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## LEGACY

COMMUNITY BRIDGES'  
4TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 22, 2020



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## *Dear Community Bridges Family and Friends,*



Welcome to the Community Bridges 3rd Annual Celebration, Girl Legacy! This past year we have truly made a significant impact here in Montgomery County. We have helped over 325 girls build bridges and make connections. Thanks to amazing supporters like you – we have been able to empower the CB girls and connect them to their futures. We have built a legacy for supporting a girl holistically and we know with your continued support, we can continue to grow and serve more girls in grades 4-12. I have the great honor of serving as the current Executive Director for Community Bridges but the girl legacy we have built has come from all of the great leaders before me and will continue in the years to come because of each and every one of you through your support of our mission and our CB girls! Each of you as supporters are part of our legacy!

Tonight you are celebrating creating opportunities, cultivating potential and achieving dreams for over 4,200 diverse girls in Montgomery County through the Community Bridges Girls Program. Tonight is Girl Legacy because we are celebrating the past, the present and looking forward to the future of our CB Girls Program. We say once a CB girl always a CB girl! Our girl legacy is living through all of our past and current CB Girls. Each and everyday we have girls passing the legacy down to the next generation of CB girls.

We celebrate our CB Girls! You will hear from the CB girls who have made connections and built amazing bridges through Community Bridges. They will serve as table ambassadors and will share how Community Bridges has shaped who they are today. The stories and the legacy will continue, by the end of the year we plan to serve an additional 425 girls, 45 mentors, and 350 families in Montgomery County.

If you have the ability to give tonight, I ask you to please make a contribution. Every dollar raised tonight will allow us to expand to even more schools in Montgomery County and serve even more diverse girls in grades 4-12. Be part of the amazing group of supporters that helps bring Community Bridges Programming to new schools in Montgomery County! Thank you for your support and for helping to change the lives of girls. CB thanks each and every one of you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Babe-Thomas', written in a cursive style.

**Shannon Babe-Thomas**

Executive Director, Community Bridges

## *VIP Reception*

### **Can Do Cocktail**

1 1/2 oz McClintock Vodka, 1 oz Cranberry juice,  
1/2 oz Cointreau, 1/2 oz Fresh lime juice

Mocktail = substitute vodka with club soda and OJ for Cointreau

## *Welcome*

**Brittany Johnson**, Host and Emcee

*“Don’t Give Up on Me” by Andy Grammer and  
sung by CB Alumna Emily Garcia*

**Shannon Babe-Thomas**, Executive Director, Community Bridges

## *Community Bridges 2020 CB Alumna Award*

**Emily Garcia**, CB Alumna and Junior at the University of Maryland

*Dance to “Fight Song” by Rachel Patten with CB Alumnae Maria  
Polanco, Etsube Yitbarek, Tatyanna Murphy, and Yamarie Sarr*

## *2020 Girl Legacy Award*

**Carla Reid**, CEO and President, WSSC Water

## *Girl Legacy Video*

## *Table Breakouts with a CB Girl*

Click on the session on the left to join your table. Be sure to  
click back to the stage when the breakout is complete.

## *Appeal for Support*

**Councilmember Craig Rice**

### **WORKPLACE MATCHING GIFTS**

Does your workplace offer matching gifts for charitable donations by employees? If so, please take advantage of this easy way to multiply the impact of your gift. Please check with your employer for details.

