The House DC, Inc., opened in November 1999 as a life-giving oasis for students and families in the Anacostia community of Southeast Washington, DC. As we approach 18 years of ministry, I am truly grateful for the incredibly faithful support of our donors; encouraged by the tireless work of our committed staff; and energized by the critical support of our Board of Directors. Because of you, we have remained a stable force in the community.

I recall one of many evenings standing in our small parking lot talking with staff about an immediate need for groceries for one of our families. As we continued the conversation, we uncovered a myriad of other pressing needs that would require much more than a single food basket. Our “in the trenches” approach to ministry means that our work is ongoing and ever increasing, because the needs of those whom we serve are often multilayered. When we walk with a family all the way from suffering to success, it motivates us to continue allowing God to perform the miraculous through us.

The House DC is a place where I have personally witnessed God perform incredible transformations that extend from one generation to the next. Lives have been thoroughly changed through our relational model. There is nothing like the sight of happy teens feeling completely at home in our outreach building, or seeing the youth “hanging” out in front of our buildings with smiles on their faces as they enter The House DC. I am happy to see them safe within our doors knowing that they have an opportunity to hear about the love of Jesus and the hope that He offers. Our summer elementary children can’t wait to come each day to experience acceptance and love; the “Next Level” program participants, who are young adults over 18, know we are available to help them navigate through the next phase of their lives; and, former students who are now “thirtysomethings” and married with kids proudly drop by with a sense of joy and thankfulness.

Sixteen years ago, when I entered the doors of The House DC for the first time, I had no idea what would be ahead of me. After all this time, I continue to look back at each year with joy and an increased excitement and hope for each coming year, all made possible by the grace of God and those of you connected to our ministry. Thank you.

Sincerely,

La Wonda Bornstein
President & CEO
VISION: To TRANSFORM and EMPOWER the lives of inner city youth and their families through Christ by giving them hope, a productive future, and a changed community.
The House DC, Inc., is a faith-based outreach ministry that offers youth and the community opportunities: healthy relationships, life changing experiences, and a change of heart.

- Anacostia High School
- Thurgood Marshall Academy
- YouthBuild Public Charter School
- Options PCS – Alternative School
- Friendship Collegiate Academy
- LAYC Career Academy
- Ballou High School
- Suitland High School (Maryland)

We observe fewer fights involving students that are actively engaged with The House. For a number of reasons, a lot of these kids are essentially raising themselves, and sometimes are raising their siblings as well. They come to The House for security and comfort, because the staff genuinely care, and they can see that and feel that. As I overheard one student say on his way to The House one day: ‘I’m going to the safe house, not the stress house’.

CHARLES JONES
Washington Metropolitan Police Officer
Our youth experience hope—and we introduce them to the same Jesus who changed our lives. We have great programs, but programs are not what offers them a change of heart, God is.

- Weekly Life Sessions
- Spiritual Retreats
- Monthly Saturday Night Events
- Discipleship
- Mentoring

“I used to proudly proclaim that I was a Muslim because everyone else in my crew was, and I would constantly get my friends into trouble. It was because of the Life Sessions that I attended that, over time, I began to see God’s healing power. These lessons, and the ways that the House staff took care of all of us, helped me understand that Jesus is the true God. I used to be convinced that I would be dead before I turned 21. Now, thanks to The House DC, not only do I see my life’s full potential in front of me, I know that I’ll be by God’s side in heaven when he calls me home.”

DEVONTE
House student
FAITH DAY
AUGUST 27 // 1:05 PM

Andrea Counts and Keith Battle, Senior Pastor of Zion Church
The WASHINGTON NATIONALS have made The House DC the official Faith and Family Night partner. The next Faith and Family Night is August 26, 2017—Nationals vs NY Mets. Tickets can be purchased through this link only (nationals.com/faith); a donation of $5.00 per ticket purchased will be made to The House DC.

The House DC hosted **14 DAYS OF PRAYER** in October. Individuals, churches and organizations around the country, and even from Ghana prayed with The House DC.

