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PRIYA MANN

Priya Mann is a reporter and weekend morning anchor for WDIV Local 4. She joined the station in 2013 and covers breaking news, high profile court cases, and everything pandemic-related. Born and raised in Toronto, Priya graduated with her master’s degree in 2008. She worked as a multi-media journalist in Canada before moving to the US.

In 2020, Priya received the Neal Shine Award for Media Commitment for her volunteer efforts with the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan. She is the youngest recipient to receive the prestigious honor. Priya has also volunteered extensively with Habitat for Humanity Oakland County, working with volunteers and homeowners during Rock the Block events. Priya also went on a mission trip to El Salvador in 2011.

Priya is a vegetarian, passionate about yoga and has a brindle cockapoo named Zen. Her family lives in North Carolina.

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THE AFG MISSION
Founded in 1987, Alternatives For Girls (AFG) helps homeless and high-risk girls and young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation; and helps them explore and access the support, resources and opportunities necessary to be safe, to grow strong and to make positive choices in their lives.
MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

DEAR FRIENDS,

Thank you for supporting Alternatives For Girls’ 33rd Annual Role Model Celebration and, more importantly, celebrating AFG’s 35th anniversary! We are so pleased to be back in person, after two years of celebrating virtually, and we greatly appreciate your steadfast support throughout this pandemic.

Tonight’s theme, “Color in Dreams—Finding Purpose and Positivity” reflects the critical nature of AFG’s work, both in our end goals—helping our participants find their purpose—and in our means—positivity, imagination, and celebration! Our mission is fueled by the wonderful positive energy of those we serve, despite sometimes overwhelming trauma in their past, and daunting obstacles in their present. Their drive is matched by the intense commitment and inspired efforts of our staff, volunteers, and supporters, producing solid results.

We gather to celebrate not only four extraordinary Role Models but also the thousands of girls and young women AFG has served this year who have overcome so much to build a purposeful path toward their dreams, sometimes despite lifetimes of experiences that undermine positivity. Many have journeyed from terrible situations, such as homelessness, violence in their communities, or exploitation. They have been courageous enough to reach out for help, rebuild family ties, and connect with those who will support their positive aspirations. Buoyed by new and renewed relationships, they realize their dreams, becoming first in their families to attend college, forging a path toward a fulfilling and sustaining career, owning their own homes, becoming leaders in their communities.

Your support continues to be crucial to their success. The Covid-19 pandemic has hit homeless and high-risk girls and young women hard. AFG’s shelter, crisis resource center, outreach, and all our programs provide a lifeline. Last year, 278 homeless girls, young women, and their children were served in our housing and aftercare programs, on their way from crisis and isolation to building a strong future. AFG’s prevention program served 200 girls and their families, pivoting from virtual to in-person, to outdoor programming and services, through countless home visits and deliveries of everything from food to laptop computers and hot spots, helping them stay safe, focused on their education, and supported on their path to becoming leaders in their schools and neighborhoods. Our outreach teams reached over 1,740 young and adult women, facing serious risks, as sex trafficking continued throughout the pandemic, going even more “underground.” AFG’s casework staff and peer leaders helped those facing sexual exploitation to access the resources and support needed to make positive choices. We expanded our asset-building program, helping girls graduate from high school and aim for college or other skills training. Twenty-one girls, undaunted by the tremendous challenges of navigating school throughout the pandemic, were college-bound! We launched our workforce development coordination project, building partnerships with employers and paving the way for young women to secure good jobs. We secured funding to break ground this coming summer on a long-planned, 45-unit subsidized apartment building that will provide longer-term stable housing to those who are ready for independent living but will still benefit from on-site child care and support.

Without you, none of this would be possible.

Over 33 years, we’ve had the pleasure of honoring 79 exceptional women at our annual Role Model Celebration. Tonight, we add to that history with four truly extraordinary role models. We’re proud to honor:

Alma Crossley, General Motors
Sabrina Galloway, Galloway Group, LLC
Dr. Gwendolyn Parker, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
Kim Ray, Ford Motor Credit Company

They are dedicated, courageous and have demonstrated that setbacks make us stronger. They have followed their dreams and built powerful connections that cascade in wonderful ways. They have been champions in their communities and supported those who needed a helping hand. Each of them inspires the girls and young women at AFG, and tonight they continue to serve as concrete examples of the power of leadership, hard work, and giving back.

On behalf of Alternatives For Girls’ board of directors and staff, thank you for joining us to celebrate the achievements of our 2022 Role Models, and of all the girls and women whom AFG proudly serves. Your support makes all the difference. Thank you.

