is to provide programs of service to the communities of Laurel, Bowie, and Greenbelt, Maryland. Our programs are aimed at strengthening the family, addressing the areas of global poverty, health, economic security, social justice and human rights.
Organization's Current Projects	Psi Epsilon Omega is currently implementing the Heart Café' which focuses on women and heart disease. Psi Epsilon Omega is also implementing its 7 th Annual Domestic Violence Symposium which focuses on ways to prevent Domestic Violence through healthy relationships.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Psi Epsilon Omega would be interested in collaborating on women's health issues.

Organization	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Theta Omega Omega Chapter
Organization Representative	Angela D. Anglin, President
Organization Address	P.O. Box 10695, Silver Spring, MD 20914
Website Address	www.aka-too.org
Telephone Number	202-285-0169
Organization's Mission	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind." Since 1969, our chapter, now comprised of 188 members, has been serving the community continuously for 44 years through the provision of awareness programs, service initiatives, and extensive support to enrich the lives of those residents in the Greater Montgomery County area.
Organization's Current Projects	I. Emerging Young Leaders (EYL) Initiatives ~ This signature program impacts girls in grades six through eight through leadership development, civic engagement, enhanced academic preparation and character building. II. Health Initiatives ~ We support organizations which advance access to treatment and offer public awareness campaigns to reduce health disparities, save lives and impact health related legislation.

	<p>III. Global Poverty ~ The goals for this initiative are to end hunger, preserve the environment and empower women. The program provides food production and environmentally sound agriculture skills. Gifts of seeds and livestock promote self-reliance.</p> <p>IV. Economic Security Initiative ~ This effort expands the current programs related to wealth building, home ownership, estate planning and empowerment of female owned businesses and urban enterprise zones.</p> <p>V. Social Justice and Human Rights Initiative ~ These initiatives address gender equality issues including: human trafficking and domestic violence, services for children with incarcerated parents, and youth aging out of foster care.</p> <p>VI. Internal Leadership Training for External Service Initiative ~ This initiative affords Alpha Kappa Alpha members leadership training at all levels within the organization.</p>
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	

Organization	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Xi Sigma Omega Chapter
Organization Representative	Dr. Roberta M. Haines, President
Organization Address	23 Firstfield Rd., Suite 3381, Gaithersburg, MD 20885
Website Address	www.aka-xisigmaomega.org
Organization's Mission	The members represent a cross-section in age, professions, talents, and interests bound by their commitment to render community service in the northern section of Montgomery County, Maryland.
Organization's Current Projects	Initiates the <i>International Program Initiatives</i> such as providing innovative programs for girls in grades 6 through 8; raise awareness of health issues; support activities related to gender equality, children in homeless shelters and aging out of foster care; supporting women in a shelter; and fostering achievement of youth through at-school and private family support.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Xi Sigma Omega welcomes collaboration with organizations in areas to provide service and information to young people, social justice issues, health education, and economic security.

Organization	American Association of University Women Easton, MD Branch
Organization Representative	Patricia Crane, Co-President
Organization Address	28410 Pinehurst Circle, Easton, MD 21601
Website Address	http://easton-md.aauw.net
Telephone Number	410-819-3653
Organization's Mission	AAUW advances equity for all women and girls through

	advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.
Organization's Current Projects	Pay Equity for women and Human Trafficking.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Pay Equity and Human Trafficking.

Organization	American Association of University Women Kensington-Rockville Branch
Organization Representative	Anita Rosen, President
Website Address	http://www.aauw.org
Telephone Number	301-384-0331
Organization's Mission	The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.
Organization's Current Projects	AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families. Among our issues are gender equity in education and the workplace, STEM education, legal advocacy on issues of sex discrimination, educational funding, and responding to the global development needs of women. Kensington Rockville Branch has actively engaged in working with Montgomery College Rockville through it's Sonya Kovalevsky program to engage middle school girls in pursuing math science and technology education when they attend high school.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Experiential and supportive materials for the Montgomery College Rockville campus' Sonya Kovalevsky program to engage middle school girls in pursuing math science and technology education when they attend high school.

Organization	AAUW Maryland
Organization Representative	Dr. Pat Stocker, President
Organization Address	1111 Sixteenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20036 (National AAUW) 6604 Landon Lane, Bethesda, MD 20817 (Maryland president's address)
Website Address	National: www.aauw.org State: www.aauw-md.aauw.net
Telephone Number	National: 202.785.7700
Organization's Mission	"Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research."

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Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Maryland AAUW is committed to the MLAW Legislative Agenda for 2014. We also remain committed to our traditional issues of gender equity at the state level, but we have become increasingly concerned about human trafficking, particularly since it's a major problem in Maryland.

Organization	Anne Arundel County NOW
Organization Representative	Sandy Bell, Chapter Contact
Telephone Number	410-347-1455
Organization's Mission	To take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men.
Organization's Current Projects	We will be working to support all the legislation on the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women, the Fairness for All Marylanders Act, the raising of the minimum wage, paid sick days, and any other legislation that will benefit women and their families. We plan to celebrate the anniversary of Roe v. Wade by attending a vigil in front of the Supreme Court. And we'll be a part of a Women's History Month Conference put on by Maryland NOW. We also work in coalition with many other organizations that share our goals such as Equality Maryland, Progressive Maryland, Working Matters, NARAL, Planned Parenthood, Maryland Coalition for Trans Equality, Healthcare-NOW, etc.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Most anything that will benefit women and their families.

Organization	Baltimore County Commission For Women
Organization Representative	Bella Santos Owens, President
Organization Address	Historic Courthouse – Mezzanine Level, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, MD 21204
Website Address	www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/women
Telephone Number	410-887-3448
Organization's Mission	It is the mission of the Commission to advocate and implement actions that will benefit the interests and needs of women in Baltimore County.
Organization's Current Projects	We are focused on 4 main initiatives: Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, Women Empowerment and Women & Children's Health. We have initiatives/events already in place for the year to raise awareness on the mentioned initiatives. Examples: January 20, 2014 – Project Uplift (Human Trafficking), May 10, 2014, Women's Empowerment Expo (Women Empowerment).
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Legislations

