



18TH ANNUAL
WOMEN OF THE WORLD
AWARDS CELEBRATION

“WOMEN BREAKING BARRIERS”

CHAired BY
CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

APRIL 17TH, 2021



Former U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski, the longest-serving woman in the history of the United States Congress and the longest-serving U.S. Senator in Maryland history, broke many barriers, the theme of 2020-2021 Women of the World. She wrote the Commission for Women in 2019 and we included her comments in our 2019 program. These words still seem appropriate today in 2021 as we celebrate the contributions of women to Calvert County, no more so than during the difficult past year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“...I remember with such fondness and deep appreciation the women of Calvert County and their zest and breadth of their civic engagement. In particular I cherish the many kindnesses to me and other early birds of women coming into politics. Calvert County might be the home to a nuclear power plant but it is no match for the energy of Calvert County Women and their many contributions to their community and Country.”

Barbara Mikulski

U.S. Senator (Ret.)

Homewood Professor of Public Policy

Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore, Maryland

January 2019

PROGRAM

WELCOME

Joan Dowell Winship, *WOW Chair
Chair, Calvert County Commission for Women*

INVOCATION

Rev. Dottie Yunger
Pastor, Solomons United Methodist Church

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PAST WOW HONOREES

Margaret Dunkle
Former WOW & Commission for Women Chair

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF FORMER STATE SENATOR MIKE MILLER

Margaret Dunkle
Member, CCCW

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Joan D. Winship
WOW Chair

FEATURED SPEAKER

Yun Jung Yang, Esq.
*Chair, Maryland Commission for Women
Immigration Lawyer*

BREAK

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

WOW Partners

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF CALVERT COLLABORATIVE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Kathryn Marsh
Treasurer, CCCW

CLOSING COMMENTS

Joan D. Winship
WOW Chair

GREETING OF AWARDEES IN BREAKOUT GROUPS

All Participants

THE 18TH ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE WORLD CELEBRATION AND AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Women of the World (WOW) Awards Luncheon, which recognizes the outstanding contributions and achievements of Calvert County women and girls, is an annual event that brought together two distinguished organizations established for and about women.

The first WOW luncheon grew out of a 2002 project, when members of the Calvert County League of Women Voters participated in a national LWV Women's Empowerment Exchange with women from Zambia. Calvert County LWV Board member Anne Mychalus returned home from Zambia with a vow to celebrate women as she had seen being done in Africa. For many years WOW was co-chaired by the LWV-CC and the Calvert County Commission for Women.

The Calvert County Commission for Women was established in 1976 as an official county commission with its members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. In addition to being a voice for and resource about women, identifying issues that affect women and educating the public about those issues, the Commission for Women recognizes the achievements and contributions of the women and girls of Calvert County.

The WOW Awards Celebration has grown over the years. Today, other women's and non-profit organizations join with the Commission for Women for this meaningful event honoring women and girls who are leaders and improve our county. This year, seven organizations are participating in honoring eleven women and girls who are making a difference in our community.

It should be noted that the 18th celebration is unique. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, WOW was postponed twice – from April to September 2020 and again to April 2021. With the ability to gather together still uncertain, the WOW Organizing Committee did not want to postpone further the opportunity to honor our outstanding 2020 awardees. Thus, for this specific group of selected women, it was decided to hold WOW 2020-2021 virtually with the partnership and technological expertise of the Calvert Library, for which we are extremely grateful.

We welcome you to today's unique event, which includes recognition, inspiring words, and an opportunity to join with friends, community leaders, elected officials and others to recognize and celebrate exemplary Calvert County women and girls.





YUN JUNG YANG, ESQ.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Yun Jung Yang was appointed to the Maryland Commission for Women in October 2015, and was elected chair in June 2018. She is the Managing Partner of Law Offices of Yun Jung Yang, LLC, a Silver spring-based boutique firm specializing in immigration law. Ms. Yang has more than two decades of experience in providing immigration-related legal counsel to domestic and foreign companies and to foreign individuals and investors. She received her J.D. from Howard University School of Law and is admitted to practice law in Maryland and the District of Columbia. She is fluent in English and Korean.