With my deepest gratitude,

Amy L. Good, CEO
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We are excited to celebrate the accomplishments of these extraordinary role models in the community and, more importantly, thrilled to support the incredible achievements of the girls and young women that AFG serves.

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Alternatives For Girls as well as recognize the
2022 role models for their outstanding achievements!
ALMA L. CROSSLEY
General Motors

Alma L. Crossley was appointed Director for Corporate Diversity on January 1, 2011.

Alma’s primary responsibility is to favorably position GM as the company of choice for its products and services among diverse communities by promoting, supporting, and leveraging diversity, equity, and inclusion within and outside of General Motors.

In her position, Alma works to establish relationships with key advocacy groups and consult across various GM functions, including Marketing & Sales, Corporate Giving, Public Policy, Supplier Diversity, Manufacturing, and Dealer Development to achieve diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. This year Alma has been appointed to lead the GM Global Employee Resource Group (ERG) Network, which is vital in helping create a sense of community and belonging at GM. Alma has served on various non-profit Corporate Advisory Boards including Unidos US, LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens), and the Michigan Hispanic Collaborative.

A veteran with over 35 years’ experience, Alma has held various positions within the General Motors’ field and home office organizations. In her distinct roles, Alma has acted as a business consultant to dealership operations and has developed and implemented various marketing programs and promotions to drive GM business on a national and local level.

Alma joined GM in 1985 as a General Motors Engineering & Management Institute (now Kettering) co-op student. She earned her undergraduate degree from GMI in 1990 and received her MBA from the University of Phoenix in 1997. Alma was born and raised in Adrian, Michigan, and currently resides in Plymouth, MI. As an Hispanic American, Alma is proud of her heritage and is excited to be in a position that leverages her broad experience and diverse background.

In 2011, Hispanic Business named Alma as one of the “100 Most Influential Hispanics”, and in 2012 she was designated “Latina Trailblazer” by Latino Justice. In 2015, Alma earned “The Rare Everyday Hero Award” from Winning Futures, the Santiago Rodriguez Diversity Award from the Great Minds in STEM organization, and the Adelita Award from Detroit MANA. In 2018, Alma was named one of the Top 50 Latinas in the State of Michigan by the State of Michigan Latino Commission.
SABRINA GALLOWAY
Galloway Group, LLC

Visionary, Strategist, Entrepreneur, and Philanthropist, Sabrina E. Galloway hails from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Sabrina is grounded by strong faith, work ethic, and commitment. Those pillars have allowed her to transcend the political, faith, fashion, and philanthropic sectors with impact and poise.

As a visionary and strategist, Galloway has left a mark on Louisiana’s political circles for over a decade. She has served in pivotal roles in democratic campaigns across the state, most recently as campaign manager for the re-election of Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome.

As an entrepreneur and forward-thinking figure, she has a love for philanthropy and fashion with the likes of Lululemon, David Yurman, and more. Her work with Lululemon has not only allowed her to be featured as a brand ambassador but also given her the platform and resources to help build confidence and broaden the horizons of young African American girls in the metro Detroit and Baton Rouge areas.

Mrs. Galloway is most proud that she has been able to combine all her talents to help construct and develop the business and philanthropic enterprise of her husband, NBA veteran, Langston Galloway. As Chief Strategist, Sabrina has helped to form the Langston Galloway Foundation, The Langston Galloway Basketball Camp, and most recently, Ethics Shoes. Her work with the Galloway Enterprise has provided a model to help inspire the new era of NBA professionals off the court while creating diverse avenues for NBA players after their basketball careers.

Sabrina is a graduate of the University of New Orleans and earned her MBA from Tulane University’s A.B. Freeman School of Business. Though Galloway has accomplished a great deal in her lifetime, her greatest accomplishment by her own contention is being the mother of Langston Arnold and Leigh.
Dr. Gwendolyn Parker
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

Dr. Parker (a board-certified radiation oncologist) has been employed at BCBSM for 28 years. She has been a Medical Director in Care Management since 2001.

In 2016, Dr. Parker was awarded the American College of Healthcare Executives Regent’s Award for Senior Healthcare Executive of the year. She is certified in Healthcare Quality & Management and is a fellow in the American Institute of Healthcare Quality & the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE).

She was a participant on the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program Guidelines Implementation Panel (National Institute of Health) and has served as a consultant for many pharmaceutical advisory boards. Dr. Parker is co-author of the article, “Managing Asthma in a Managed Care Setting: Strategies for Treatment and Control.”