Organization	Business and Professional Women of Maryland (BPW/MD)
Organization Representative	Susan Horst, President
Organization Address	1515 Baylor Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850
Website Address	http://www.bpwmaryland.org/
Telephone Number	240-498-8434
Organization's Mission	<p>BPW/MD's mission is to achieve equity and economic self-sufficiency for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information.</p> <p>Founded in 1929, the Maryland Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW/MD), is a not-for profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian, self-governing and member supported organization that is affiliated with the BPW Foundation, and has seven local BPW organizations throughout the State. Our membership is diverse with administrators, teachers, business owners, secretaries, and many other professions. Anyone who supports our mission may become a member.</p> <p>Member benefits include networking opportunities, state conferences, mentoring programs, political awareness and advocacy, educational programs (virtual & in person), professional & personal skills development, leadership training, and friendships with working women from all walks of life.</p> <p>BPW has been a leader in passing much of the nation's landmark civil and women's rights legislation including the:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 • Violence Against Women Act of 1994 • Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 • The Women’s Business Ownership Act • The Civil Rights Act of 1964 • Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 • Equal Pay Act of 1963
<p>Organization’s Current Projects</p>	<p>Founded in 1919, the National Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc. (BPW/USA) was the first national organization formed to promote equality for women in the workplace. In 2009, BPW/USA merged with the BPW Foundation (founded in 1956). BPW/MD continues the mission of the National organization.</p> <p>BPW/MD’s Legislative Platform includes the following:</p> <p>THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.</p> <p>PLATFORM Maryland Federation of Business and Professional Women support legislation, education and funding to ensure:</p> <p>ECONOMIC EQUITY – Ensure pay equity and equal educational opportunities at all stages of life; and promote affordable, quality dependent care to help ensure economic self-sufficiency for women.</p> <p>HEALTH – Ensure reproductive choice and full access to all reproductive health services and education; ensure funds for research into and protections for women’s health care needs; and encourage the development of a national health care plan recognizing the special health care needs of women.</p> <p>CIVIL RIGHTS – Ensure equal rights and remedies for women in all phases of their lives; eliminate sexual harassment and violence against women.</p>
<p>Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On</p>	<p>Ratification of the ERA Health Education for women Human trafficking abuses Professional development and leadership training</p>

Organization	Clearinghouse on Women's Issues
Organization Representative	Dr. Sue Klein, Co-President, Clearinghouse on Women's Issues
Organization Address	700 7 th St. SW, Suite #3, Washington, DC 20024
Website Address	www.womensclearinghouse.org
Telephone Number	Harriett Stonehill Home phone 202-232-8173 Sue Klein cell phone 202-438-5655
Organization's Mission	The Clearinghouse on Women's Issues (CWI) presents expert speakers on current topics which impact the lives of women, particularly public policies that affect women economically, educationally, medically and legally. We also cooperate and exchange information with other organizations that work to improve the status of women, nationally and internationally.
Organization's Current Projects	In 2014 CWI will be celebrating our 40 th anniversary. As part of this celebration, we will be examining how other progressive feminist organizations have survived and had a positive impact on creating a more equitable society. Some of our areas of concern include: Elimination of bias and discrimination in all areas of society Protection of human and civil rights Legal rights and economic security Equality in the workplace Women and health Issues affecting low-income women Advancement of educational opportunities for women Women in politics Women and the media Global issues affecting women
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	All are invited to join us at our DC meetings. The noon Jan. 28, 2014 meeting is on women and STEM; the noon Feb. 25, 2014 meeting will be on UN Advocacy for Gender Equality. See web www.womensclearinghouse.org for details.

Organization	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter
Organization Representative	Deja E. Craddock, Social Action Committee Chair
Organization Address	P.O. Box 1731, Temple Hills, MD. 20757
Website Address	www.dstfwac.org
Telephone Number	301-894-8311
Organization's Mission	The Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter strives vigorously to serve Southern Prince George's County, Maryland, south of Central Avenue and all communities in Charles County, in areas of education, political awareness, socio-economic development, cultural and spiritual growth, while continuing to enhance the leadership skills and talents of its individual members.
Organization's Current Projects	The objective of the Chapter's social action activities is to

	keep the Chapter and community apprised of current political, educational, and social issues within the community. Activities include seminars on Domestic Violence, voter registration, working with Prince George's and Charles County elected officials to deter youth crime, working directly with students in selected schools, mentoring, tutoring, and cleaning roads (Adopt-A-Road). Social Action falls under Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's 5-Point Thrust of Political Awareness and Involvement.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	The Organization would like to increase advocacy and its involvement with getting legislation passed that affects women and children in our community.

Organization	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Frederick County Alumnae Chapter
Organization Representative	Olivia G. White, Ph.D., Chapter President
Organization Address	P.O. Box 1234, Frederick, MD 21702
Website Address	http://www.dstfcacmd.org/
Telephone Number	240-446-9086
Organization's Mission	<p>Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black college educated women, the Sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Programmatic Thrusts: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness and Involvement</p> <p>The Frederick County Alumnae Chapter (FCAC) is focused on providing services to Frederick County residents.</p>
Organization's Current Projects	FCAC is committed to scholarship, leadership and service. Through its five point programmatic thrusts, FCAC has implemented the following programs to address the needs of our community. Over the last three years we have developed an ongoing relationship with the Carver Community to present health and wellness workshops that encourage behavioral lifestyle changes. We also include structured physical activity, healthy eating, and early health screenings. FCAC youth initiatives include Delta Academy which provides an opportunity to enrich and enhance the education of our young teens ages 11-14. Delta GEMS

	primary goal is to develop compassionate, caring and community minded young women ages 14–18. EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence) is for males ages 14–18 aimed at developing the overall potential of young men.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	FCAC would like to collaborate with other organizations on our programmatic thrust called Financial Fortitude. The financial educational program and entrepreneurship initiative is designed to assist members and local communities in realizing the goal of personal wealth and financial security through an understanding of basic financial principles. Economic stability is a key element in creating and maintaining strong communities. To address the need for economic development, FCAC put forth a process specifically designed to promote understanding of all aspects of the financial spectrum, including but not limited to, budgeting, homeownership, personal wealth management, entrepreneurship, and the steps to financial freedom.

Organization	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter
Organization Representative	LaTonyia D. Wade, President
Organization Address	P.O. Box 4236, Silver Spring, MD 20914
Website Address	www.mcacdst.org
Telephone Number	240-491-0275
Organization's Mission	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an organization of college educated women committed to constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.
Organization's Current Projects	During the biennium, MCAC's, theme for this biennium is "Our Collective Impact: Empowering Our Community for Success." We will promote and implement programs that will afford Montgomery County residents an equal opportunity to achieve educational triumph, mental sustainability, and financial security. The specific projects include monthly education and social development workshops with youth from ages 11 – 18, informational sessions on the aspects of the health Affordable Care Act, and basic essential and financial resources to local residents.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	MCAC would be interested in collaborating with other community organizations that are also implementing projects with an emphasis in educational and economic development, physical and mental health, and political awareness.