**ANACOSTIA RIVER CHURCH** hosts weekly community Bible studies at The House DC’s 1610 17th Street location.

**ZION CHURCH** Sponsored “Kick Off Costume Party”

“I was unsure about taking my children to a Halloween party, but I felt God’s peace about the event as soon as I arrived and I knew that this was where we needed to be that night. The House walked us through various rooms showing us how scary life would be without Jesus. At the end of the night my children would not stop asking me questions about God and the devil. I can’t ever remember feeling blessed from Halloween. Thanksgiving and Christmas, yes, but Halloween?”

Ms. Williams
The Youth, Family, & Community Outreach building provides a safe place for youth to “hang” after school.

In addition to providing a home cooked meal each evening and a snack, The House offers the following:

- Mentoring
- Academic Support
- Life Sessions
- Music & Studio Engineering
- Arts & Technology
- Special Events

Always looking for ways to integrate The House DC’s programming into the larger Anacostia community, we started a new way to give back. Once a week, we took students out to the local homeless shelter and handed out hotdogs, chips and soda to people waiting in line for services. For many of our students, this is the first time they’ve ever had anything that they were able to give away to others. Building this sense of service and sharing of God’s blessing is an essential part of developing people of character who are committed to their community.

*Homework and school were never important for me. I didn’t see the point of going to school, working hard or taking tests. Eventually someone at The House asked to see my report card and we ended up having a conversation about why it’s important to challenge yourself and to take school seriously. I had never talked with anyone about this before, but it made sense. The House DC believed in me, so I started to believe in myself. My grades are now much better than they’ve ever been before.*

ANTWON
During school hours, The House DC, Inc., supports the faculty and students at ANACOSTIA HIGH SCHOOL.

- Lunch-time activities
- Relationship building with faculty
- Introduce new students to The House
- Providing meals for staff and students
- Christmas gifts provided for all students

*We love having The House DC visit Anacostia High School. They are such a positive influence in our school.*

**MRS. JACKSON**
Teacher, Anacostia High School
Summer Elementary Enrichment Program:

The House DC provides a free summer program. Home cooked meals and snacks are provided daily. Life lessons are taught to educate, protect, and help our vulnerable children deal with issues they may face such as: child abuse, abduction, bullying, drugs, self-esteem, etc. In addition, our enrichment and academic activities include the following:

- Reading
- Computers
- Arts & Crafts
- Music
- Weekly Field Trips

Youth ages 16-25 are employed as Camp Counselors and gain valuable work skills.

I have learned that hard work pays off, be honest always, and rely on my faith in God to get me through life.

DAJAH
Summer Youth Worker
MISSION:
The Next Level Program’s mission is to empower the lives of inner city high-risk young adults by providing programs that will broaden their vision of the future and prepare them for success.

VISION:
To springboard young people into their selected careers and future roles as responsible men and women who establish strong family structures, and make a positive contribution to their community and society.

The Life Skills Education Program targets young adults ages 18–31; however, we support community members of all ages who are seeking employment. We provide support/training in the following areas:

- Employment Search Skills
- Career Development
- Education Support & Counseling
- Entrepreneurship
- Leadership Development Training
- Apprenticeship Programs
- College
- Spiritual Guidance
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17th Annual Golf Tournament
Thank you for supporting The House DC’s 2016 Golf Tournament.

George Dunn

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  - Young Life DC South
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    - Atlanta
    - Chicago
    - Los Angeles
    - Miami
    - Philadelphia

- 75% of our contributions are from individual donors.
2016 Revenue: $813,800

- Individual Giving 75%
- Grants 8%
- Churches 9%
- Events 5%
- Corporate/Other 3%

2016 Expenses: $752,600

- Program (staff, youth & community) 52%
- Development (staff, events, development) 12%
- General & Administrative (staff & operations) 36%
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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Give Back Thursdays
Valentine’s Day Poetry Reading
Mother’s Day Appreciation
Father’s Day Appreciation
October Costume Party
Thanksgiving Meals for Anacostia HS Staff
Community Thanksgiving Outreach
Christmas on the Southside

IN MEMORIAM

RAYMOND BORNSTEIN

The House DC lost a dedicated supporter in January 2017. Raymond Bornstein, Jr., husband to La Wonda, was called home to the Lord after a protracted fight against cancer. Raymond served as a volunteer and then as a staff member from 2010-2014. His influence continues to be felt in many aspects of The House DC, especially in our unwavering commitment to our students.

Gifts in memory of Ray can be made to The House DC.

Ray attending former House student Darius Edwards' wedding.