



*Program graduate Antoinette Green and volunteer Gloria Ducker, our speakers for the 2020 Next Step Breakfast*

## Honoring Our Next Step Giving Society Members

The 2020 *Next Step* Giving Society Reception was a wonderful time! We honored our most generous donors and treated them to dinner and a preview of our incredible speaker lineup for the upcoming *Next Step Breakfast*!

[Click here to see photos from the night!](#)

[Click here to register for the Next Step Breakfast and hear from Antoinette and Gloria yourself!](#)

## Samaritan Ministry's 2020

# *Next Step* Breakfast

**A high-energy, Inspired gathering**

In less than two weeks on Thursday, March 12, hundreds of us will gather at the National Press Club for Samaritan Ministry's annual *Next Step* Breakfast.

Come join this high-energy, inspiring event which brings long-time supporters of SMGW together with people who are new to our work and want to learn how they can support our shared work!

[Click here to register](#)

[Click here to read the full announcement](#)

## Remembering Jim Johnstone, a Samaritan Saint

Not as many of us may recall those early years of SMUG-WA's founding (1986) when handful of key leaders, and 12 symbolic Partner Churches came together to form the faith-based community partnership that came to be known as Samaritan Ministry. Jim Johnstone, who passed away last month, was among those Samaritan Saints.

[Read Executive Director David Wolf's tribute to Jim's life and legacy](#)



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## Annual Partners Meeting Celebrates SMGW Leaders and the Next Step Program!



*Samaritan program staff performing a skit to illustrate the Next Step casework process*

On January 28, we held our Annual Partner Meeting at the Church of Our Saviour, Silver Spring, who served up a delicious multiethnic meal! We looked back at the successes of 2019, heard from Casework Intern **Benja Reilly**, and honored Samaritan Change Agents **JJ Jaskot** and **Charlie Day**!

[Click here to see photos from the night!](#)

[Click here to read more about the Change Agent Awards!](#)



*A select group of new and returning SMGW Partner leaders*

**Meet Our New Board Members for 2020!**

At the Annual Meeting, we also elected four new Board Members!

**Carl Kaiser** is an instructor in our Pre-GED program, which he has done for five years.

**Errol Arthur** is an instructor in our Pre-GED program, and a Partner Rep from Christ Lutheran Church, DC.

**Annie Scrimenti** is a Partner Rep from Washington National Cathedral, DC.

**Paula Singleton** is an active donor well-known to many from Partner St. Luke's, DC.

[Click here to read the bios of these exciting additions to our Board lineup!](#)



*ED David Wolf presents awards at our 2019 Gala*

## By the NUMBERS and YOUR Generosity: 2019 was a VERY Good Year!

Great thanks to ALL our donors who made 2019 so impactful. Thanks to YOUR generosity we were able to serve 1,072 individuals, including participants in our HIV/AIDS outreach and our STRIVE Job Readiness training. Individual giving this year was up to nearly \$600,000.

[Click here to read a note from Executive Director David Wolf!](#)



**We need stuff!** [Click here to see](#) our current needs for food, **toiletries**, and other in-kind items to support our participants in reaching their housing, employment or education goals!



## Winter Warm Up was a Huge Success!

Samaritan Ministry thanks Gifts for the Homeless for its generous donation of winter clothing. Thanks to them our participants will be "warmed up" through the ups and downs of the winter season!



**Your support is crucial to the life-changing work of Samaritan Ministry.** [Your generous gift of time](#) supports our homeless and near-homeless neighbors as they continue to take their *Next Steps!*

Click [here](#) to take a look at some of our volunteer needs!