Organization	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter
Organization Representative	Debra Thomas, President
Organization Address	P.O. Box 59653, Potomac, MD 20859
Website Address	www.dstpvac.org
Telephone Number	301-787-1508
Organization's Mission	<p>Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black college educated women, the Sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, Europe, the Caribbean, and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Programmatic Thrust:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development • Educational Development • International Awareness and Involvement • Physical and Mental Health • Political Awareness and Involvement
Organization's Current Projects	<p>Potomac Valley Alumnae provides a robust array of programs reflective of the 5 Point Programmatic Thrust of the national sorority that address the needs of western Montgomery County. The Educational Development Committee works closely with the Clopper Mill School, visiting quarterly to share stories and books provided by Reading is Fundamental (RIF) with grade schoolers. The committee also partners with our neighbors of the Scotland Community in Potomac, MD to provide programs which focus on career exploration and development, college access, and professional growth and development. The Economic Development Committee provides workshops on financial management and planning, just recently hosting a workshop, Who Wants to Be A Millionaire. The Delta Academy mentors young girls from the Housing and Opportunities Commission (HOC).</p>
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	<p>Potomac Valley Alumnae has embarked on the EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence) initiative with the Scotland community and the Housing Opportunities Commission. The program is designed to refocus the efforts of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., with the support and action of other major organizations, on ensuring that African-American males reach their fullest potential educationally, socially and emotionally. PVAC welcomes the opportunity for a collaborative relationship with other organizations to implement this program.</p>

Organization	Emerge Maryland
Organization Representative	Sima Osdoby, Board Secretary
Organization Address	P.O. Box 185, Monrovia, MD 21770
Website Address	www.emergemaryland.org
Telephone Number	301-607-6492
Organization's Mission	Emerge Maryland inspires, recruits and trains Democratic women to seek and win appointed and elected state and local office through an intensive, cohort based training program.
Organization's Current Projects	Women continue to be underrepresented in state, county and municipal office. They are often reluctant to run. Emerge Maryland's program offers the tools and the confidence to run, win and serve as effective, ethical public leaders.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Emerge welcomes referrals of identified leaders with strong community ties and potential to serve in elected and appointed office. Speakers are available for panels or talks about women's political participation and our program.

Organization	eWomen Network Montgomery County
Organization Representative	Carol Plummer, Executive Managing Director
Organization Address	N/A
Website Address	www.eWomenNetwork.com/chapter/montgomery
Telephone Number	301-529-9948
Organization's Mission	eWomen Network provides opportunities for women business owners and entrepreneurs to connect with businesswomen and promote their businesses, gaining access to potential clients, support and resources. Our purpose is to support, promote and showcase our members' products and services and help them achieve their professional objectives. We are a community of women who want to provide unlimited opportunities to transact business with women.
Organization's Current Projects	eWomen Network is passionate about helping women business owners and entrepreneurs to grow their businesses and be successful. Key issues for businesswomen are constraints of time and resources. eWomen Network supports a foundation, eWomen Network Foundation, which provides grants for women and children in need. We are planning a Tea in May to raise funds for grants.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Helping non-profits find new ways to promote their organizations and fundraise. We would be interested in doing joint fundraising events.

Organization	FDA Globe (for Federal Coalition for Equality)
Organization Representative	Lin Amendt, Co-Chair
Organization Address	2350 Cobble Hill Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20902
Website Address	www.fdaglobe.org
Telephone Number	301-775-2501
Organization's Mission	To increase awareness and understanding of Gay, lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender issues at all levels of the Dept. of Health and Human Services, and to the public. To encourage high standards of honesty, integrity, and equality.
Organization's Current Projects	We are currently working with Federal Employed Women to start a new Diversity and Inclusion Council at HHS.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Training and education about the wide prevalence of lesbian postpartum depression.

Organization	Federally Employed Women Parklawn Chapter
Organization Representative	Joy Lazaroff, Member
Organization Address	PO Box 7103, Gaithersburg MD 20892
Website Address	www.few.org
Telephone Number	N/A
Organization's Mission	FEW Works to end sex and gender discrimination, to encourage diversity for inclusion and equity in the workplace, and for the advancement of professional growth of women in Federal service.
Organization's Current Projects	Compliance with EEO & the Federal personnel system, promoting a better understanding and change to respond to the needs of minority women, analysis of legislation that affects women and offering career and leadership training
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Providing training with limited resources.

Organization	J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association
Organization Representative	Mr. Gerald A. A. Collins, President
Organization Address	P.O. Box 1121, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20773
Website Address	www.bournebar.org
Telephone Number	301-655-4558
Organization's Mission	Defends, protects and assists in the cultural, economic social and political development of the African-American communities through the vehicle of the law. Educates the general public about the rights, responsibilities and legal issues through continuing legal education which are relevant to the African-American communities. Safeguards and preserves the historical continuation of

	<p>African-American attorneys in Montgomery and Prince George's counties.</p> <p>Assists lawyers by conducting continuing legal education programs relevant to the African-American community.</p>
Organization's Current Projects	<p>Summer Scholars Pipeline Program ABA Law Diversity Challenge Program Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet Annual Oratorical Contest Christmas in April New Admittees Reception Bar Mentorship Program</p>
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	<p>In establishing a law pipeline program for high school aged minority students that will introduce them to practitioners of the law as well as the practice itself. This program will not only educate students, but also serve to fulfil our mission promoting and continuing African Americans in the practice of law.</p>

Organization	Jack and Jill of America, Inc. – Eastern Region
Organization Representative	Joi Grady, Eastern Regional Director
Organization Address	2657-G Annapolis Road, #112, Hanover, MD 21076
Website Address	www.jackandjillinc.org
Telephone Number	410-952-9936
Organization's Mission	Our objective is to create a medium of contact for children which will stimulate growth and development through constructive educational, cultural, civic, health, recreational and social programming.
Organization's Current Projects	<p>Out legislative priorities include:</p> <p>Early childhood education. Gun control (including stand your ground laws). Juvenile justice (including racial profiling).</p>
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	The legislative priorities – early childhood education, juvenile justice and gun control.

