Dear Friends,

In 1979, Thrive DC began as the Dinner Program for Homeless Women: a small, volunteer-run effort that was initiated in response to concern for the increasing number of homeless women in the downtown corridor of our nation’s Capital.

Since then, Thrive DC has evolved into a full-service agency open to anyone in need, offering an array of emergency, therapeutic, and enrichment programming designed to help all vulnerable individuals succeed in DC – the fourth most expensive city in which to live in the US.

As financial pressures have forced similar organizations to close their programs around us, Thrive DC has stayed strong and expanded to fill the service vacuum left in their wake. Thrive DC is now the only organization providing meals, showers, laundry and more to the homeless in and around Ward One. While other service providers have given increased attention to other parts of the city, Thrive DC has made a commitment to this part of the District which is home to some of its most ethnically and economically diverse neighborhoods.

Over the next five years, we will continue to expand our legacy of service by growing our programs, serving more community members in need, bringing a stronger voice to pressing issues, such as a lack of affordable housing, and developing the needed resources, infrastructure, and facilities to support our work and mission.

We are very excited as Thrive DC embarks on the next leg of its journey! To all of our old friends and new, I would like to invite you to join us as we do more to help homeless and vulnerable individuals take steps toward independence and self sufficiency!

Sincerely,

Executive Director
OUR MISSION at THRIVE DC is to prevent and end homelessness by providing vulnerable individuals a comprehensive range of services to help stabilize their lives.
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#### Women's Dinner Program
Offers a safe, peer-supported environment for women and children along with a warm, nutritious dinner nightly, crisis intervention services, and physical, therapeutic and educational activities.

#### Computer Workshop
Provides clients with daily computer access, computer literacy workshops, and a way to connect with friends, family, and attend to personal business.

#### Links Program
Offers on-site case management, as well as educational and therapeutic activities and referrals to other agencies. The program connects clients with legal, medical, counseling and other services provided onsite by community partners.

Our newest Links initiative is our **Music Group!** Every week, clients partake in this wonderful creative outlet in which they jam, practice songs, and build relationships with staff over common interests.

#### Daily Bread/Daily Needs
In 2014, Thrive DC served over 2,000 unique homeless and low-income individuals daily meals, weekly emergency groceries, and weekly fresh produce. Since the closing of Rachel's Women's Center, Thrive DC is one of only six organizations in the District that provides free laundry service, and one of only eight that provides free showers for the homeless.
In 2014, Thrive DC deepened its commitment to addressing the root causes of homelessness in our clients' lives. We increased our housing placements by 20%, added a substance abuse counselor to our staff, expanded employment support and launched a program to support women post incarceration.

**Real Opportunity Employment Training Program**
Based on national best practices and over a decade of direct experience, this program provides culinary training to homeless and low-income individuals, while also focusing on interpersonal skills and individual support to help clients find and sustain permanent employment and self-sufficiency.

**Employment Readiness**
Offers general assistance in the job seeking process ranging from job searching to interview skills in order to assist clients in achieving their goals of permanent employment.

**Women In New Directions (WIND)**
A new program for women reentering the community after incarceration, WIND provides intensive case management, substance abuse counseling, and wrap-around services – without time limits, and without judgment over their conviction.

“Thank you so much for putting up with my neuroticism and melt downs. I know it’s your job to do what you do but I thank God you chose to be part of my support system... When I chat with you I forget all labels. I am not a homeless woman with a criminal record. With you my bruised ego is alive.” – WIND Client
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Our clients achieve success through the vital programs our community of donors so generously supports. In 2014, **550 donors gave over a million dollars** to ensure we could meet the needs of an increasing homeless population. We thank the many individuals, foundations, corporations, and groups that generously partner with Thrive DC to make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable in our community.

**Ford’s Theatre — The Holiday Spirit**
Thrive DC received a wonderful surprise phone call in November from Ford’s Theatre—we had been selected as the beneficiary of their annual holiday donation drive. At the end of the final performance of the season’s production of *A Christmas Carol*, Thrive DC’s Executive Director Alicia Horton was presented with a check by the cast for over $84,000. This is but one example of many acts of kindness we experienced during the holidays!

**Thrive 365 Gala—Creating Hope and Opportunity**
More than 200 people joined us on October 19, 2014 for the Third Annual Thrive 365 Gala, celebrating the accomplishments of our clients as well as Thrive DC’s 35 years of service to our community.

The Sunday brunch gala was held with leadership support from an array of generous Sponsors, Hosts, VIP Supporters, performers and Gala Planning Committee members. The $60,000 raised was enough to provide 40,000 nutritious meals to people experiencing homelessness or food insecurity in our community. We thank everyone who made this success possible. We could not have done it without you!
Approximately half of the support Thrive DC receives comes from in-kind donations given by over 26 organizations and countless individuals. Without our community of supporters who assist us with food, clothing, toiletries, and more we would be wholly unable to serve over 250 clients each day and have such a deep impact in their lives.

Holiday Gift Drive
Janney Elementary School has been involved with Thrive DC for over two decades. During the 2014 holiday season, Janney students, parents, and faculty came together for the 3rd annual holiday drive offering hundreds of gifts of clothing, books, electronics, and more to brighten the lives of Thrive DC’s youngest clients.

