



Extend a Hand, Stay Connected, Live Well at Home

Fact Sheet

Who are we?

The Foggy Bottom West End Village is a neighborhood nonprofit volunteer / membership organization that provides services and social activities to help residents live independently for the long term in the Foggy Bottom West End neighborhood. We currently have 150 members, ages 36 to 99, and 75 volunteers from the community.

What do we do?

We provide members with services including transportation, in-home visits, household help, technical assistance, problem solving, and vendor resources. Since we began in October, 2013, our volunteers have provided more than 1,000 hours of service to our members. We also have a robust schedule of social, educational, and cultural programs. In addition, our members are engaged in a number of ongoing group activities through our affinity groups.

How have we done?

The Village began operations on October 1, 2013. In two surveys taken a year apart, our members have been consistently and overwhelmingly positive (**93% - 100%**) in describing their Village experiences.

Strongly agreed or agreed FBWEV's services and programs met their needs and expectations

"So much to do. Making new friends. Love it."

"There is always someone there willing to help. It's great!"

"It's helped me to become more joyous, whether when participating in Village activities, or when just living."

"The village has been a 'life saver' for me, giving me much needed rides to medical appointments while recovering from hip surgery!"

Extremely or very satisfied with their membership

"It has fostered better relationships with neighbors, has given me the satisfaction of helping others."

"It has brought much happiness and a feeling of belonging into my life."

"The members have been exceptionally warm and welcoming."

"The Executive Director and the generous volunteers at Foggy Bottom West End Village provide excellent leadership and fabulous support."

Would definitely or probably recommend the Village to a friend or neighbor

"I am making new friends, feel safer and more a part of the neighborhood, and have so many fun things to do on my very limited income."

"The Village has made me feel part of a community which can be difficult living in an urban setting."

"I find that as I had more conversations with people, I felt it was OK to ask for help which has been terrific."

Believe that FBWEV is enhancing their independence

"The Village increases my security about living in my own home."

"I also feel secure in the knowledge that I will get the help I need should the occasion arise."

"Hope for the future"

How have we done this?

We trained a cadre of volunteers coordinated by our full-time Executive Director. In addition, a number of committees that include members and volunteers have coordinated the Village's recruitment, programming, communication, and fundraising efforts. Some history:

- 2011** Initial meeting of community members to explore establishing a Village Designated special project by Foggy Bottom Association (FBA) and ANC2A
Community survey showed overwhelming interest to join and volunteer
- 2012** Community meetings held; began membership pledge drive
Received donations and in-kind services
- 2013** Incorporated in DC and applied for 501(c)(3) status
Foggy Bottom Trust provided \$40,000 to support hiring of volunteer director and subsidy for memberships for limited income individuals
\$100,000 PUD funds from George Washington University for office
Director hired, volunteers vetted and trained
FBWEV opened in October with over 100 members and 50 volunteers
- 2014** FBWEV opened office at St. Paul's Parish
Received an additional \$20,000 from Foggy Bottom Trust
Member satisfaction survey conducted with overwhelmingly positive results
IRS granted FBWEV 501(c)(3) status
- 2015** Selected as one of 20 villages for national Village study by University of California Berkeley
Annual membership goal was reached (130 individual and household memberships)
\$35,000 raised from our first annual fund-raiser gala, exceeding our initial goal
Grants received from local foundations for social isolation (\$10,000) and for membership subsidy for limited income individuals (\$4,000)
Established Founding Donor Campaign and Legacy Society
Award given to FBWEV President for promoting community and enhancing the neighborhood

How do I join?

Fill out the membership application under the **MEMBERSHIP** tab at www.fbwevillage.org

How do I volunteer?

Fill out the volunteer application under the **VOLUNTEER** tab at www.fbwevillage.org

How do I support the Village?

Join the Foggy Bottom West End Village, volunteer, and donate by clicking on the **SUPPORT US** tab at www.fbwevillage.org or send a tax-deductible donation to:

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www.wavevillages.org
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