

Alternatives For Girls

## ROLE MODEL

Celebration

MARCH 08, 2023 THE HENRY FORD





#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

AFG helps homeless and high-risk girls and young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy, and exploitation, and helps them to explore and access the support, resources, and opportunities necessary to be safe, to grow strong and to make positive choices in their lives.

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#### Dear Friends:

I'm pleased to welcome you to Alternatives For Girls' 34th Annual Role Model Celebration. I am honored to have you here with us tonight, and I feel particularly privileged that some of you are joining this event for the first time.

This year marks the first time we are hosting the celebration on International Women's Day, and it is a powerful pairing. As we celebrate our extraordinary Role Models and the accomplishments of the girls and young women with whom we work, it is inspiring to imagine this event as a part of a larger commemoration – a worldwide observation honoring the accomplishments of women and the power of women to unite and affect change.

Through the years, we are proud to have honored over 80 women at this event. Each Role Model has influenced the community in important and lasting ways. They have emerged as real leaders that inspire us all. This year, we are proud to continue this tradition as we celebrate:

- Terry Barclay, CEO, Inforum
- Lisa Franklin, Founder & CEO, Warriors on Wheels
- Brandy Mason, Founder, Your Heart Matters Counseling and Consulting

As I think about the women and girls AFG serves, each deserves strong women to whom they can look for advice, inspiration, and support. Strong women like those we honor tonight, and also those who are alumnae of AFG programs, are thriving and contributing, and are serving as leaders within their own communities. Over the years, I have witnessed powerful change. I am proud of our work together and pleased to share some of those success stories with you tonight.

On behalf of Alternatives For Girls' Board of Directors and staff, thank you to all our sponsors and to our guests for joining us tonight, and for lifting up AFG's mission. Your support means so much to me and to those for whom we provide critical and long-term support towards change.

All my thanks, Amy 1. Soud

Amanda (Amy) L. Good

CEO

# The AFG Purpose and Impact.

#### **PREVENTION**

AFG's Prevention programming identifies and works with at-risk schoolaged girls (ages 7 – 19) in the immediate southwest Detroit community through activities and curriculum to increase self-esteem, leadership skills, educational outcomes, and college readiness.

Over the last five years, 100% of girls in the program have graduated from high school, and 72% of those have gone on to community college or a 4-year university.

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### OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SERVICES

Outreach and Education Services (OES) serves young women engaged in sex work as well as victims and survivors of sex trafficking and domestic violence. Staff and volunteers are available 24/7 by phone, web chat, and on site to transition these individuals into safer situations and to reconnect with supportive family members when possible.

In 2022, 214 women were supported in their efforts to escape from violent domestic situations.

## SHELTER/TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM (TIL)

Once a homeless young woman enters the shelter, AFG staff immediately work with her to evaluate her needs and develop a plan with goals. AFG's shelter houses 15-21 year-old young women and is a welcoming, bright, safe place. We are licensed to house young children of shelter residents who are 18 years or older, and this past year we opened an early childhood education center. This Center provides residents with a safe daycare for their children as they begin to take the steps necessary for economic independence.

Last year, 78% of participants left the shelter and moved into positive living situations, including back with relatives or into a safe, independent living situation.

#### **HOUSING STABILITY**

Through this initiative, AFG provides continued support to young women from our Transition to Independent Program. The goal is to provide the advocacy and support necessary for them to maintain stability and avert another crisis once in their own homes. We are one of a handful of organizations in the Detroit area offering rapid-rehousing services to families and individuals. Funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, these services are designed to move those under 24-years old experiencing homelessness into safe housing with short- to medium-term rental, utility assistance, and supportive services.

This serves a broader audience, and AFG brings substantial knowledge and expertise in supporting those experiencing homelessness.

## Many Thanks.

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## Tonight's Celebration.

#### **WELCOME**

Alison Nelson, AFG Board of Directors, Co-Chair Role Model Celebration

Hilary Golston, FOX2 Anchor & Reporter

#### **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Amanda (Amy) L. Good, AFG Chief Executive Officer Courtney Smith, AFG Alumna, former AFG Board Member

#### **ROLE MODEL PRESENTATION**

Dr. Celia Thomas, AFG Chief Operating Officer Lisa Franklin Terry Barclay Brandy Mason

#### **TESTIMONIAL**

Sabrina Miller, AFG Participant

#### **LIVE AUCTION**

Chris Aslanian, Auctioneer

#### **ALTERNATIVES FOR GIRLS - HIGHLIGHTS**

Amanda (Amy) L. Good, AFG Chief Executive Officer

#### **FUND THE MISSION**

Chris Aslanian, Auctioneer

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Amanda (Amy) L. Good, AFG Chief Executive Officer

## ROLE MODELS.

In honor of International Women's Day, we celebrate the accomplishments of extraordinary women in our community and the accomplishments of the girls and women we serve.