Organization	Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Montgomery County Maryland Chapter
Organization Representative	Kimberly McLurkin-Harris, President
Organization Address	P.O. Box 4375, Silver Spring, MD 20914
Website Address	http://www.jackandjill-mcmc.org/
Telephone Number	301-335-6334
Organization's Mission	The mission of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is to provide children a constructive educational, cultural, civic, recreational, and social program. Additionally our mission is to support legislation aimed at bettering the conditions for all children.

<p>Organization's Current Projects</p>	<p>Our focus areas are community service, healthy living financial literacy, legislative advocacy, and leadership development of our youth.</p> <p>Legislative Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDUCATION: As part of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.'s commitment to Early Childhood Education, we recently endorsed the Strong Start for America's Children Act of 2013 (S. 1697, H.R. 3461). We have partnered with the Children's Defense Fund to advocate on this important bill, because it "invests in and encourages expansions of high quality home visiting programs, Early Head Start, Head Start, child care, pre-kindergarten (pre-K) and quality kindergarten programs to reach poor and low income children birth through age 5." • GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION: Requiring criminal background checks for all gun sales. Reinstating and strengthening the ban on assault weapons. Increasing criminal penalties for "straw purchasers" or people who pass the required background check to purchase a gun on behalf of someone else. Providing financing to expand mental health programs for young people • HEALTHCARE: Adequate healthcare for all children and their caregivers is imperative. Dental, vision and mental health coverage for children and their families. Improved quality of healthcare • JUVENILE JUSTICE: Reductions in the disproportionate number of children and youth of color in the child welfare and juvenile justice system; Development of reinvestment strategies that move resources to the "front-end" of the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.
<p>Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On</p>	<p>Support in advocating for the Strong Start for America's Children Act of 2013 (S. 1697, H.R. 3461).</p>

Organization	Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Organization Representative	Courtney Brooks, Program Supervisor
Organization Address	PO Box 8782, Silver Spring, MD 20907
Website Address	www.mcasa.org
Telephone Number	301-328-7023
Organization's Mission	Our mission is to help prevent sexual assault, advocate for accessible, compassionate care for survivors of sexual violence, and work to hold offenders accountable.
Organization's Current Projects	<p><u>Public Policy Activities</u> Monitoring public policy and encouraging a "victim-centered" approach. Promoting justice for survivors and accountability for offenders through legislative advocacy.</p> <p><u>Education Activities</u> Promoting public awareness of sexual violence issues and rape crisis and recovery center services. Providing training for professionals such as counselors, advocates, medical personnel, law enforcement, and court personnel. Sponsoring statewide conferences.</p> <p><u>Community Outreach and Technical Assistance Activities</u> <u>Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Coordination:</u> Linking specially trained healthcare providers to promote consistency and high standards in evidence collection and treatment across the state. <u>College Consortium Project:</u> Assisting colleges and universities across Maryland in the establishment of sexual violence task forces on campus. <u>Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Initiative:</u> Creating multi-disciplinary inter-agency teams to offer comprehensive, sensitive and coordinated interventions for sexual violence survivors. <u>Women of Color Network:</u> Promoting education, advocacy and leadership in communities of color in order to improve service delivery to victims.</p> <p>The Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI) is a program of MCASA that provides direct legal services for victims and survivors of sexual violence. SALI also provides technical assistance and training for attorneys, rape crisis and recovery center staff and volunteers, and other professionals working with survivors.</p>
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Issues regarding preventing violence among underserved populations (including women of color, human trafficking, and military), collaborating with colleges and universities, working with FNE/SANE nurses and other any other areas for training and technical assistance to understand experiences of survivors of violence.

Organization	Maryland Commission for Women
Organization Representative	Patricia Cornish, Chair
Organization Address	311 W. Saratoga Street, Suite 272, Baltimore, MD 21201
Website Address	www.marylandwomen.org
Telephone Number	410-767-3049
Organization's Mission	The Maryland Commission for Women works with Maryland State Government to advance solutions and to expand social, political and economic equality. We advise government, as a voice for Maryland women, in the development of executive, legislative and judicial policies; promote solutions which address the needs of women in Maryland, serve as a statewide resource center for Maryland women, choose one area each year for focus, develop an Annual Report, be an influential leader to whom Maryland women come for assistance, advice (conducts selective research) and is recognized as an authoritative leader with which to partner.
Organization's Current Projects	The Commissions primary commitment is to identify issues that impact Maryland women, increasing awareness and understanding of these issues and striving to find solutions that will enhance the quality of life for all Maryland women and their families. The Maryland Commission for Women recognizes some of Maryland's most outstanding citizens through the induction of women annually into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. With contributions in the fields of education, advocacy, and politics, the actions of these women are moving Maryland Forward. The Commission is focused on the future by honoring Women of Tomorrow – girls and young women who will help lead our state in the years ahead.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	We partner with the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women on issues going before the General Assembly each session. Our Commissioners serve as individual liaisons to each local Commission for Women in the State. In addition to Legislation and Public Policy, we are concerned with workplace issues, health and wellness and education and outreach.

Organization	Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women
Organization Representative	Michaele Cohen, President
Organization Address	305 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 201, Towson, MD 21204
Website Address	http://mdlegagendaforwomen.org
Telephone Number	443-519-1005
Organization's Mission	A statewide coalition of women's groups and individuals formed to provide a non-partisan, independent voice for Maryland women and families. The coalition advocates for

	progressive legislation and policies that promote and protect the well-being of Maryland women and their families and provides them with opportunities to develop their full potential.
Organization's Current Projects	2014 MLAW Legislative Agenda; 2014 MLAW Legislative Reception (February 4, 2014); 2014 MLAW Fall Conference (TBA).
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Advocacy for issues included in the 2014 MLAW Legislative Agenda; expanding the MLAW coalition to include more women's organizations in order to increase the effectiveness of women's voices in legislation and public policy.