In addition to her work on the state Commission for Women, Ms. Yang is active in the community and stepped down in 2020 having served as the Chair of the American Red Cross National Diversity Advisory Council and Executive Vice President for the Korean American Women's Society of Maryland. She served as a Commissioner for the Maryland Governors Commission of Asian Pacific American Affairs (2011-2015), President of the Korean American Women's Chamber of Commerce (2011-2012), and Commissioner on the Montgomery County Commission for Women (2002-2008) where she focused on raising awareness of the special needs of immigrant women for policy makers and service providers in the state of Maryland and Montgomery County. In 2006, she was awarded the Women of Achievement Award by the Montgomery County Business & Professional Women. From 2002 through 2003, Ms. Yang served as a Legal Advisor to the Washington, D.C. office of KOTRA (Korea Trade Center).

For the past three years, she has co-chaired and chaired the Maryland Commission for Women's Voices of Maryland Women Listening Tour project, and served on the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame Committee, the Young Women's Leadership Award Committee, and the Education and Outreach Committee.

2020-2021 WOMEN OF THE WORLD PARTNERS AND HONOREES

CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

ADVOCACY:

Lori Hony

PRESENTED BY CRYSTAL JORDAN, CCCW ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

BUSINESS:

Stacy Hutchinson

PRESENTED BY CAROL HARVAT, CCCW SECRETARY

SERVICE:

Joyce Freeland

PRESENTED BY DIANE BELL, CCCW ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

WOMAN OF TOMORROW:

Diamond Lewis

PRESENTED BY NADINE HUNT, CCCW ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR LEADERSHIP:

Terry Shannon

PRESENTED BY ARIANE ODOM, CCCW VICE PRESIDENT



CALVERT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Andrea Christine Parran Banks

PRESENTED BY CAROLYN MOHLER, CCHS PRESIDENT

CALVERT COUNTY MINORITY BUSINESS ALLIANCE

Christine Coates

PRESENTED BY BRYANT PARKER, CCMBAA PRESIDENT

COMMUNITY MEDIATION CENTER OF CALVERT

Laverne Day

PRESENTED BY SHERI TARDIO, CMC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CONCERNED BLACK WOMEN OF CALVERT COUNTY

Norma Onley

PRESENTED BY PAM COUSINS, CBW PRESIDENT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALVERT COUNTY

Sharron Bickel

PRESENTED BY JUDY C HOOKER, LWV-CC PRESIDENT

NAACP - CALVERT COUNTY BRANCH

Gladys Jones

PRESENTED BY MALCOLM FUNN, NAACP VICE PRESIDENT



LORI HONY

CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN ADVOCACY AWARD

Calvert County Commission for Women is please to award Lori Hony its Outstanding Achievement Award for Advocacy.

Lori, the Executive Director for Project Echo, has made an immeasurable impact for the past 27 years advocating for Calvert’s homeless, especially women. She is a collaborative leader who tirelessly works to find solutions for housing, and has pioneered comprehensive programs and service provisions addressing unique and complicated needs for homeless women and their children.

Lori also brings her caring spirit to her occupation, and continuously gives 100 percent while listening to Project Echo’s residents’ concerns and questions. If she does not have an immediate answer Lori will search until she finds one.

She created the first transitional house at Project Echo for women over 55 years of age or older, calling it the “Golden Girls” house. She started a second transitional home called the “Clare House” for homeless women in need for recovery from trauma.

Lori has changed many community members’ perspective on how powerfully community involvement can help the homeless in Calvert County. She understands how stereotypes and stigmas make it difficult for people to help those who are homeless, and shares her message with county officials and the public. She teaches about the different paths that lead to homelessness and says, no matter what their story, everyone has value and deserves help.

Whether it’s affordable housing, education, or concern for those living in the woods in our community, Lori never stops advocating for essential services for the homeless and those down on their luck at a given time in their lives.

Many past Project Echo residents come back to visit Lori and thank her for all she taught them. Women in Calvert not just survive, but thrive because of the advocacy, love, and wise support of Lori Hony.



STACY HUTCHINSON

**CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
BUSINESS AWARD**

Stacy Hutchinson is the Associate Director of Administration and Facilities at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (CBL) in Solomons, MD. Her skills in business and facility operations have created a more effective and efficient organization earning her the Calvert County Commission for Women’s Outstanding Achievement Award in Business.