She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Midwest Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives. She is a member of the Advisory Board for the University of Detroit Mercy-Master of Health Services Administration Program. Previously she has served on the Boards for Presbyterian Villages of Michigan and the Michigan Cancer Consortium.

Dr. Parker serves as a mentor to many. She has a passion for teaching and helping others to grow and develop. Dr. Parker is a graduate of University of Detroit (B.S.-Biology) and Wayne State School of Medicine. She received her MBA from Lawrence Technological University.

Dr. Parker has been married to Melvin Parker for 41 years. They are the pastors of Crusade for Christ Ministries in Grass Lake, Michigan. They have one adult son.
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**Kim Ray**
Ford Motor Credit Company

Kim Ray is an attorney at Ford Credit. While working as a legal assistant earlier in her career, and raising two children, Kim went to law school on the weekends to earn her law degree. She has held various positions within Ford and Ford Credit over the past twenty years.

In addition, Kim has chaired Ford’s pro bono committee for several years. Right after graduating from law school, Kim took on her first pro bono case – an immigration case involving an Honduran child who was abandoned by his parents that took over three years to resolve. Since then, Kim has done additional immigration work, including time spent meeting with migrants at the Laredo, TX border.

She has also represented clients in family law, tenant defense, and name change petitions, along with clinical work in expungement, driver’s license restoration, estate planning, food stamps, and issues facing veterans. She has traveled to Washington DC and works locally to advocate for legal services funding. She has also been a strong advocate on the right to counsel in tenant defense cases and, more recently, on issues impacting transgender individuals seeking name changes.

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AFG PROGRAMS

SHELTER
Our focus is on crisis response and safety. We provide a stable home that helps teens and women avoid high-risk activities, such as sex work, drug use, domestic violence, and gang involvement. We empower participants to make safe choices and live healthy lives.

PREVENTION
Our focus is on early intervention and leadership development. We serve girls ages 7-19 who are at risk of gang involvement, abusing drugs or alcohol, early pregnancy, and school truancy. We engage them through mentoring, after-school programs, a college prep program, and a summer camp.

OUTREACH
Our focus is the expansion of participant opportunities. Our programming serves as a lifeline to many young and adult women seeking to remove themselves from situations and activities that threaten their well-being, their futures, and their lives.

HOUSING STABILITY
Our focus is housing and community permanence. We support 18 to 24-year-olds experiencing homelessness with housing and other resources designed to stabilize them in the community. Young adults, including some with children, accept housing assistance and personalized case management. We emphasize the pursuit of education, vocational training, and employment geared for self-sufficiency and healthy, productive lifestyles.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

ACADEMIC SUPPORT:
AFG’s Asset-Building programming prepared girls for graduation and provided parent engagement, mentorship, and financial support.
By the numbers:
• 200 girls were served by AFG through after-school, asset building, and Rise N’ Shine summer camp programming.
• 100% of the girls in after-school programming avoided pregnancy, gang involvement, and drugs.
• 45% of the girls in middle and high school increased their GPAs and/or maintained a 3.0 or higher GPA.

SHELTER & HOUSING:
AFG provided rapid rehousing, shelter, and independent living support for young girls and women in need.
By the numbers:
• 6,257 nights of care provided.
• 112 unduplicated girls and young adult women assisted.
• 67% of participants in long-term programming were either in school, working or both in school and working.
• 80% of the participants who exited went to positive destinations such as back to family, friends or to their own homes.
• 100% of those in aftercare remained stably housed for more than 3 months post aftercare.

OUTREACH:
AFG staff and volunteers provided information and resources to girls and women engaged in sex work, victims of sex trafficking, and those experiencing homelessness.
By the numbers:
• 46% were homeless youth or those at risk of homelessness.
• 23% developed a therapeutic rapport with AFG staff.
• 33% of those served received ongoing support services such as food, clothing, etc.
• 88 participants received domestic violence case management support.
• 3,120 hours of Crisis Resource Center intervention (via phone calls, web-chats, walk-ins) provided.
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the treatment of incarcerated men, women, and juveniles and their families. Ms. LaBelle has counseled in over a dozen class actions that have successfully challenged policies affecting

Automotive News 2017 All-Star in Manufacturing title. In 2013, Fortune magazine named her one of the first African-American women to manage a GM vehicle manufacturing plant. Ms. Davis' STEM education has been key to her management and operational excellence. Ms. Taliaferro’s leadership in the Detroit Police Department in 2021, Stair is now Senior Consultant in Public Safety and is proficient in German.

