

In Step

March 2021



2020 Results Recap

Despite the many challenges that were thrown at us by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is hard not to view the year as a great success. Over and over, you heard the word 'pivot' used to describe how we were adapting to the changing landscape brought on by COVID-19 and finding ways to engage our participants despite the obstacles....

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Next Step Breakfast Goes Virtual!

On Saturday, March 20, Samaritan Ministry held it's 2021 Next Step Breakfast. More than 500 people gathered virtually with *PBS NewsHour* White House Correspondent Yamiche Alcindor, Samaritan Next Step participant speaker Ben Morgan, volunteer witness Ivy Kilby, Commitment speaker Michele Lewis-Muzzatti, and Executive Director David B. Wolf, who talked about who we are, what we do, and where we're going. Because of the pandemic, we were not able to gather in person (again!) this year, but our virtual format made it possible for more people to participate – estimated at over 500 viewers – our most successful *Next Step Breakfast* from that standpoint! As we write you, we are still receiving and tallying our final financial as well as time & talent results... [Read More](#)

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Volunteers and Hours during the Pandemic: 2020

Volunteer Hours: **2,249**

of Volunteers: **67**

All with **no** indoor contact events (NSB, Gala,



Volunteer Spotlight: Michael Konefal

We are pleased to introduce you to Northwest Volunteer Michael Konefal from our partner church St. John's Norwood, Chevy Chase, MD. Michael started volunteering in early December and has made an extraordinary contribution to SMGW... [Read More](#)

Transitions & Changes at Samaritan Ministry

In January, we welcomed back Ruby Wilson (our 2020 Summer Communications Intern) as a paid member of the staff! Ruby is taking a break from school until she can return in person. She had completed the first semester of her sophomore year at Howard University last fall where she is working on a B.B.A. in Marketing... [Read More](#)

From Ashes to Go to Easter Sunday!

Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington does not proselytize and there are no religious requirements to take advantage of our services. But we take great pride in the fact that we are deeply rooted in the faith of the Church and that our name and work is inspired by Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. As millions of Christians around the world prepare to celebrate Easter this Sunday, we look back on the beginning of our Lenten journey this year... [Read more](#)



Remembering a Samaritan Saint: Irene B. Shelton

Please join me in pausing to remember a true Samaritan Ministry Saint – Irene B. Shelton. Irene played a critical role in developing our Pre-GED program in addition to being an outstanding volunteer who cared deeply about our participants. In 2013, Irene was presented with Samaritan Ministry's Change Agent Award for her dedication and effort on behalf of the organization. [...Read More](#)

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