*Poem, “You Call Me Ugly” written and performed by Just Love Alabi*

## *2020 Building Bridges Award*

**Ike Leggett**, Former Montgomery County Executive

*“A Million Dreams” by Pink sung by Etsube Yitbarek, CB Alumna*

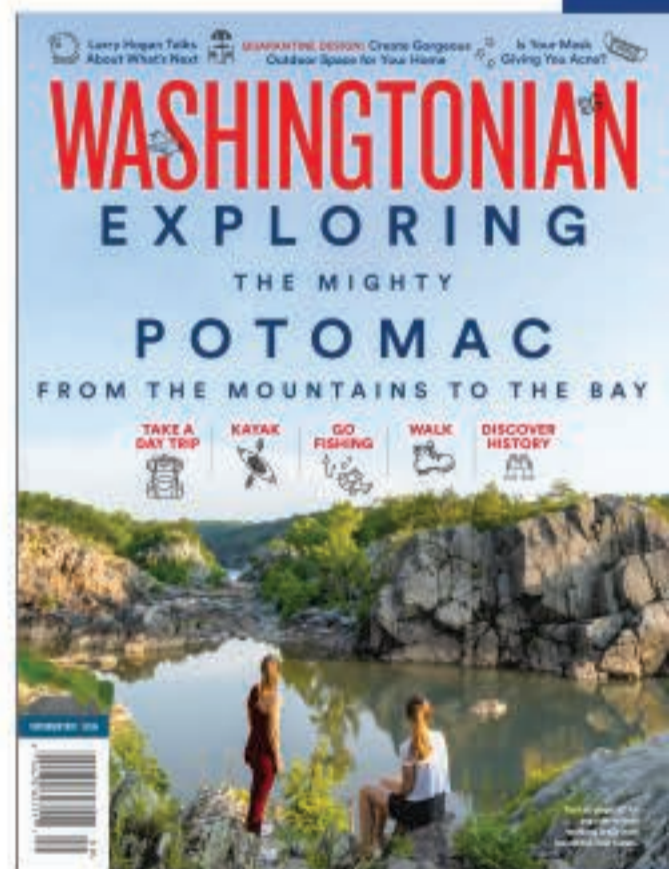
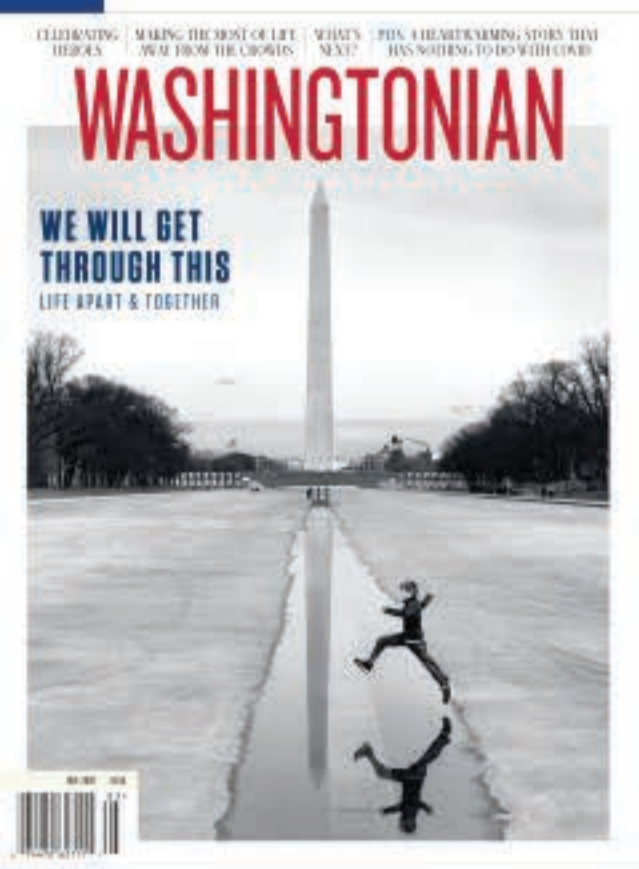
## *Closing Remarks*



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## *Girl Legacy Award*

**Carla A. Reid**, *General Manager and CEO of WSSC Water*



Carla A. Reid serves as General Manager and Chief Executive Officer (GM/CEO) at WSSC Water. She is the first woman to serve in this capacity. Reid is a civil engineer and senior executive with more than 30 years of business and leadership experience in the public sector.

Reid earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Howard University and a master's degree in Human Resources Management from University of Maryland University College. While at Howard University, she pledged Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. In recognition of her professional achievements, community leadership and mentoring, Reid was named one of The Daily Record's 2019 Maryland's Top 100 Women.

## *Building Bridges Award*

**Ike Leggett**, *Former Montgomery County Executive*



Isiah (Ike) Leggett served three consecutive terms as Montgomery County Executive (2006-2018). In 2016, he served as president of Maryland Association of Counties and president of the County Executives of America. Before becoming County Executive, Leggett served as an at-large member on the County

Council and as Council president three times. He also served as chair of the Democratic Party of Maryland from 2002-2004.

Earlier in his career, Leggett was a professor of law and the assistant/associate dean at the Howard University Law School. He also served as a captain in the Army, during which he did a tour in Vietnam.

## *CB Alumna Award*

**Emily Garcia**, *CB Class of 2017*



Emily Garcia is a 2017 graduate of Springbrook High School and an amazing CB alumna. Emily recently graduated from Montgomery College with an Associates degree in art and is now studying at the University of Maryland pursuing a bachelors in art education. Emily joined CB her sophomore year of high

school. Emily said, "It is difficult for me to explain exactly what this program did for me, but what I can say is that I became the person I always wanted to be."

## *Emcee*

**Brittany Johnson**, *Senior Executive Producer & Digital Lead at Podcast Village*



From creating her own entertainment blog in college, to working with companies such as Sirius XM, Viacom, TMZ, Radio One, NBCUniversal and more. Brittany has her pulse on the now and future of digital media.

After five years with NBC4, Brittany is now a Senior Executive Producer and Digital Lead at Podcast Village, a premier podcast/media production company with two locations in DC: Georgetown and Dupont. Clients include ESPN, Santana Moss, YWCA USA, the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Yahoo News and a number of other prominent clients. Brittany is also the Co-Host and Executive Producer of "The Oh My Goff Show" alongside Fox 5 DC Anchor Angie Goff and produced by Podcast Village. You can listen to the show on Apple Podcasts, Google Play, Spotify, and more. To watch the show subscribe to "Oh My Goff" on YouTube or catch clips on FOX5. Brittany is also an On-Air Contributor on FOX5 DC's entertainment show "Like It Or Not."

## *Auctioneer*

**Craig Rice**, *Montgomery County Councilmember*



Craig Rice was first elected to the Montgomery County Council in November 2010, at the time becoming the youngest African American ever to serve on the nine-member Council and the second African American man to serve in that role. In December 2013, his colleagues elected Craig to serve as president of the Council. In 2014 and again in 2018, he was re-elected to a four-year term on the Council.

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