#### **TERRY BARCLAY**

As the CEO of Inforum, Terry advises top management on how to build gender-balanced businesses and capitalize on the world's fastest-growing market – women. She enjoys building alliances, steering change, and consistently delivering mission-critical results with local businesses and their leaders throughout Michigan. Terry also serves on a number of non-profit boards in our community.



#### LISA FRANKLIN

Lisa is the Founder and CEO of Warriors on Wheels of Metropolitan Detroit, whose vision is that individuals with disabilities will be able to thrive in an inclusive community that is sensitive to the needs and issues that individuals with various disabilities face. For decades, Lisa has demonstrated extraordinary leadership, which has led to numerous significant steps forward for disabled people and all people in Detroit.



#### **BRANDY MASON**

Brandy is a wife, mother, clinical therapist, and Founder of Your Heart Matters Counseling and Consulting. She is dedicated to providing mental health services to individuals, especially young people throughout Metro Detroit. As a teen, Brandy was in foster care and made a real effort not to let her past trauma overtake her future. Prior to starting her own business, she also worked in child welfare for eight years.





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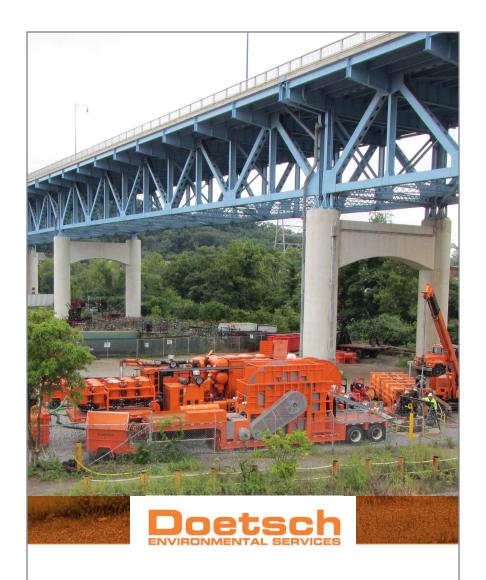
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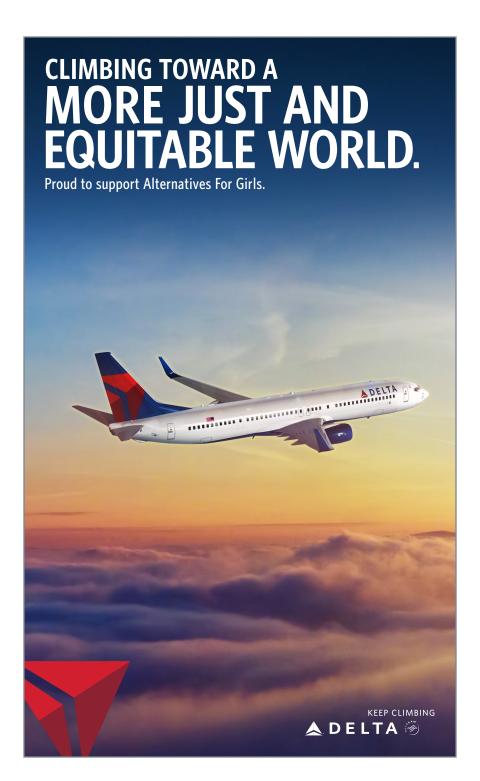


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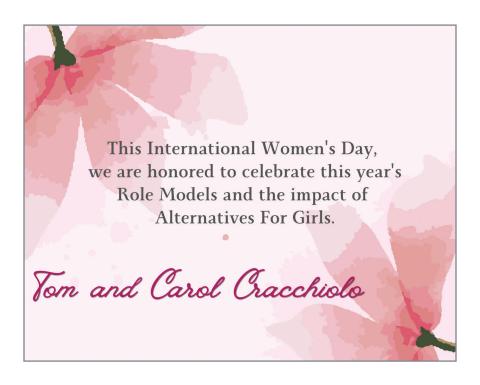




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## Ways to get involved.

Thank you very much for joining us for an evening of inspiration and action. Tonight, is just one way you can support Alternatives For Girls. There are many opportunities throughout the year.

#### With you, we can EmpowerHER.



#### **VOLUNTEER.**

We offer many volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups.



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