

10 Years of WGB Women Giving Back



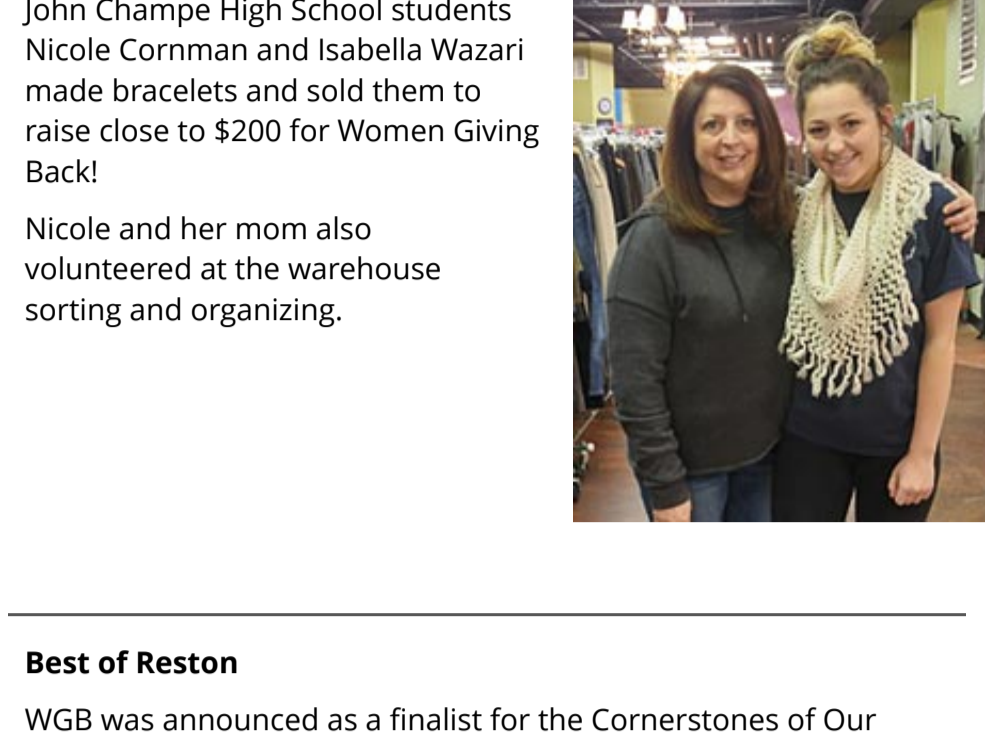
THE FOUNDATION OF EVERYTHING WE DO IS THAT *every woman and child deserves the basics in life.*

Store News

Cinco de Mayo

The annual Cinco de Mayo event will be held on May 4th from 5:30 to 9:30pm at the WGB Store in Sterling, VA.

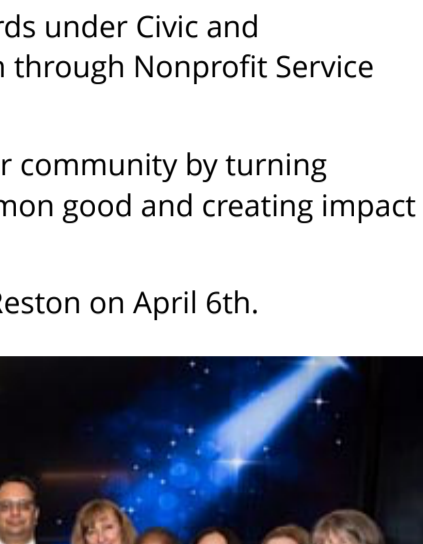
The proceeds from this event provide direct support for the Women Giving Back program, helping us to clothe thousands of women and children in need each year.



February Store

John Champe High School students Nicole Cornman and Isabella Wazari made bracelets and sold them to raise close to \$200 for Women Giving Back!

Nicole and her mom also volunteered at the warehouse sorting and organizing.