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LASHINDA STAR is a 29-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department. She has held the rank of Police Sergeant, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Inspector, and Deputy Chief. In March 2016, under the leadership of Chief James E. Craig, Deputy Chief Shirl Mack left her role when she became the first member of the Detroit Police Department to be-appointed to the post of Assistant Chief. Ms. Star is a graduate of the Detroit Regional Chamber's 39th Leadership Detroit Class, the P I National Executive Institute (PINEI), and the Senior Management Institute of Police (SMIP). Ms. Star is also a graduate of the Eastern Michigan University Police School and Chief Stair is a Senior Management Consultant at the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Ms. Star was named by FORBES Magazine one of the “2017 Forty Forty Women in Wealth.” In 2019, she received the Distinguished Leadership Award for her contributions to the Detroit Community Work Force Development Program. In 2020, she was a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer project which tells the stories and ancient DNA of 1000 extraordinary Detroiters. After retiring from the Detroit Police Department in 2021, Star is now Senior Consultant in Public Safety Software Enterprise at Motorola Solutions. Ms. Stair is a loving wife and devoted mother of non-traditional children.

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KRISTINA MARSHALL was a student in the inaugural Winning Futures high school mentoring class of 1994. After graduating from college, Ms. Marshall joined the team in 1998. Since then, Ms. Marshall has made Winning Futures her life’s mission, leading the development of Winning Futures into a nationally recognized and award-winning expert in empowering high school students to succeed. Today, Ms. Marshall is the president and chief executive officer. Recognizing that many high school students struggle with challenges, ranging from poverty to lack of support, and leave school without skills, companies want to invest in their employees, Ms. Marshall worked with her team to develop Workforce Prep – a new, cutting-edge experimental four-year program that includes in-class mentoring, life skill development, goal setting, job-readiness training, and career exploration. Ms. Marshall speaks nationally and inspires audiences about the future of work, developing the next workforce, non-profit networking and sales, and empowering youth with high-school skills programs. Ms. Marshall has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Michigan Technological University and a Master of Education from Oakland University.

FAYE NELSON currently serves as President of Ms. Nelson is a graduate of the Kellogg Foundation Before joining the Kellogg Foundation, Ms. Nelson served as the 2018 Supreme Truth Fellow at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where she taught a graduate level course on place making and public space development in urban communities. Before joining the University of Michigan faculty, Ms. Nelson served as Vice President of DTE Energy (NYSE: DTE), additionally, she was Board Chair and President of the DTE Energy Foundation. Ms. Nelson earned a Bachelor of Science from Mercy College of Detroit and a law degree from the University Of Detroit School Of Law. Ms. Nelson is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and a Member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference. Ms. Nelson is also a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, the Economic Club of Detroit, and the International Women’s Forum-Michigan where she serves as co-chair of the 2020 IMP World Leadership Conference in Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Nelson is the recipient of numerous awards including Carl’s Detroit Business’ 100 Most Influential Women in 2016, the Waflk College, Janny Barry Education Excellence B Community Service Award, and the Detroit J. Keith 24th Annual Soul and Spirit Humanitarian Award.

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VALERIE NEWMAN, JD, has been an attorney with the State Appellate Defender Office for over 20 years, and is currently the Director of the Conviction Integrity Unit. Through her work, developing the next workforce, non-profit networking and sales, and empowering youth with life skills programs. Ms. Newman has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Michigan Technological University and a Master of Education from Oakland University.

Annie Nicholson has been active in programs supporting educational activities since she moved to Michigan in 1972. Ms. Nicholson has trained children in after-school programs and helped adults improve their reading skills. Ms. Nicholson’s family hosted many exchange students from all over the world and the couple created the APS Student Exchange Program in her community for ten years. Ms. Nicholson served on the Board of Oakland School for the School and as a Trustee for Oakland University for sixteen years. Currently, she is a member of the Board of Directors for the Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute, at Wayne State, and the Young Women’s Home Association as well as a member of the Board of Directors for The Guardian Angels. Other interests include The League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women. Ms. Nicholson grew up in Everett, Washington, is married with four children and ten grandchildren.

