

# SAMARITAN MINISTRY

*of Greater Washington*



## 2020 Virtual Gala



Saturday, November 14, 2020

# Program

**Welcome & Prayer**

Colby King

**The Pandemic Pivot and Program Impact**

David Wolf

**A Tale of Two Lead Caseworkers**

Jane Bishop and Naima Harrison

**A Special Message**

Congressman Jamie Raskin

**Outstanding Achievement Award**

Antoinette Green

**Outstanding Partner Award**

St. Alban's – Annandale, VA / Ivy Kilby

**A Tribute to Annette Carver**

**End of Evening Toast**

David Wolf

**Closing Remarks**

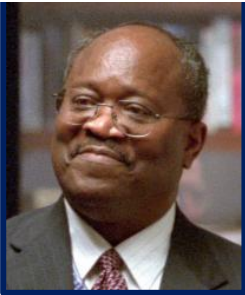
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### **Mr. Colby King, Master of Ceremonies**

Colbert I. King is known for his provocative, insightful commentary at one of the world's most influential newspapers, The Washington Post. Winner of the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary, King is an engaging speaker on a host of national, international, and social issues. He joined the editorial board of the Washington Post on August 1, 1990, and was appointed deputy editorial page editor from January 2000 until his retirement in 2007. He continues to write a weekly column.

As the Post's editorial page editor, Fred Hiatt, said, "Colby writes about people who otherwise would get ignored, people who don't have much of a voice. He holds officials accountable. He shines a pretty powerful spotlight." A former US Senate staffer, Treasury Department deputy assistant secretary, international banker and US Executive Director of the World Bank under President Jimmy Carter, King doesn't come from a conventional journalism background. As a result, he brings to his readers and audiences a varied perspective and broad experience on many of the critical issues of the day.

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## ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

At St. Andrew's Episcopal School, our mission is to know and inspire each child in an inclusive community dedicated to exceptional teaching, learning, and service. We are proud to support Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington through our annual benefit walk and holiday gift card drive. Samaritan Ministry is an invaluable partner to our School as we encourage students to lead lives of responsibility to each other and to the larger community. Learn more about St. Andrew's and our commitment to service learning at [saes.org](http://saes.org).

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# STRIVE®

Samaritan Ministry's STRIVE job-readiness training, which is part of our *Next Step* Program, works one-on-one and in group settings to support participants in addressing their attitudes and beliefs to discover why they have been unable to keep or obtain a job, and increase their job-search and job-keeping skills.

Through rigorous compassion, Samaritan Ministry walks with participants in the *Next Step* Program as they journey, step by step, toward self-sufficiency and better lives of their own choosing. In 2019 Samaritan Ministry walked with more than 879 *Next Step* participants as they set 668 goals with manageable and measurable next steps in the areas of housing, employment, education, and accessing benefits.

**Other 2019 Highlights:**

***306 new Next Step Participants***

***29% of Participants are returning citizens***

***17% of Participants experienced homelessness***

***71% of STRIVE Graduates obtained employment***

***100% of STRIVE Graduates gaining employment retained their job***

***40 Participants were able to attend our annual HIV/AIDS retreat***

Many of our neighbors in the greater Washington area need a hand-up: especially when it comes to stable housing and employment. Many of our neighbors are able to lend a hand, be it financial support, invaluable time, or donations of food, toiletries or Christmas gifts. Together, we are making a better future for everyone, which is a true reason to celebrate!

Through your generous and high bids tonight, Samaritan Ministry will be there for 1,600 of our neighbors across the Greater Washington community in the year ahead!



## **Outstanding Achievement Award Ms. Antoinette Green**

Antoinette Green, a native Washingtonian, discovered Samaritan Ministry in 2018 through the Skyland Workforce Center, where she enrolled in our STRIVE job readiness training course. After a challenging and unstable childhood, at age 19 Antoinette became pregnant with her son, Andrew. She graduated from high school two months before Andrew's birth, but the challenges of being a single mother without a support system led to severe depression and she subsequently lost her job. Antoinette's life began spiraling out of control as she began moving from home to home with her son.

"With my last \$5 in my pocket, I was pushing my son in his stroller one day and noticed the Skyland Workforce Center office of Samaritan Ministry. Realizing I had nothing to lose, I went in." That decision changed her life.

Although she didn't feel that she had sufficient job skills, Antoinette subsequently attended a job fair at the recommendation of STRIVE Team Leader Deirdre Duffy where she was offered a position at a hotel front desk. Within six months, she was promoted to become the Front Desk Supervisor and now trains others for the position saying that she wants to "pay it forward."

Antoinette reports that she and her parents now have a great relationship; they adore their grandson, and her faith is strong. She hopes to go back to school to get a degree in business, someday hoping to be a General Manager.

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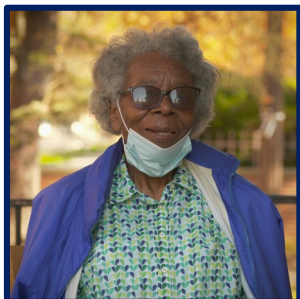
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## **Compassionate Samaritan Award Ms. Nannie Adair**

Nannie Adair, fondly known as Miss Nannie, is a vibrant ninety years young Volunteer who travels by bus from Anacostia Southeast to the Northwest office even in inclement weather.

She lovingly takes care of the Toiletry room and Clothing Closet at the Northwest office. At any given time, you can find her sitting in a chair with a bucket of warm water and cloth cleaning toiletry bottles or mending and/or measuring clothing for sizing. She attended trade school for tailoring. On two occasions when AmeriCorps high school students did their day of service at the Northwest office, they enjoyed learning how to measure clothing. She has also surprised the Northwest staff with cake for birthdays and special events.

Miss Nannie is a native of Alabama and has been an active member for fifty-five years at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church in Washington, DC. Before coming to Samaritan, she volunteered at other non-profits including Bread for the City and the Martin Luther King School.

Miss Nannie has been a Volunteer for over ten years.

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## **Outstanding Partner Award St. Alban's – Annandale, VA**

St. Alban's, Annandale is one of the original 12 partners who formed Samaritan Ministry back in 1986. However, over the last year, there has been a wonderful increase in their level of engagement and activity with us. These efforts have been led emphatically by Partner Representative Ivy Kilby. In recent years, they have hosted the Northern Virginia participant Christmas party, both at the church and in the S. Arlington office; and, they have hosted some great Samaritan Sundays and Partner Council meetings, the most memorable being the one in 2019 when the traffic on the beltway stopped! St. Alban's is also supportive of our work financially and we have several stand-out individual donors in the church.

But St. Alban's really increased their engagement during the pandemic. First with a winner take all Partner drive for pantry food, PPE, and toiletries, as part of Samaritan's Empower our Neighbors in Need Campaign – they needed three vehicles to deliver it all to our NW DC office. Most powerful, though, has been the courageous and faithful on-site service from Ivy in Arlington, doing front-porch outreach to participants, not to mention St. Alban's own Chris Martin, and Samaritan's own Operations Director who has been in the office throughout the pandemic, helping to manage the agency and respond to participant needs.

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Us This Evening.

We Hope That We Can  
All Be Together in Person  
Next Year!