As personnel at an institution charged with stewardship for the Chesapeake Bay, the scientists at CBL seek answers and solutions to environmental challenges in our region. Stacy makes sure that the lab also practices environmental sustainability and is always vocal in revealing how CBL can move commitments made on paper regarding greenhouse gas emissions and resilience into energy projects and preparedness that position UMCES well in its overarching goals of environmental problem solving.

Stacy revolutionized the way the campus operates through overseeing an upgrade to the air handling system in the main chemistry research building, the renovation of the research pier and the construction of the new seawater laboratory. For the air handling system project, Stacy demonstrated business acumen by finding an opportunity for SMECO to fund the project, and energy saving reduced tax payer’s costs.

With Stacy’s urging, the pier was renovated with state-of-the-art decking that lets the waves pass through, building a sustainable pier resistant to storm damage. And, the new laboratory building was granted a LEED silver award for environmental responsibility. All three projects were completed on time and on budget.

She has supported student-led efforts to champion “buy local” efforts to lower carbon impact via our food habits, and does this work in an environment where 80% of CBL’s graduate students are women. Stacy also suggested using local restaurants and small businesses when catering events. As a direct result of Stacy’s vision, drive, and abilities, the campus has become welcoming to visitors, and more connected to the community than ever before.

The CCCW congratulates Stacy for her business skills in helping make a unique institution based in Calvert County a leader in response to environmental concerns.



JOYCE FREELAND

**CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
SERVICE AWARD**

The Calvert County Commission for Women is pleased to award Joyce Freeland its Outstanding Achievement Award for Service. She has made significant contributions to Calvert County through her volunteer efforts with numerous organizations and nonprofits. Joyce's achievements and accomplishments are founded in the principle of "Helping People through Changing Lives." She is committed to working for economic and social justice for the Calvert's citizens and has also served as an election judge for over 15 years.

Joyce was the President of the Calvert County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for nearly 28 years, from 1988 to 2016. In addition to providing leadership to the county's branch of the NAACP, she actively participated in a wide variety of organizations, serving as treasurer of the Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc. while also advocating for its clientele. In 2015, at its 50th Anniversary, Joyce was recognized for her 50-year dedication, the longest serving member of its Board of Directors.

When Joyce volunteers she actively gets involved. As a Board Member of Child Care she collects items for the children to buy gifts from their Christmas store at a reasonable price. She also solicits baskets and gifts for the Christmas party for the kids. While serving on U. S. Congressman Steny Hoyer's Service Academy Interview Board, she ensured the appointment of Calvert County students to the Service Academies.

Joyce is also a substitute teacher in the Calvert County Public School System and regularly attends meeting of the Closing the Gap Coalition, which works to ensure equity in education.

Her work with the Project Echo Homeless Shelter provides food items, toiletries and one-on-one conversations with the residents. Joyce has truly worked to better the lives of Calvert's children and those who need a helping hand while dedicating her life to serving others.



DIAMOND LEWIS

**CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
WOMAN OF TOMORROW AWARD**

Diamond Lewis, a Northern High School 2020 graduate, dedicates herself to serving others, is committed to academic and athletic excellence, and models leadership to other students. She is currently a student at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD.

As President of Calvert Association of Student Councils, Diamond created the first promotional video for the organization to assist in increasing student advocacy and engagement. Under her leadership, a record number of students (57) attended the Maryland State Fall Leadership Conference. She also led 37 of her peers in attending the Maryland State Legislative Session, increasing student engagement and advocacy.

Diamond led efforts to raise funds for local homeless shelters, collected food items for the Humane Society, held clothing drives for the less fortunate, and assisted in other impactful projects with Veterans and senior citizens. Diamond's energy is undaunted as she participated in a host of organizations including: Fellowship of Christian Athletics, Future Doctors, National Honor Society of Black Engineers, Best Buddies, and Class Council.

She was a founding member of Maryland's first middle school Future Business Leaders of America chapter (Northern Middle School). Serving as President of Northern Middle School, she led her school to attain the Felix Simon Award given to a Maryland Outstanding Middle School Student Government.