Best of Reston

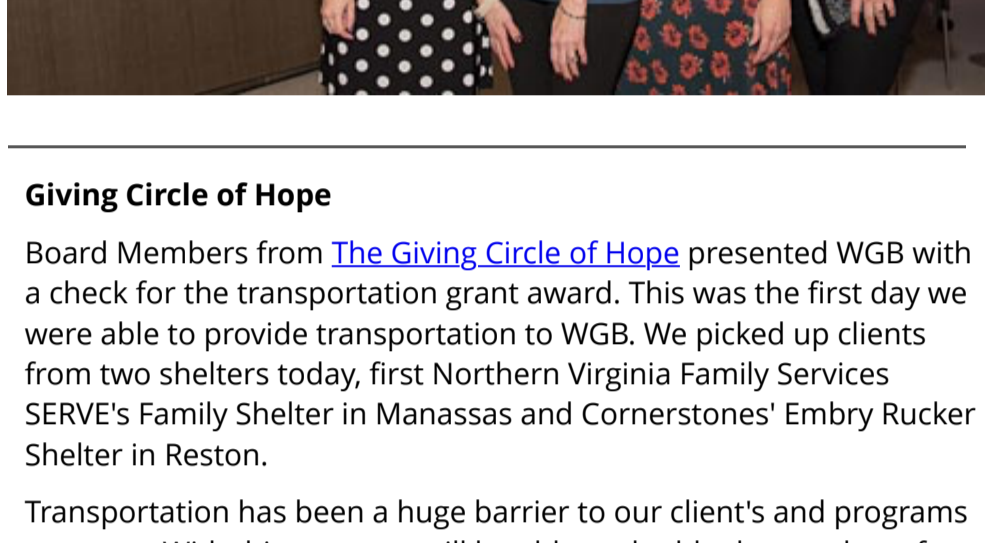
WGB was announced as a finalist for the Cornerstones of Our Community - 2017 Best of Reston Awards under Civic and Community Engagement, Volunteerism through Nonprofit Service Category.

The finalists in this category engage our community by turning beliefs into action, promoting the common good and creating impact in ways that many may not realize.

Winners will be announced at Best of Reston on April 6th.



Nicole Morris, Pat Leader, Connie Bucko, and Cyndi Shanahan at the Best of Reston Finalist Kickoff.



Giving Circle of Hope

Board Members from [The Giving Circle of Hope](#) presented WGB with a check for the transportation grant award. This was the first day we were able to provide transportation to WGB. We picked up clients from two shelters today, first Northern Virginia Family Services SERVE's Family Shelter in Manassas and Cornerstones' Embury Rucker Shelter in Reston.

Transportation has been a huge barrier to our client's and programs we serve. With this grant we will be able to double the number of women and children we serve this year!



Volunteer of the Month



Emma Danh is our volunteer of the month. She started volunteering with us last December when she became aware of our organization. Since December she has been a familiar face at sorts and stores every single week.

Emma is not only consistent in her work with us, she is a self-starter and is continuously completing work that adds to the client experience. For instance, one day she took it upon herself to re-organize the books in the children's area so that it is easier

for children to find books that they will want to take home with them.

We love volunteers like Emma who come regularly and actively look for what needs to be done in the store.

Please join us in thanking Emma for all the work she does for Women Giving Back!

Successful Sorts

NVBA Women in the Building Industry



Movement Mortgage

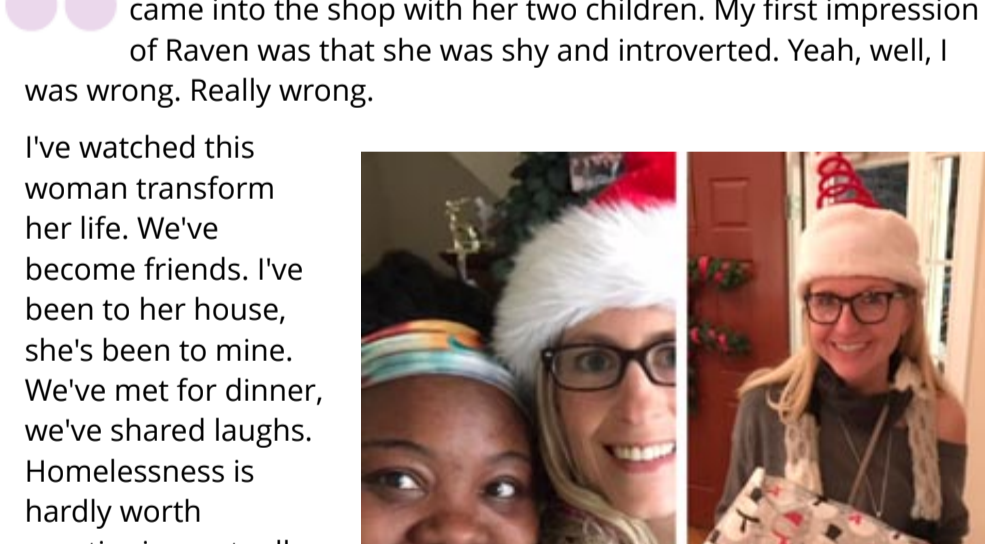


The ladies from **Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.)** warehouse chapter had a blast sorting donations in the warehouse and stocking our jewelry display.



