

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

December 15, 2008

CALL TO PODIUM:

Linda Plummer, Friends of Wells Robertson House, Inc.
Treasurer

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Crystal Carr

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proclamation/Certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Appointment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Item
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy Discussion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Work Session Discussion Item
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PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

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Introduced	
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Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:
Recognition of Schools and Coordinators For the Help the Homeless Mini-School Walks that benefit Friends of Wells Robertson House, Inc.

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:
For over ten years, Friends of Wells Robertson House, Inc. (FWRH) has partnered with Fannie Mae on their annual Help The Homeless Walkathon. The Help the Homeless school mini-walks is FWRH biggest fundraising effort.
All funds generated for FWRH are used to support enhancements to the City of Gaithersburg's Wells/Robertson House Program, a transitional housing program for those in recovery from substance abuse and the NET program a supportive services network for vulnerable youth ages 16-25 providing resources, mentoring, self-advocacy education and links to employment.
Community outreach and education is a key component of the Board's mission and programming. FWRH structures the mini-walk program to be inclusive for all and has made the conscious choice to raise funds to subsidize approximately 1,300 student walkers.
The City recognizes this evening the participating schools and the mini-walk coordinators for their commitment to ending homelessness. Through their efforts, FWRH had over 1900 student walkers and anticipates receiving a \$70,000 grant from Fannie Mae.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Phoenix/ Emory Grove High School- Patti Jenkins 2) Brownie Troop #6714 – Mindi Jacobson 3) Laytonsville Elementary School- Cherie Ward 4) Washington Grove Elementary School-Russ Bradshaw 5) Rosemont Elementary School- Cynthia Resnick 6) Goshen Elementary School- Theresa Lipari 7) Gaithersburg Elementary School- Vivienne Patton 8) Summit Hall Elementary School- Hiranya Parakrama

DESIRED OUTCOME:
Award Certificates of Recognition