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JOCelyn A. Allen is the Co-Founder and CEO of the Allen Lewis Agency. Previously, Ms. Allen was the President and CEO of Viking Divas and the Director of Cross-brand Communications at General Motors. Ms. Allen has been recognized for her professional achievements by The National Association of Black Journalists (Patrick E. Todd Media Professional Award 2017), the Allen Miller Foundation (Multicultural Humanitarian Award), and the National Diversity Opportunity Council (the inaugural Michigan Chronicle Women of Excellence Award and the Urban Wheel Awards Minority Executive of the Year 2009).
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MAHA FREIJ is the President of ACCESS and is a leading visionary in the Arab-American community regarding women and girls. She is now a freelance consultant. Previously, she held leadership positions at ACCESS and Family Violence Prevention Fund and worked her way up, spending the last five years of her tenure as president and CEO. Ms. Freij has also led several philanthropic initiatives and has been named as a Top 100 Philanthropist by American Philanthropic. Ms. Freij is a graduate of Hebrew University and has a Master’s degree in Accounting and Economics from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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DENISE STARR currently serves as the City of Detroit’s Human Resources Director. Formerly, Ms. Starr was Chief Administrative Officer for Compuware Corporation. Ms. Starr is passionate about people, projects, and her profession. A graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy, Ms. Starr has become a respected leader in talent management and administration.

KIM TRENT is an outstanding leader in every role she attempts, and she is often praised for her vision, passion, and dedication to helping those in need. Ms. Trent serves as the Executive Director for Prosperity for the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunities. She was appointed as director of the southeast Michigan office of Governor Jennifer Granholm and also served as a regional manager for U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow’s office. Ms. Trent also served as the first commercial real estate broker in Michigan when she immigrated to the United States.

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JUNE BLACKWELL-HATCHER of Focus: HOPE, a Detroit-based civil and human rights organization. Throughout her 2001 NICHOLEE REYNOLDS, ED.D. has worked with three governors to further the coarse of civil rights in Michigan. Dr. Reynolds was appointed director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights in 1995. Dr. Reynolds was also a representative on the King Center National Holiday Advisory Committee and served on the Michigan Commission on Genetic. Privacy and Progress in 2013, she received the Harvard Graduate School of Education Alumni Council Award Outstanding Contribution in Education. JOANNE STARR is Managing Director Michigan Market, BIP group, a global human JOANNE STARR is Managing Director Michigan Market, BIP group, a global human Ms. Perry-Mason co-owned Staff Solutions, Inc., a temporary employment firm with a system of delivering employees to job sites in the tri-county area via bus and van. 2001 VERNICE D. ANTHONY recently retired from their position as the interim CEO 1996 of Focus: HOPE, a Detroit-based civil and human rights organization. Throughout her time on the NCCHS, Ms. Sanders served the community of Detroit and worked for inclusion and understanding. 1995 PAMELA RODGERS built her successful business, Rodgers Chevrolet, Inc. of Woodhaven, Michigan, on customer satisfaction and dealer relationships. Ms. Rodgers started her career with the Motor Company as a financial analyst, then general Motors dealerships in Flint Rock. Ms. Rodgers believes in community involvement and the served on the GM Women Dealers Advisory Board and the boards of New Detroit, the Detroit Black Chamber of Commerce, the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, the Merrill Palmer Institute, Woodward Boulevard Development Authority, and Alternatives For Girls among others. She is currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Bloomfield Hills Private Bank and on the board of the Detroit Riverfront Conservatory. 1995 JULIE FISHER CUMMINGs presently serves as the Chair of the Board for the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. Ms. Cummings advocates for responsible policies on health, education, and philanthropy on behalf of understood and marginalized children and families. She founded of Live Oaks Foundation, strives to enhance the quality of life for underprivileged children, women, and families. In addition to Ms. Fisher-Cummings’s work with the Live Oaks Foundation, Ms. Fisher-Cummings serves as the Vice-Chair of The Max M. Fisher Foundation and teaches child policy advocacy at University of Miami. Ms. Fisher-Cummings is a former trustee of Children’s Hospital of Michigan and President of the waist of the W.G. Dono Foundation – National Foundation for Children of Addictions. THE HON. DENISE PAGE HODGJD, JD administers the law and strives for justice as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Nominated by President 1996 was named Associate Publisher. In May 1994, Ms. Kramer was named a Vice of Focus: HOPE, a Detroit-based civil and human rights organization. Throughout her career, Ms. Anthony developed and worked with collaborative models to improve health care access, quality and cost. Ms. Anthony developed and served as CEO and President of the Greater District Attorney Health Council. She served as a visiting judge in various courts. In 1995, Ms. Lara has been invited to present her work in the United States, Norway, Australia, Mexico, and Canada. Five different Michigan governors have named Ms. Lara to lead boards and commissions based on advocacy work she had undertaken. In 2006, she was named as the Michigan State Police Executive Director. 1996 ELIZABETH S. 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