Volunteer Drives

Alpha Kappa Alpha Alumni, Caleen Sullivan dropped off 100 children's snack packs provided through the Sorority's Charitable Foundation - Child Hunger Initiative for the kids at WGB today.



Stories from the Store

I met Raven at Women Giving Back in December, 2015. She came into the shop with her two children. My first impression of Raven was that she was shy and introverted. Yeah, well, I was wrong. Really wrong.

I've watched this woman transform her life. We've become friends. I've been to her house, she's been to mine. We've met for dinner, we've shared laughs. Homelessness is hardly worth mentioning, actually.

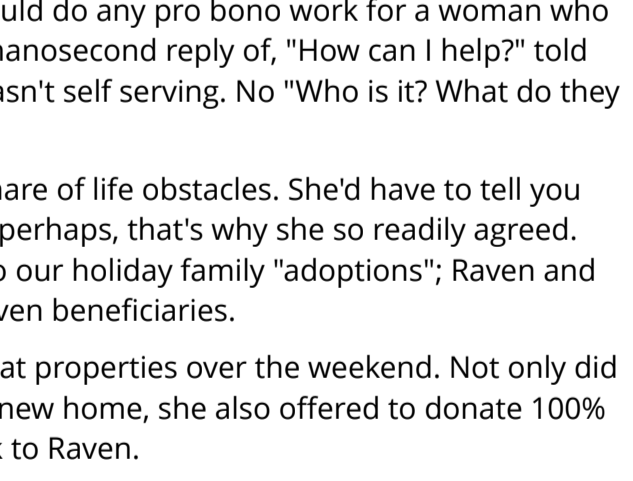
She has landed two jobs, regrouped her family, and started anew through determination, grit, resourcefulness and laughter that can be heard from miles away. Very simply, she is the epitome of perseverance and beauty.

Raven initially matched up with a grandmother from the shelter. Together they moved into a Leesburg townhouse and shared expenses. Her roommate is moving and Raven recently told me she'd need to find a new home; one without a roommate to help pay rent. That's where my friend, Gina, comes in. When I asked Gina, a local realtor, if she would do any pro bono work for a woman who could use a boost, her nanosecond reply of, "How can I help?" told me that her decision wasn't self serving. No "Who is it? What do they want?"

Gina has had her fair share of life obstacles. She'd have to tell you about that, though. So, perhaps, that's why she so readily agreed. Gina also contributed to our holiday family "adoptions"; Raven and her kids were one of seven beneficiaries.

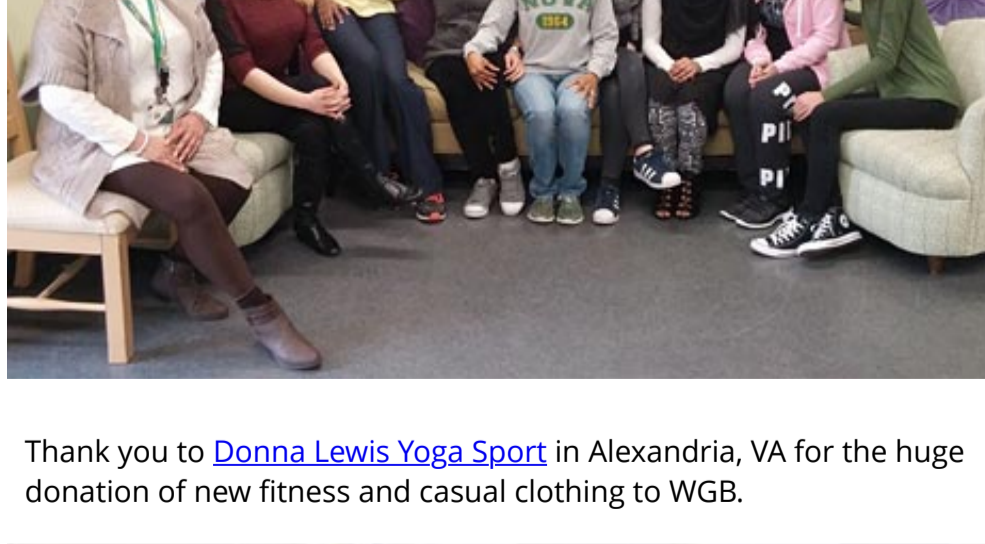
Gina and Raven looked at properties over the weekend. Not only did Gina offer to find her a new home, she also offered to donate 100% of her commission back to Raven.

