

# FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER

## GMC: THE PIVOT EXTENDS

GMC raises over \$200,000 during our Spirit of Georgetown 2020 Campaign. GMC is currently launching a new program, GMC Extends, to meet the growing needs of our guests during the cold winter months, while continuing to adhere to COVID-19 safety measures. Additionally, GMC welcomes a new Executive Director: Kelly Andreae



### FALL HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spirit of Georgetown 2020 raises \$210,800
- GMC launches Extends
- DC Councilmember Brooke Pinto visits the Drop in Center
- GMC welcomes three new full time employees

### What is GMC Extends?

GMC is serving our guests delicious dinner every Monday through Friday evening. Our community partners at Feed the Fight DC and area congregations help with our expanded meal service. Additionally, GMC is distributing gift cards, winter clothes and supplies so our guests can be warm, fed, and safe through the coming months. Our normal winter shelter usually houses around a dozen clients. However, through Extends GMC will be able to broaden our reach serving hundreds of individuals during the cold winter months.



Delores Jackson serves lunch, while Teddy Sullivan cleans the shower!

GMC continues to serve the community through the winter with essential services such as showers, laundry, and meal services. Despite not being able to have the annual winter shelter, GMC Extends keeps the Drop in Center open until 7:00pm M-F, serving warm dinner and providing heating kits to guests.

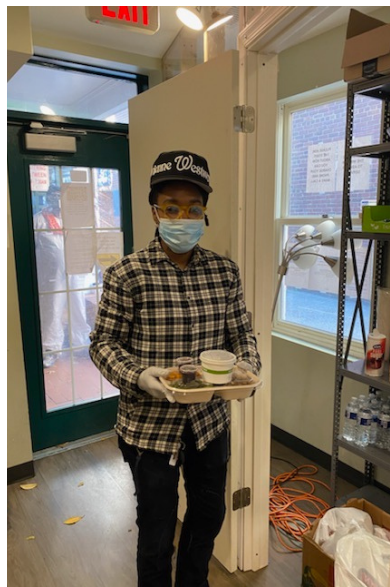
## Thank YOU for your continued support!

- Thank you to everyone who supported the Spirit of Georgetown 2020 Campaign. GMC raised \$200,800, a **new record** for our yearly campaign! .
- GMC says goodbye to Wanda Pierce, Interim Executive Director, and warmly welcomes **Kelly Andreae** as our new Executive Director.
- Kelly hit the ground running with the launch of **GMC Extends**. Additionally, she will be cooking and serving dinner herself on Thanksgiving Day.
- GMC is growing our partnerships with **Feed the Fight DC** and our member congregations to ensure the success of GMC Extends.

- A highlight of the fall was when **DC Councilmember Brooke Pinto** visited the Drop in Center to meet with staff and board members. Councilmember Pinto is a strong advocate for those experiencing homeless and GMC looks forward to continuing to grow our relationship with her and her office.



DC Councilmember, Brooke Pinto, visits Drop in Center



New Outreach Coordinator, Gabi Peete, serving lunch!

- COVID-19 continues to bring many obstacles, but the dedication of our staff, partners, and donors make every "pivot" all the easier. GMC put together an **Amazon Wishlist** of supplies our guests will need to withstand the harsh DC winter and a **fund** to help offset some of the costs of Extends.

## GMC Welcomes Three New Employees!



Executive Director, Kelly Andreae, snaps a selfie on her first day!

- Kelly Andreae joins the GMC team as the new Executive Director. Kelly has over 15 years of working in homeless services. She is a creative leader that builds strategic partnerships and drives program growth. Through it all Kelly keeps her eye on one goal: Ending homelessness one person at a time.
- Gabi Peete, long time Winter Shelter staff member, and on-call staff member for the Drop In Center will be filling the role of Outreach Coordinator. Through her time with GMC, Gabi has built a wonderful rapport with our guests. GMC is ecstatic to bring Gabi on in a full time capacity to help continue to grow relationships with guests, and expand our Street Outreach Program.
- Teddy Sullivan joins as the Communications and Development Associate. Teddy has a background in marketing, and is thrilled to be back home in DC!