



# SISTAHSPEAK

Welcome to the Community Outreach edition of the Woman2Woman Social Group newsletter, SISTAHSPEAK!!! Here you will find an overview of our recent community outreach activities.

Our theme for 2005-2006 is "**Strengthening our Families and Empowering our Community... one person at a time.**"

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### Celebrating 5 Years of Sisterhood and Community Service



**September 17, 2005** marked the **5th Anniversary** of the **Woman2Woman Social Group**. The ladies celebrated in style on October 29, 2005 at the Marlborough Golf Club in Upper Marlboro, MD. A grand time was had by all, as over 100 attendees feasted on a lavish buffet, and danced the night away to the soulful sounds of *LISSEN Unplugged*. Other highlights of the evening included the comedic stylings of *J-Raz* and the awards presentation.

Ms. Shadé Barnes, founding member and Director of Woman2Woman received the **Diamond Service Award** for her Leadership, Commitment and Dedication to W2W and the community. Ms. Kimberly Hurley, four year member of W2W and former Secretary/Historian received the **Member of the Year Award**. Ms. Towanda Hawkins, an original member and former Director of Marketing received the **Outstanding Achievement Award**.

### WHO WE ARE



Woman2Woman Social Group began in the year 2000 as a civically aware and socially active organization for women in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Since its inception the ladies of W2W have made it their mission to spread unity throughout the community by participating in and organizing events and activities that benefit those among us in the greatest need. Take a look at the work W2W has done to promote positive change in the lives of others in the last 5 years.

[Find out more...](#)

### W2W Links...

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In addition to these awards, Shadé Barnes, Carri Brown, Kelli Brown, Niiyo Madison, Sherrie Jones and Towanda Hawkins all received charm bracelets to commemorate 5 years of service in Woman2Woman. Each individual also received a Breast Cancer Awareness charm to highlight their community service.

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### W2W Networking Happy Hours



In 2005, Woman2Woman launched a series of **1st and 3rd Happy Hours** throughout Prince George's County. The Ladies of W2W hosted summer events at the Boulevard at the Capital Centre's [Stonefish Grill](#) and [Jasper's](#) in Largo, MD. In the Fall, W2W relocated to the [94th Aero Squadron](#) in College Park, MD. Happy Hour patrons were treated to the smooth jazz and R&B stylings of *Suttle Jazz* and *L! SSEN Unplugged* while they enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and an exciting networking opportunity.

[Click here for Happy Hour Photos](#)

### Hurricane Katrina

In an effort to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina, Behold The Lamb Productions, (BTL) Women Who Want To Help , (WWWTH) & [Woman2Woman](#) (W2W), collaborated to create an initiative to collect and deliver donations to the survivors of Katrina's devastating effects.

Members of WWWTH secured a truck to transport the goods to some of the evacuees in Houston and they arrived safely on September 26, 2005. Some of the items donated included:

- Gently Worn Clothing
- Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, lotion, toothbrushes, dental floss, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, etc.)
- Baby Food and Formula
- First Aid Kits (the personal sized ones)
- Canned Goods

Thank you to W2W Member, Tachiea Roland-Morris for her hard work in collecting donations and serving as the point of contact for this endeavor.

## W2W 5th Annual Clothing Drive



W2W hosted their 5th Annual Clothing Drive on December 3, 2005 at consecutive straight year, W2W has donated clothes to Bread for the City, a non-profit organization that assists needy and homeless families in Washington, DC . This year was no different than years past as the community showed their support of W2W and those

in need, by donating gently used clothes and other household items. Thank you to the Bowie Town Center location of Karibu Books for serving as our drop-off site!

**W2W's 6th Annual Clothing Drive** will be held on **December 2, 2006** at **Border's Books at the Capital Centre Boulevard** from **12:00pm – 4:00pm**. Come and support our efforts and have your Christmas Gifts wrapped for Free! It's our way of saying thank you for all you do to support your community!

[For more info about our 6th Annual Clothing Drive](#)

## Thanksgiving Outreach - Project GiveBack

W2W participated in [Project GiveBack](#) for our 4th consecutive year. We salute Rasom Miller and his organization for providing a much needed service to families in need during Thanksgiving Holiday.

[Read more about Project GiveBack](#)

## Christmas Outreach - Angel Tree Program

The Angel Tree Program works in conjunction with individuals and organizations to provide new personalized toys and clothing for children of needy families during the holiday season.

W2W worked with the Family Crisis Center (FCC) of Hyattsville, MD to provide gifts to two families we "adopted" this season. We received purple holiday ornaments with the child's gender, age and gift request. During our annual clothing drive located at Bowie Town Center, we shopped and wrapped gifts for the members of each family.

W2W also donated several items to FCC which included a highchair, pajamas, clothes, a bike, radio and other holiday gifts. If you would like more information about our Community Outreach Programs, please contact Assistant Director, Sherrie Y. Jones at [community@w2w2000.com](mailto:community@w2w2000.com).

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