- Melissa Fox, WGB Volunteer



Thank You!

Thank you to the **Young Men's Service League** Vienna-Oakton Chapter for your help at the February store. We are always so impressed by the young men and women that excitedly assist us. You truly understand what it means to pay it forward.



Big thanks to the **Northern Virginia Community College - Loudoun Campus** for spending some time with us last week to volunteer!



Thank you to [Donna Lewis Yoga Sport](#) in Alexandria, VA for the huge donation of new fitness and casual clothing to WGB.



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Capital Campaign

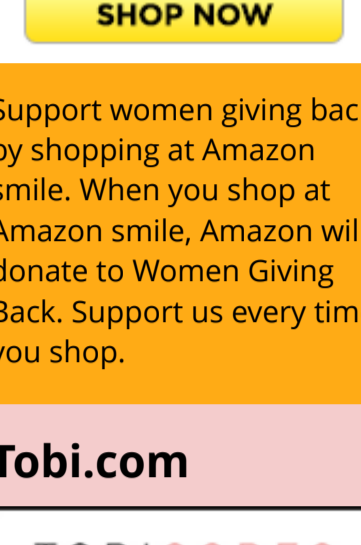
Over the course of 2016, your donations to Women Giving Back changed lives in profound ways.

It's time to plan for 2017 and we hope you will continue to be an integral part of Women Giving Back!

No donation is too small when it comes from a big heart.

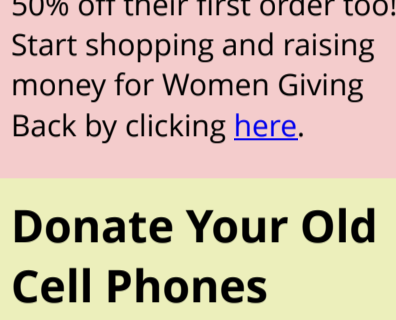
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Kid's Clothing Needed!



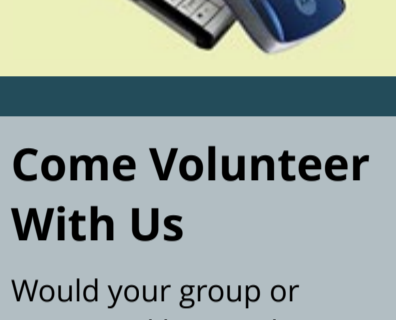
WGB is in need of children's clothing in range of newborn - age 18. Look for [drop off times](#) on our website.

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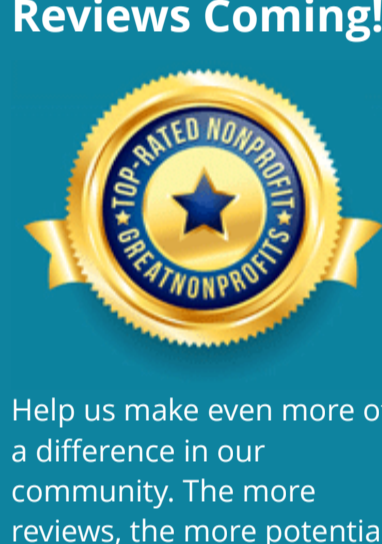


You can help support Women Giving Back by shopping with Tobi. Tobi will donate 1% of your eligible purchases to us at no additional cost to you.

First time customers get 50% off their first order too! Start shopping and raising money for Women Giving Back by clicking [here](#).

Donate Your Old Cell Phones

Bring your inactive cell phone to WGB on any donation day. (no accessories, chargers, etc. please)



Come Volunteer With Us

Would your group or company like to volunteer with us? [Click here](#) or contact us at (703) 554-9386 to schedule.



Sorting Day - Wednesday, March 8th from 4:00-6:00pm

Sorting Day - Friday, March 10th from 4:00pm-6:00pm

Store Day - Friday, March 10th from 5:00-8:00pm

Store Day - Saturday, March 11th from 8:30am-1:00pm

Store Day - Saturday, March 18th from 8:30am-11:00am

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