Welcome Warmth Coat Drive
This winter, Thrive DC expanded the Welcome Warmth Coat Drive to provide more help to individuals exposed to severe weather. Through three separate distribution dates, Thrive DC provided over 880 coats and 1,800 scarves, hats, gloves, and blankets to homeless and at-risk men, women, and children.

Thank you to all who made this year’s coat drive such a success, and special thanks to our partners: The Diner, Sports Zone, Gifts for the Homeless, Little River UCC, and Giving Back Linda’s Legacy!

Donor Spotlight
Dr. Clara B. Lee made her first donation to Thrive DC in 1998 during Fannie Mae’s Help the Homeless Walkathon when she decided to give to an organization she’d never heard of before. She soon met a Thrive DC client who had attended graduate school and enjoyed a career in law, but still found herself homeless. That’s when Clara decided to fully immerse herself with Thrive DC. “I’ve seen the faces of the women and children who come through [Thrive DC]. I realize how easily that could be any of us,” said Clara.

Seventeen years and many gifts later, Clara is now heavily involved with Thrive DC as a donor, a volunteer, and a board member. “It’s important to give back,” said Clara, “Thrive DC has my heart.”
Volunteers make all the difference. They partner with our small, dedicated staff not only to serve meals, but also to provide personal attention to our clients. We rely on schools, faith groups, universities, corporations, and concerned local residents to give their time and their talent every morning and evening.

Community is an integral part of Thrive DC – volunteers get to know each other in our bustling kitchen, and interact with our clients in our supportive environment where mutual respect is valued. This experience helps them advocate more strongly and more passionately for policies that will bring an end to homelessness.

“I have had experiences with kitchens similar to Thrive [DC]. The clients were appreciative but they had a time limit, rules of how much food they can take, and different policies to follow. While I spent my time volunteering at that specific kitchen, the policies made sense. After being at Thrive they started to not make sense. Thrive [DC] truly allows the clients to sit down, relax, chat, eat, enjoy themselves, and overall feel like every other person who may be more privileged.”

– Rachael Mark, Buffalo State College
Over the last 35 years Thrive DC has accomplished a tremendous amount. But now the need is greater than ever before, with nearly 8,000 homeless individuals and families in the District and the recent loss of several homeless service providers, especially in Ward One.

Over the next five years, Thrive DC needs to step into the gap where we can be most effective helping DC’s homeless community. With our Board of Directors, we have set six major goals for Thrive DC:

1. Expand our programming by 20% to better connect clients with employment and housing.
2. Provide more resources for homeless women by developing additional emergency shelter opportunities in severe weather conditions.
3. Advocate to increase and preserve affordable housing stock in Ward One.
4. Build our financial strength to a capacity able to achieve our vision.
5. Raise our visibility and take a leadership role in ending and preventing homelessness in the District.
6. Secure a permanent facility for Thrive DC in Ward One to house our administration, operations, and programs.

Our plans are ambitious – but necessary in order to resourcefully empower our city’s growing number of homeless and severely low-income neighbors to live productive and fulfilling lives. Our mission is to prevent and end homelessness, not just through housing, but through a comprehensive approach designed to identify obstacles, overcome barriers and create new pathways to stability and independence. We are eager to continue vibrant partnerships and build new ones as we look forward to the next five years of organizational growth for Thrive DC and expanded resources for our homeless community.
**THANK YOU!**

**TO OUR DONORS, PARTNERS, SPONSORS and VOLUNTEERS** we extend heartfelt thanks for your dedication to Thrive DC’s mission. The listing below recognizes those who provided support of $1,000 or more. While space does not permit listing everyone who contributed in 2014, we wish to say to each of you that we are honored and humbled by your many acts of kindness and generosity.

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- Commercial Real Estate Women
- Episcopal Diocese of Washington
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- First Congregational Church
- Ford’s Theatre
- Givens, Inc.
- IMF Civic Program
- Little River United Church of Christ
- Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- Thomas Circle Singers
- United Church
- United Way of the National Capital Area
- Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ
- Workers of St. Alban’s
- World Bank Community Connections Fund

**GOVERNMENT**
- Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness
- Justice Grants Administration

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- Martone Construction
- Pepco
- Strasser:Studio
- Towne Residential
- United Bank

**INDIVIDUALS**
- Varol Ablak
- Anonymous (Washington, DC)
- Estate of Patricia C. Armstrong
- Kathryn Barrett
- Florence Bowers
- Chava Brandriss
- Ron Burley
- Maura Dollymore
- Sandra Dunsmore
- Dr. Lillian Durham
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- Joseph Goldman
- Steve Groeninger
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At Thrive DC, our focus is on providing the best of care for clients while ensuring careful stewardship of generously donated funds from a diverse, growing community of supporters. Our small, dedicated staff of 14 full-time and 3 part-time team members are joined by 1,000 volunteers annually to deliver a comprehensive range of emergency and support services. Because homelessness and food insecurity are on the rise in the District, our work remains vital. If you are a past supporter, we hope you will continue with us and if you are new to our cause, please join us! To learn about ways to get involved, visit thrivedc.org/donate or thrivedc.org/volunteer.

**2014 Funding Sources**

- **Individuals**: 56%
- **Community Orgs**: 16%
- **Business Contributions**: 16%
- **Foundation Grants**: 6%
- **Government Grants**: 3%
- **In-Kind Donations**: 3%

**2014 Expenditures**

- **Total Program Services**: 86%
- **Management & General**: 7%
- **Fundraising**: 7%