Organization	Maryland National Organization for Women
Organization Representative	Ms. Sara Wilkinson, President
Organization Address	PO Box 7716, Silver Spring, MD 20907
Website Address	www.marylandnow.org
Telephone Number	410-347-1455
Organization's Mission	<p>The National Organization for Women (NOW) is the largest organization of feminist activists in the United States. NOW has 500,000 contributing members and 550 chapters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.</p> <p>Since its founding in 1966, NOW's goal has been to take action to bring about equality for all women. NOW works to eliminate discrimination and harassment in the workplace, schools, the justice system, and all other sectors of society; secure abortion, birth control and other reproductive rights for all women; end all forms of violence against women; eradicate racism, sexism and homophobia; and promote equality and justice in our society. We are about EQUALITY FOR ALL - equal opportunity and equal treatment.</p> <p>Maryland NOW was formed in 1973 to advance the mission of NOW within Maryland. Numerous achievements have been made on a wide range of feminist issues. This is testament to the outstanding commitment of both Maryland NOW's leadership and active membership.</p>
Organization's Current Projects	<p>Our core issues are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reproductive justice • Violence against women • Constitutional equality (Equal Rights Amendment) • Promoting diversity / ending racism • LGBT rights • Economic justice
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	We are interested in collaborating on any feminist issue that fits within our six core issues (listed above)

Organization	Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
Organization Representative	Michaele Cohen, Executive Director
Organization Address	4601 Presidents Drive, Suite 370, Lanham, MD 20706
Website Address	www.mnadv.org
Telephone Number	301-429-3601
Organization's Mission	The Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence is the state domestic violence coalition that brings together victim service providers, allied professionals, and concerned individuals for the common purpose of reducing intimate partner and family violence and its harmful effects on our citizens. The Network accomplishes this goal by providing education, training, resources, and advocacy to advance victim safety and abuser accountability.
Organization's Current Projects	2014 Legislative Agenda; legislative and public policy advocacy; 2014 Memorial Service (February 10, 2014); professional development through workshops, training, conferences and technical assistance (e.g., service provision; best practices; advocacy; civil and criminal justice; health care; multicultural, immigrant, LGBTQ, interfaith, and children and teen issues); state and national Lethality Assessment Program (LAP); Fatality Review Team project; law enforcement training; education and awareness; partnerships and coordination.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	All MNADV projects, but especially legislative advocacy during the 2014 Maryland General Assembly Session.

Organization	Maryland Women's Coalition for Health Care Reform
Organization Representative	Leni Preston, Chair
Organization Address	6306 Swords Way, Bethesda, MD 20817
Website Address	www.mdhealthcarereform.org
Telephone Number	301-351-9381
Organization's Mission	The Coalition is a non-partisan alliance of thousands of individuals and 99 state-wide organizations, including all County Commissions for Women. We seek solutions, advance policies, provide educational opportunities, and advocate for reforms to ensure that all Marylanders have access to comprehensive, high quality, and affordable care
Organization's Current Projects	The Coalition's highest priority is to ensure that the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) is fully and successfully implemented in Maryland and that other State reform initiatives meet the needs of all consumers. In pursuing this, we are committed to reducing health disparities and advancing health equity. In 2014 the Coalition will be working on policies and legislation to advance these goals and we will continue to advance our efforts to inform and engage women of all colors in the State-based reform initiatives.

Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Fostering effective collaborations is at the core of the Coalition's mission. Therefore, it is interested in partnering with individuals and organizations that share our goals of health care reform and health equity. This could include the development of programs and/or participation at meetings to explain Maryland's health care reform efforts and to engage stakeholders in appropriate implementation efforts.
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Organization	Montgomery County American Association of University Women (AAUW) Interbranch Council
Organization Representative	Mary Ann Zimmerman, President (representing Silver Spring Branch)
Organization Address	c/o: MA Zimmerman, 1220 East West Hwy #1008, Silver Spring MD 20910
Website Address	N/A
Telephone Number	301-585-5644
Organization's Mission	AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. The Interbranch Council is not an official body of the Association. However, it allows the four AAUW Branches within the county (Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Gaithersburg, Kensington-Rockville, and Silver Spring) to exchange information and to coordinate studies and activities.
Organization's Current Projects	For 2013-2014, Interbranch Council is addressing two issues: 1) legislative – county, state, national – communicating among branches and participating with local organizations to provide nonpartisan information/events to encourage citizen participation in the legislative and electoral process; 2) STEM – working with Montgomery College and Montgomery County Public Schools to inform girls (especially middle school years) about science, technology, education and math as topics to study and utilize in work/careers as they grow older.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Because 2014 is an election year, AAUW Interbranch is especially interested in working with other organizations to educate the public on issues and encouraging their active participation and vote in the upcoming primary and general election.

Organization	Montgomery County Business and Professional Women
Organization Representative	Allison Lee, President
Organization Address	10377 Green Holly Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20902
Website Address	www.bpwmaryland.org/montgomery.asp
Telephone Number	718-249-3946
Organization's Mission	We are a volunteer organization of working men and women who meet monthly to network, develop our personal and professional skills through seminars and programs, and increase our business and community relationships. We're also actively involved in supporting legislation to ensure equality, equity, and economic change for women. Guests are always welcome, and encouraged to join us in a warm, supportive professional environment. We are currently meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at the Gaithersburg Holiday Inn. Our programs have offered excellent guest speakers on topics that included women's heart health, historical women of Rockville, and legislation and the Equal Rights Amendment. We are very pleased to offer scholarships to deserving students at Montgomery College.
Organization's Current Projects	Montgomery County BPW supports legislation, education and funding to ensure: <u>ECONOMIC EQUITY</u> – Ensure pay equity and equal educational opportunities at all stages of life; and promote affordable, quality dependent care to help ensure economic self-sufficiency for women. <u>HEALTH</u> – Ensure reproductive choice and full access to all reproductive health services and education; ensure funds for research into and protections for women's health care needs; and encourage the development of a national health care plan recognizing the special health care needs of women. <u>CIVIL RIGHTS</u> – Ensure equal rights and remedies for women in all phases of their lives; eliminate sexual harassment and violence against women.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	The Equal Rights Amendment stands first, foremost, and above all other advocacy items which appear as a part of the aim or mission of Montgomery County BPW until equal, legal rights for women and men become guaranteed in the United States Constitution. As such, Montgomery County BPW would be interested in collaborating with other community organizations that share this legislative platform and believe in a better future for all women.