Diamond selflessly devotes her time to her peers and community to improve the skill set of others, and the mission of anything she pursues. She encourages and brings out the best in people. She is a culturally responsive young woman who encourages young girls to stand up for their beliefs and encourages them to be a positive difference in their community.

Diamond has already made a positive impact on so many Calvert County citizens. She demonstrates an excellence and a genuine concern for others that is inspirational. Diamond has a bright future in her endeavors, and exemplifies a Woman of Tomorrow.



TERRY LYNN SHANNON

**CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
SPECIAL AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP**

Terry Shannon retired from Calvert County Government in 2020 after 32 years of service to the County. During those years she encouraged and empowered many women to assume leadership positions through her example and direct mentoring efforts.

Terry started with Calvert's government as a staff accountant in 1987, and in 1991 she rose through the ranks to Deputy Director of Finance & Budget and was promoted to Director in 1999. In 2009, she was appointed as County Administrator, becoming the first woman in Southern Maryland to hold that title.

Terry's title and role was well deserved. During her tenure, she helped secure Calvert's first AAA bond rating and restructured the county's Employee Retirement Savings Program. A fiduciary in all aspects of the word, Terry made prudent decisions with a discerning eye for fiscal detail.

She was a diplomatic leader and demonstrated grace when challenges came to the foreground. She valued transparent decision making and encouraged department heads to see recommended actions from a citizen's perspective.

Terry also devoted the necessary time to cultivate strong female leaders within county government. She supported staff development for those seeking leadership opportunities, and took the time to become familiar with their goals and challenges. During her time as County Administer, more women rose to the positions of department heads surpassing the number of men.

Throughout her career, Terry demonstrated an admirable strength of character. She is deserving of recognition for her efforts to empower women in the workplace and to improve the quality of life for Calvert County women and girls. All citizens of Calvert County benefit from the many contributions made during her years of service and leadership.



ANDREA CHRISTINE PARRAN BANKS
CALVERT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Calvert County Historical Society is delighted to recognize Andrea Christine Parran Banks as our 2020-2021 Women of the World honoree. Chris has always loved history and her original interest in joining CCHS was to learn more about her Calvert County roots, including her great-grandmother, the illustrious Christiana Parran, an early 20th century African American businesswoman for whom a road is named south of Chesapeake Beach. Chris began familiarizing herself with our Archive's extensive local and family history research materials, and soon she was participating in outreach activities where she could share that knowledge with the public.

In 2014 she was elected to the Historical Society's Board of Directors. Her willingness to volunteer made her a welcome presence on the Board, and she became involved in organizing and carrying out events hosted by CCHS and serving on committees that determined CCHS policies and procedures. By 2016 she was elected President of the Board, overseeing all aspects of board activity, representing CCHS as an advocate for preservation at county government functions, and continuing to be involved in the many events put on by CCHS during the year: the Spring Tea, the Annual Dinner, the Kids' History Camp, and outreach activities, such as Lower Marlboro Freedom Day, and African American Family Community Day.

If you're thinking CCHS has taken up every second of Chris's life, you'd be mistaken. After retiring from a distinguished 41-year teaching career in 2013 that included a seat on the Board of Directors of the National Education Association, she is now a licensed real estate agent and an active member of her church community, the NAACP, the LWV, the Calvert County Minority Business Alliance, while still substitute teaching. And last year, she gave a talk at CCHS on her ancestor Christiana Parran, whose career, without a doubt, she has eclipsed.



CHRISTINE COATES

CALVERT COUNTY MINORITY BUSINESS ALLIANCE

CC Professional Tax Services, (CCPTS) was founded by Christine Coates in 2017. CCPTS expertise is preparing professional taxes for individuals and small businesses. CCPTS also offers audit representation, notary, credit repair, financial advice, and money management. Christine Coates began her tax career in 1998 in the state of Texas. She has also worked for H & R Block. She has been the Lead Tax Writer with both corporations. Professionally, she enjoys the challenge each year of educating herself as well as her clients about the new tax laws, listening to the needs of others, identifying and solving problems.

