



## WHAT IS THE RAINMAKERS GIVING CIRCLE?

The Rainmakers Giving Circle is a group of women who pool their money to give grants to nonprofits seeking to improve the lives of girls and young women in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Affiliated with the Washington Area Women's Foundation, the Rainmakers select grantees that seek to empower this at-risk population by helping them develop useful life skills, improve their self-esteem and achieve their full potential.

More specifically, the Rainmakers Giving Circle awards grants to programs that:

- Encourage the development of healthy behaviors and the prevention of risk factors among economically disadvantaged girls and young women (up to age 21); and
- Increase the competence of this target population in such areas as education, health, interpersonal relations, financial management and employment.

In order to make the grants, Circle members review proposals submitted by area nonprofits, select those that qualify for a site visit, participate in site evaluations and decide who will receive funding. As a result, Circle members get a chance to learn about various organizations in the region (and perhaps become more involved with them) as well as to meet interesting and dedicated women.

The Circle operates on a two-year cycle. For each of those two years, members over age 35 commit to contribute \$2,500 and members age 35 and under contribute \$1,000.

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To date, Rainmakers has had six successful "classes" consisting of 20-30 members. The next class of Rainmakers -- Rainmakers 7 -- begins in September 2015.

## GRANTMAKING

In 2013, Rainmakers celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of investing in the region's girls and young women. To date, the Rainmakers Giving Circle has awarded 51 grants totaling \$543,550 to nonprofit organizations located in the District of Columbia, northern Virginia and Prince George's County, MD.

A breakdown of the grant-making by each "class" of the Rainmakers follows.

**RAINMAKERS 6**  
**Active: 2014 - 2015**

Grantee	Award Amount	Area Served
<b>2014</b>		
Court-Appointed Special Advocate/Prince George's County	\$15,000	MD
FAIR Girls	\$15,000	Metro DC
Girls on the Run (Northern VA)	\$14,050	VA
Liberty's Promise	\$12,000	MD/VA
Transitional Housing Corporation	\$15,000	DC
<b>Awards in 2014</b>		<b>\$71,050</b>
<b>TOTAL AWARDED BY RAINMAKERS 6</b>		<b>\$71,050</b>

**RAINMAKERS 5**  
**Active: 2011\* - 2013**

Grantee	Award Amount	Area Served
<b>2013</b>		
DC Abortion Fund: Healthy & Full Life Project	\$18,000	DC
Homeless Children's Playtime Project: Teen Outreach Program	\$12,000	DC
SMYAL (Supporting and Mentoring Youth Advocates & Leaders): Women's Leadership Institute	\$14,500	DC
Washington Middle School for Girls: Graduate Support Program	\$18,500	DC

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\* Due to a shift in the Rainmakers calendar, grants submitted in 2011 were actually awarded in 2012.

<b>Awards in 2013</b>			<b>\$63,000</b>
<b>2012</b>			
Crittenton Services of Greater Washington: SNEAKERS Program	\$8,200		MD
DC Rape Crisis Center: Sister Action, Sister Strength (SASS) Clubs	\$10,000		DC
Lydia's House: Girls: Your Money Counts	\$12,000		DC
SMYAL (Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League): Women's Leadership Institute	\$9,000		DC
Y.O.U.R. Community Center: Petals of Primrose Leadership Program	\$9,800		DC
<b>Awards in 2012</b>			<b>\$49,000</b>
<b>TOTAL AWARDED BY RAINMAKERS 5</b>			<b>\$112,000</b>

**RAINMAKERS 4**  
**Active: 2009-2010**

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Area Served</b>
<b>2010</b>		
Ascensions Community Services, Inc.: Ascending Families	\$10,000	DC
Capital Area Asset Builders: College Savings for DC Youth	\$12,500	DC
Homeless Children's Playtime Project: Teen Outreach Program	\$11,500	DC
SMYAL (Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League): Women's Leadership Institute	\$11,500	DC
St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home: Teen Mother-Baby Program	\$9,500	DC
<b>Awards in 2010</b>		<b>\$55,000</b>
<b>2009</b>		
A Wider Circle: Well Mother, Well Baby Program	\$10,000	DC/MD
DC Abortion Fund: Healthy & Full Life Project	\$15,000	DC

Kidsave: Weekend Miracles Program	\$8,000	DC
The Arts League: SOHO (Space of Her Own) Program	\$10,000	VA
The Campagna Center: LEAP Program	\$12,000	VA
<b>Awards in 2009</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL AWARDED BY RAINMAKERS 4</b>		<b>\$110,000</b>

**RAINMAKERS 3**  
**Active: 2007-2008**

Grantee	Award Amount	Area Served
<b>2008</b>		
Ascensions Community Services, Inc.	\$10,000	DC
Horton's Kids, Inc.	\$12,500	DC
Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL)	\$10,000	DC
The Arts League: SOHO (Space of Her Own) Program	\$6,000	VA
The Campagna Center	\$9,500	VA
<b>Awards in 2008</b>	<b>\$48,000</b>	
<b>2007</b>		
Girls, Inc. of the Washington DC Metropolitan Area	\$10,000	DC
Interstages, Inc.	\$10,000	DC
Prince George's Child Resource Center	\$10,000	MD
Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL)	\$10,000	DC
St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home	\$2,500	DC/MD
<b>Awards in 2007</b>	<b>\$42,500</b>	
<b>TOTAL AWARDED BY RAINMAKERS 3</b>		<b>\$90,500</b>

**RAINMAKERS 2**  
**Active: 2005-2006**

Grantee	Award Amount	Area Served
<b>2006</b>		
Children's National Medical Center: Teen Life Clubs	\$10,125	DC
Interstages, Inc.	\$10,125	DC
Prince George's Child Resource Center	\$10,125	MD
Through the Kitchen Door	\$10,125	MD
<b>Awards in 2006</b>		<b>\$40,500</b>
<b>2005</b>		
Tenant's and Worker's Support Committee	\$10,000	VA
Latin American Youth Center (LAYC)	\$10,000	DC
Washington Middle School for Girls	\$10,000	DC
Passion for Learning, Inc.	\$9,500	MD
<b>Awards in 2005</b>		<b>\$39,500</b>
<b>TOTAL AWARDED BY RAINMAKERS 2</b>		<b>\$80,000</b>

**RAINMAKERS 1**  
**Active: 2003-2004**

Grantee	Award Amount	Area Served
<b>2004</b>		
The Empower Program	\$8,000	DC
Facilitating Leadership in Youth (FLY)	\$7,000	DC

Family Support Center: SISTERS	\$8,000	MD
Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care	\$10,000	DC
Washington Middle School for Girls	\$10,000	DC
Wider Opportunities for Women	\$7,000	DC
<b>Awards in 2004</b>		<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>2003</b>		
Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care	\$10,000	DC
WVSA Arts Connection-ARTiculate Employment Training Program	\$10,000	DC
Florence Crittenton Services of Greater Washington: SNEAKERS Program	\$10,000	MD
<b>Awards in 2003</b>		<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>TOTAL AWARDED BY RAINMAKERS 1</b>		<b>\$80,000</b>