Organization	Montgomery County Commission for Women
Organization Representative	Chandra Walker Holloway, President
Organization Address	21 Maryland Avenue, Suite 330, Rockville, MD 20850
Website Address	http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/
Telephone Number	240-777-8300
Organization's Mission	The Montgomery County Commission for Women (CFW) is both an advisory board and a department of the Montgomery County Government. The advisory board, comprised of 15 volunteer citizens from the community: (1) focuses primarily on identifying inequities in laws, policies, practices and procedures, and recommending and promoting remedies; (2) conducts research and investigations, analyzes economic, political, and social trends, and provides education on women's issues in the community; (3) holds hearings and publishes informational materials; and (4) holds an annual legislative briefing in conjunction with many other women's organizations.
Organization's Current Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Empowerment for Women and Families <i>Paid leave</i>, workplace flexibility, health care, retirement and other benefits, minimum wage, child care • Health and Safety for Women and Girls Domestic Violence, human trafficking, women's health disparities, wellness, risks facing teens • Unique Challenges Facing Women Senior women, immigrant women, single mothers, young women and girls • Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Educational, vocational and cultural challenges • Fairness in Family Law Legislative issues, access to information, representation and services
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with legislative bodies on the federal, state and local level to introduce and pass bills and/or policies that enhance the lives of women in Montgomery County • Organize Annual Women's Legislative Briefing • Maintain and improve communication and cooperation among local women's advocacy organizations • Provide information to public on issues of concern to women of the county • Support girls' involvement in information technology

Organization	Montgomery County Democrats (Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee)
Organization Representative	Gabe Alborno, Chair, MCDCC
Organization Address	3720 Farragut Avenue #303, Kensington MD 20895
Website Address	www.mcdcc.org
Telephone Number	301-946-1000
Organization's Mission	The goal of the Montgomery County Democratic Party is to promote our ideals through the election of Democrats to public office. Democrats believe that this country succeeds when everyone gets a fair shot, when everyone does their fair share, when everyone plays by the same rules. We are focused on building an economy that lasts and lifts up all Americans. We work to advance issues like job creation, education, health care, and clean energy. We work to increase participation in the electoral process by all of our citizens, of all backgrounds and faiths.
Organization's Current Projects	Voter registration is a top priority for Montgomery County Democrats. We have a strong record of voter registration efforts and intend to ramp that up further in 2014. We are organizing a Montgomery County Democratic Summit on April 27 for discussion of issues and strategies; this will launch our "Get Out the Vote" efforts for 2014. Income inequality is also a critical issue for us; we support the President's platform on improving the income disparities in our nation.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	We look forward to working with others on key issues of interest to voters and all Marylanders: improving the Maryland economy, voter registration, increasing the minimum wage, expansion of health insurance coverage, strong public schools from pre-K up through the university level, expanding participation in public affairs by all of our Montgomery County residents, protection of the environment.

Organization	Montgomery County Federation of Republican Women (MCFRW)
Organization Representative	Mary Fairbanks, President Sylvia Darrow, Membership Chair and attendee
Organization Address	11409 Big Piney Way, Potomac, MD 20854
Website Address	www.mcfrw.org
Telephone Number	301-983-3849
Organization's Mission	The MCFRW promotes an informed public through political education and activity; increases the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government; facilitates cooperation among the local county clubs, fosters loyalty to the Republican Party and promotes its principles and candidates in all elections, including non-partisan elections;

	<p>and, supports Republican objectives and policies and works for the election of Republican nominees. In working toward these objectives, the MCFRW concentrates its efforts in the areas of educating, communicating, recruiting, campaigning, fundraising, training and legislative action.</p>
<p>Organization's Current Projects</p>	<p>The MCFRW will work closely with legislators to bring about a more balanced government where a focus on constitutional freedom and less government intrusion in the daily lives of Marylanders is at the core. Specifically, some areas of concern are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax Relief—including repealing the rain tax and creating a small-business friendly environment, and in general work to repeal some of the over 60 new taxes levied in Maryland over the past 7 years • Balanced Budget—the state has a structural deficit; we are in favor of a balanced budget • Common Core—federal government run education has teacher's union, administrators, and parents upset • Speed Cameras <p>The MCFRW will work with the community to help elect candidates who will work to affect similar change here in Maryland: smaller, less intrusive government; fiscal responsibility; and a government that strives to uphold its citizens' constitutional rights.</p> <p>In addition to its work to affect legislative change, the MCFRW through its local clubs, works closely with local charities including Fisher House, Mercy Clinic, Stepping Stones, Wounded Warriors and others.</p>
<p>Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On</p>	<p>Over the past 7 years, Marylanders have been subjected to tax hikes that are unprecedented including a gas tax that is controlled by the urban CPI. Many around the state find this to be unconstitutional as taxes are to be levied out of necessity. Binding a tax to the CPI does not allow for debate. Debate is the foundation to balanced government—where issues are discussed, both sides argued, and then put to a vote. If you believe in a balanced government where freedom is the driving factor and not government intrusion into daily lives, then join us as we work to bring balance back to Maryland.</p>

Organization	National Committee on Pay Equity
Organization Representative	Michele Leber, Chair
Organization Address	555 New Jersey Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001-2079
Website Address	www.pay-equity.org
Telephone Number	703-920-2010
Organization's Mission	The National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE), founded in 1979, is a coalition of women's and civil rights organizations; labor unions; religious, professional, legal, and educational associations, commissions on women, state and local pay equity coalitions and individuals working to eliminate sex- and race-based wage discrimination and to achieve pay equity.
Organization's Current Projects	NCPE is a member of a broad-based coalition working for the passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act, or alternately having some of the act's provisions otherwise implemented. NCPE, which originated the annual Equal Pay Day in 1996, also continues its sponsorship of this public education event, which has become international in scope.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Legislation promoting equal pay/pay equity. Equal Pay Day activities/events.

Organization	National Conference of Puerto Rican Women
Organization Representative	Milagros Velez McGuire, President, NACOPRW, DC Metro Chapter
Organization Address	1220 L Street, NW, Suite 100-177, Washington, DC 20005
Website Address	www.nacoprw.org
Telephone Number	301-897-8372
Organization's Mission	NACOPRW is a non-profit, non-partisan organization which seeks to promote the equitable participation of Puerto Rican and other Hispanic women in the social, economic and political life in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.
Organization's Current Projects	Our motto: Preserving our heritage and rights through mentorship and leadership development for a better tomorrow. We have partnered with Latinas Leading Tomorrow, a Latina high school youth organization to provide mentorship services and encourage young Latinas to participate in STEM careers.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	We have partnered with several other women's organizations: such as Maryland Coalition for Affordable Health Care in advocating for Health Care reform; Dialogue in Diversity, NOW and CASA in advocating for raising the minimum wage and immigration reform to empower immigrant youths and facilitate their progress in education, employment and leadership skills development.