Christine has a passion to serve others and to increase knowledge through continuing education which is a requirement by the Internal Revenue Service. With diligence and hard work, Christine has become a Certified Business Owner. It is no secret that she is excellent at office organization and in assisting people in a compassionate yet professional way. Anybody who knows Christine knows that she is a trusted individual with a heart to serve. Christine is a mother and grandmother who is dedicated to family and friends. She also strives to make a difference in her community by actively participating in her church, the school system, and civic groups.

As such, Christine Coates currently serves as the treasurer for the Calvert County Minority Businesses Alliance (CCMBA). The Treasurer is the chief financial officer of the organization responsible for all financial matters of CCMBA overseeing the development of budgets; receiving and depositing organizational funds in the name of the CCMBA in such bank or banks, trust companies or other depositories as selected by the organization. The Treasurer also keeps all accounts and financial records of the organization and reports to the membership CCMBA's financial status.



LAVERNE DAY
COMMUNITY MEDIATION CENTER OF CALVERT

The Community Mediation Center of Calvert is pleased to present LaVerne Day with our Volunteer of the Year award. LaVerne joined the Center in 2019, and she has embraced the mission wholeheartedly. She not only volunteers to mediate any case that is available, but she also takes every training she can find in order to become a *better* mediator. She helps at community events and in numerous Center projects.

LaVerne Day is a Mediator with the Community Mediation Centers of both Calvert and St. Mary's Counties. After years of working as an owner and operator of a commercial construction company, LaVerne decided to pursue her passion for service to the community, and our Center is honored that she has chosen to lend her considerable talents to community mediation.

Mediation is the perfect fit for LaVerne in her pursuit of helping others through the transition from conflict to resolution. She also volunteers as an Assistant District Commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America in three cities in Prince George's County. She is a Legal Ministry member at First Baptist Church of Glenarden, where she offers mediation to church members. She has worked with at risk teens through Teen Court to prevent them from becoming a ward of the court. Her hobby is Western Pleasure Horseback Riding. In the summer, she teaches pleasure and therapeutic horse riding to youth. She is also a Certified Health and Life Coach.

LaVerne is a member of the Board of Directors for the Maryland Council for Dispute Resolution. In all her roles, she has helped people live their best life.

LaVerne has a BA in Behavioral Science and a MA in Organizational Development and Leadership. She is a member of Tau Upsilon Alpha, Forbes Business Women in Technology International, and Golden Key International for Academic Achievements. Her achievements include a Master's in Scouting Science and the Air Force Academy Distinguished Honor for Leadership in the Community.

The Community Mediation Center of Calvert is honored to add Volunteer of the Year to her considerable list of accomplishments. Congratulations, LaVerne.



NORMA ONLEY

CONCERNED BLACK WOMEN OF CALVERT COUNTY

Norma L. Onley is a native of Calvert County. She is the mother of one son and one grandson. She has a B.A. degree in Business Management. She is a dedicated member of First Missionary Baptist Church in Lexington Park, MD, where she has served on the Nurses Ministry for over 23 years.

Norma entered the federal government working for the Department of Defense (Navy). Her primary duty was to review applications to ensure all criteria were met for personnel applying to the Officer's Candidate Program. After five years with the Navy, she transferred to the Social Security Administration. At this agency she held numerous managerial positions with the Office of Hearings and Appeals. She happily retired from the federal government after working 41 years, 11 months, and two days as a civil servant.

Norma is a Lifetime Member of Blacks In Government and the NAACP of Calvert County. She is a member of three separate pendant bodies of the Masonic Fraternal Organization, where she holds leadership positions - namely, Georgianna Thomas Grand Chapter, Mattie R. Griffin #16; Thelma J Tyler Grand Chapter, Order of the Golden Circle, United Assembly #2; and Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shriner (A.A.O.N.M.S.) Desert of Washington, DC, Mecca Court #2.

She is also a member of the Concerned Black Women of Calvert County, Southern Maryland Chain Chapter of Links, Incorporated, and the League of Women Voters of Calvert County (where she serves as a board member).

Norma enjoys family, traveling, boating, and reading. She loves helping those in need of assistance. Her favorite saying is "Order My Steps." Psalm 119:133.



SHARRON BICKEL

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALVERT COUNTY

Sharron Bickel joined the League in 2009 and, soon thereafter, its Board as well. After organizing the League's first Observer Team in order to provide a consistent public presence at Board of County Commissioners meetings, she plunged into a study of *transparency* in County Government which was completed in 2014. This study helped the word "*transparency*" become part of the public dialogue in Calvert.

Since the initial BOCC Observer Team's creation, LWVCC now has two additional teams, one for the Calvert Board of Education and one for the County Planning Commission. Sharron continues to provide overall coordination of the work of these observer teams.

Over the years, Sharron has helped to organize forums and public information programs. She chaired a forum on the Public Information Act and the Open Meetings Act, and has supported the League's many Voter Service programs in innumerable ways.

Sharron has served on the League Board in the capacity of Secretary, Vice President, and as Co-President in 2018-2019. The Calvert League is pleased to honor Sharron Bickel today as one way to express our appreciation for her continuing service in the interests of the citizens of Calvert County.





GLADYS JONES
NAACP – CALVERT COUNTY BRANCH

It is with great pleasure that the Calvert Branch of the NAACP honors Gladys Jones as its 2020-2021 Women of the World awardee. She is being recognized for her exceptional contributions to the organization over a number of years. Whenever there is a luncheon being organized or a program being planned by the branch, Gladys, with her outstanding graphic design skills, can be called upon to complete the layout and editing for the necessary program booklets, flyers or tickets. This she does with ease and expertise. She also provides technological and audio-visual input.

Holding a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Public Administration, Gladys currently serves as the Assistant Director of Advising, Career and Transfer Services at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) LaPlata Campus. Since joining CSM in March 1992, she has undertaken a wide range of duties and responsibilities including serving as liaison to community and professional organizations to promote the college.

She takes great pride in her twenty-eight year career in higher education and passionately believes that education is one of the most powerful tools that one could possess, especially for women. She is a true advocate for women seeking to further their education and encourages them to step out on faith to pursue their dreams. She has helped navigate the way for many women to consider traditional and nontraditional professions. In addition to all the above she is an advocate for first generation college-bound students and a cheerleader for returning adult learners.

Gladys is the current Brooks United Methodist Church Administrative Council Chair, Secretary of the National Congress of Black Women Calvert County Chapter and is a member of the Calvert County Drug Court Citizen's Committee. Additionally, she chairs the United Way of Calvert County, Calvert County Chamber of Commerce and the Emergency Food and Shelter Program for Calvert County.

Gladys resides in Port Republic with her husband Francis. They are the proud parents of four children and grandparents to five beautiful grandchildren.



Guffrie Smith



Donna Millar



Pat Pease



Marie Andrews



Carol Harvat



Paul Harrison

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE CALVERT COLLABORATIVE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The Calvert County Commission for Women is pleased to recognize the many contributions of its former partner, the Calvert Collaborative for Children and Youth. The CCCY was a partner organization for Women of the World for a number of years. With the dissolution of the CCCY in 2020, the Commission wants to honor the Collaborative and some of the volunteers who contributed to its founding and work on behalf of the young people of Calvert County.

The nonprofit Calvert Crusade for Children was formed in 1998 to address educational and socioeconomic gaps, which were identified by a League of Women Voters’ study. With a name changed to Calvert Collaborative for Children and Youth, it continued to be a catalyst for advocacy, networking, and community building. The Collaborative focused on increasing volunteering, mentoring, and financial resources dedicated to programs for youth. It assisted youth with stepping up into leadership roles and gave them opportunities to share their talents and voice their ideas.

With its president, Guffrie Smith, the Collaborative’s members taught Asset Development and parenting classes, facilitated youth development and creative forums, and advocated for educational and public space funds for families. Many board members wrote letters to elected officials and spoke at hearings advocating for county parks, pools, and most recently a Prince Frederick Community Center.

The CCCY board members and volunteers worked diligently collecting county and school data about services and opportunities for our youth and earned the honor of Calvert being called one of America’s 100 Best Communities for three consecutive years by the non-profit America’s Promise. Their annual signature event, Champions for Children, recognized dozens of citizens and a youth that demonstrated devotion to servicing youth in our community.

Our sincere appreciation to the Collaborative and its volunteers for its work and its support of WOW over the years!

2020-2021 WOMEN OF THE WORLD PLANNING COMMITTEE

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