Organization	National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Prince Georges County Section
Organization Representative	Dolores M. Tilghman, President
Organization Address	P.O. Box 473753 District Heights, MD. 20753
Website Address	www.ncnwpgc.org
Telephone Number	301-218-9056
Organization's Mission	The purpose of the organization is to help improve the quality of life for women, girls, and families by sponsoring educational, social, cultural, spiritual, and self-help projects within the communities, and also to provide financial support when possible and needed.
Organization's Current Projects	Currently my organization is involved with providing community service support to agencies such as helping to feed and clothe families and provide Christmas toys for the children in the Shepherd Cove Homeless Shelter in MD; volunteering time and service to the patients at the Pineview Nursing Center in Clinton, MD; providing Suits for the Women in shelters trying to return back to the work force; volunteering time to assist students at the Forestville Elementary School in Forestville, MD; mentoring with the Little Sisters United Program at Charles Herbert Flowers H.S. in Springdale, MD, participating in voter registration, participating and financially supporting Youth advocacy conferences and seminars; providing workshops on HIV and other health awareness issues; and also attending and participating on Women's Legislative Briefings for the County and for the State of MD.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	One of the projects that our Organization is interested in working with is helping, supporting, and empowering women who are victims of domestic violence.

Organization	National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Potomac Valley Section
Organization Representative	Monica A. Baltimore, President
Organization Address	P.O. Box 10031, Silver Spring, MD 20914
Website Address	Under Construction
Telephone Number	240-515-7876
Organization's Mission	The mission of the Potomac Valley Section, National Council of Negro Women, Inc., is to improve the quality of life for women, their families and communities. We will support the National organization and cooperate with other community based Sections in reaching out to women not only in America, but Africa and other countries and contribute to the peaceful solutions of problems of human welfare and rights.
Organization's Current Projects	We embrace the words of our NCNW beloved leaders Dr. Dorothy Irene Height, who said "Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It is

	important to the person who serves, as well as the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop. The PVS has a cadre of great Section leaders and members who are faithful and dedicated servants committed to enhancing the lives of others through the implementation of social outreach projects, educational seminars and workshops, health awareness, girl's rites of passage programs, senior's enrichment program and public awareness through our newsletter "The Potomac Visions."
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Social Outreach projects that includes women, children, and families in crisis.

Organization	National Organization for Women Montgomery County Chapter
Organization Representative	Jeannette Feldner, Co-President
Organization Address	PO Box 2301, Rockville, MD 20847
Website Address	www.mcmdnow.org
Telephone Number	301-368-1917
Organization's Mission	MCNOW Bylaws state: The purpose of the chapter shall be to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men. This purpose includes, but is not limited to, equal rights and responsibilities in all aspects of citizenship, public service, employment, education, and family life; and, it includes freedom from discrimination because of sex, age, race, religion, disability, marital status, sexual preference, or parenthood.
Organization's Current Projects	MCNOW is working to get the Equal Rights Amendment into the US Constitution; advocating to get minimum wage raised in Maryland, as well as MLAW legislative priorities; educating members and the community about issues and actions of interest to women and families through programs and a calendar of events; insuring equal pay; raising women and families out of poverty; working in coalition with other women's groups to enact changes where needed.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Equality for women in the US Constitution would help women in all areas of their lives. It would be great if all organizations devoted to raising women up could join the fight to get the time limit lifted from the Equal Rights Amendment so that three more states can ratify and then all women and men in the US would be equal once and for all.

Organization	Pathways For Living, Inc.
Organization Representative	Ann Chapman, Executive Director Joe L. Harris, Board Chairman
Organization Address	622 North Homers Lane, Rockville, MD 20850
Website Address	www.pathways4living.org
Telephone Number	301-340-2796
Organization's Mission	Pathways for Living, Inc. is a community-based service and solution provider committed to improving the lives of our diverse residents through education, health and wellness, and economic and employment initiatives. Our vision is to work independently and partner with others to shape, promote and provide holistic initiatives and services that enrich the lives of individuals and families in our immediate and neighboring communities.
Organization's Current Projects	Pathways for Living is working with Helping Hands Shelter, which provides housing for homeless women with children, to implement a Life Skills Program. The intent is assist the residents develop basic skills necessary to better transition to independent living after leaving the shelter. Focus area include: basic computer (PC), personal financial management, job search (interview/resume writing) and personal health maintenance skills.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Pathways is implementing/piloting the Life Skills Program and dependent on results we would like to consider expanding the project to other community service providers that have identified similar requirements.

Organization	PG Lesbian Zip Code Group
Organization Representative	Linda Mahoney, Political Action Liaison
Organization Address	13710 Pendleton St., Fort Washington, MD 20744
Website Address	N/A
Telephone Number	N/A
Organization's Mission	Social group meeting regularly to provide an accepting and welcoming place for lesbians to meet and to stay updated on political and social events of mutual interest.
Organization's Current Projects	We were active in the efforts supporting Marriage Equality legislation in Maryland. We work on civil rights issues, as well as providing regular meeting opportunities for our members and potential members. We are very interested in working with groups to get ENDA passed at the federal level.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Something on civil rights issues for LGBT people.

Organization	Prince George's County Commission for Women
Organization Representative	Jennifer Jones, Chair
Organization Address	6420 Allentown Road, Room No. 27, Camp Springs, MD 20748
Website Address	www.we3-wlc.com
Telephone Number	Office – 301-265-8423 Chair – 301-249-2037
Organization's Mission	<p>The Prince George's County Commission for Women (PGCCFW), a board of the Department of Family Services (DFS), empowers women and girls by advocating policies and procedures that support women's issues. Our mission is to assess the needs of women and develop programs to target the critical needs of women, provide access to resources that support and strengthen women and their families in education, health, economics and safety. PGCCFW champions and acknowledges the accomplishments of women in Prince George's County (PGC). PGCCFW also advises and counsels the residents of the County, the County Council, the County Executive and various departments of the County, State and Federal governments on matters involving the needs of women and on matters relating to discrimination and prejudice on the basis of sex to recommend procedures, programs or legislation as it deemed necessary and proper to promote and insure equal rights and opportunities for all women.</p>
Organization's Current Projects	<p>PGCCFW operates in three programmatic areas of focus – Education, Domestic Violence (DV) & Human Trafficking (HT) and Empowerment. The following summaries highlight our efforts:</p> <p>Education Program: Women Educated, Women Empowered, Women Engaged (WE3) Women's Legislative Conference; Merit and Need-Based Scholarships; Enrichment addressing barriers to education such as dropouts, truancy and teen dating violence; Parent University and Storks Nets; Early Childhood Education Training and Congresswoman Donna Edwards' college fair, financial literacy conference and grant writing workshops.</p> <p>Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Program: PGCFW, Judges Tillerson Adams and Serrette, the Office of the County Executive, Prince George's County Council and County Agencies effort realize a PGC Family Justice Center. Red Flag Conference in partnership with First Baptist Church of Glenarden, the Maryland Commission for Women, Zonta International and other women's organizations and other domestic violence forums, programs and initiatives. Human Trafficking Conference with the Human Relations Commission.</p>

	Empowerment Program: “State of Women and Girls” Workgroup, Free Health Fairs in partnership with Global Vision Foundation, PGC Health Department Health Action Coalition, Judge Dawson’s Teen Dating Violence Summit; States Attorney Angela Alsobrooks’ Annual Sisterhood & Brotherhood Summit for young women and girls; Council Member Ingrid M. Turner’s Anti-bullying Summit. PGCCFW works in support of and in partnership with
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	PGCCFW welcomes our sister organizations to participate as co-sponsors and/or attendees in our 2 nd Annual WE3 Women’s Legislative Conference in October 2013 and the events below! The WE3 conference brings women together with leading experts, organizations, elected officials, community leaders, business owners and students to stimulate significant policy and legislative discussion matters in the areas of health, education, safety, economics, and other areas.

Organization	United Democratic Women of Maryland, Inc.
Organization Representative	Karen S. Fennell, MS, RN, Treasurer and Legislative Chair
Organization Address	44760 Jeeter Way #J California, MD 20619
Website Address	www.udwmd.org
Telephone Number	301-830-3910
Organization’s Mission	Its purposes are: to encourage women to make use of their privilege to vote; to disseminate the principles of Democracy: to support the nominees of the Maryland Democratic party in partisan elections for the success of Democratic ideals; to encourage and train Democratic women to run for and hold elective public offices; to provide a voice for women to the Maryland Democratic party; and to educate and lobby on legislative issues that affect women, their families, and communities.
Organization’s Current Projects	Healthcare Reform: We are members of the Maryland Women’s Coalition for Health Care Reform Raising the Minimum Wage. Requiring Employers to grant sick leave benefits. Educating and supporting women to run for office. Educating women on legislative issues.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	With other community organizations. There are two main areas: Healthcare issues are the organizations top priorities which include not just ensuring that women and their families have access to quality care, but choice of provider and place of care. We are also interested in how the environment in Maryland affects the health of our families. Women in the workplace: to continue to work for women’s equality in the workplace and ensure job safety.

Organization	Woman's Democratic Club of Montgomery County, Maryland
Organization Representative	Beth Tomasello, President
Organization Address	7010 Hillcrest Place, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815
Website Address	www.womansdemocraticclub.org
Telephone Number	301-656-0969
Organization's Mission	The purpose of the Club is to help elect Democrats to office; to support Democratic programs; to keep abreast of public policy issues and to educate our members and voters on local, state and national issues.
Organization's Current Projects	WDC has monthly meetings with speakers on different political and public policy topics. In addition, the Club is planning: Candidate forums for the Democratic primary candidates for Governor, Montgomery County Executive and County Council at Large. Educational program on affordable housing and the proposed Montgomery County Zoning Code. Educational program on mental health, including its relation to gun violence. Minimum Wage in Maryland
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Affordable housing Gun violence prevention Continued support for the Affordable Care Act Minimum Wage in Maryland

Organization	Women Business Owners of Montgomery County
Organization Representative	Dr. Naomi Abrams, President
Organization Address	P.O. Box 1281, Rockville, MD 20849-1281
Website Address	www.wbo-mc.com
Telephone Number	301-365-1755
Organization's Mission	WBO-MC is an active group of professionals, entrepreneurs, and women business owners who regularly meet to build our businesses, develop partnerships and mentor one another.
Organization's Current Projects	We are continuing with our mission to provide education, support and networking in order to grow our members' businesses. We create partnerships with like-minded organizations to further this goal.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	We are interested in collaborating with other organizations on the 2014 Power Conference: Women Doing Business. Designed to promote business development through networking, education and marketing opportunities.

Organization	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Tau Delta Zeta Chapter
Organization Representative	Lisa Simpson-Smith, President
Organization Address	P.O. Box 744, Laurel, MD 20725
Website Address	www.zphibtdz.org
Telephone Number	240-461-1934
Organization's Mission	The mission of Tau Delta Zeta Chapter is to enhance the quality of life for the residents in Laurel, Maryland and its surrounding areas. We will endeavor to promote and implement the programmatic thrust of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., which include service, charity, civil and cultural endeavors, while promoting the ideals of Sisterly Love, Community Service, Scholarship, and Finer Womanhood and ultimately increasing visibility of Zeta in Prince George's County. We will ensure that our conduct and character is true representation of the class and dignity of our beloved sisterhood.
Organization's Current Projects	Fundraising efforts with our national partner, March of Dimes. Awarding scholarship to deserving young women in Prince Georges County. Identified and adopted a school and a senior assisted facility in Prince Georges County. To promote our National initiatives of elder care, bullying and healthy living.
Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Domestic Violence – Clothing/Supply Drives – Social Action – other activities to identify needs to residents within Northern Prince Georges County

Organization	Zonta Club Of Prince George's County Foundation, Inc.
Organization Representative	Stanita Scott, President
Organization Address	P.O. BOX 647, GLENN DALE, MD 20769-0697
Website Address	www.zontaprincegeorges.org
Telephone Number	(301)678-9039
Organization's Mission	The mission of the Corporation is to advance the status of women by: (1) leading advocacy efforts and acting to improve the lives of women, (2) promoting strategies to eradicate violence against women and children, (3) funding scholarships and awards for women of exceptional ability and talent, (4) supporting programs aimed at improving women's health, safety, and economic status, and (5) encouraging mentorship, friendship, and networking among the membership.
Organization's Current Projects	The Foundation will raise funds from its members and in collaboration with the members of Zonta Club of Prince George's County Area and the public in support of programs for women and their families in the greater Prince George's County Area that provide scholarships and assistance to victims of domestic violence, food, shelter, mentoring and family services programs.

Project or Issue that Organization is interested in Collaboration On	Zontians are always seeking to collaborate with other community organizations to advance the economic and educational status of women in the Prince George's County Area and Maryland through local service projects and networks. We are available and interested in collaborations with other community organizations to volunteer our time, talents and support to touch the lives of women right here in our own communities.
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