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AfriThrive Receives \$72,000 Grant from Many Hands to Expand Access to Culturally Relevant Food and Community Programs

Check presentation celebrates partnership supporting immigrant and underserved families across the Washington region

Caption: Representatives from Many Hands present a \$72,000 Partner Grant to AfriThrive during a check presentation ceremony on June 5, 2026. Pictured left to right: Prof. Charles Choti of AfriThrive, Karin Bolte of Many Hands, Isabelle Thabault of Many Hands, Dr. Truphena Choti of AfriThrive, Gabriella Newes-Adeyi of Many Hands, and Mary E. Dilworth of Many Hands. Photo courtesy of AfriThrive.

AfriThrive is proud to announce that it received a \$72,000 Partner Grant from Many Hands, a Washington, D.C.-area giving circle that supports nonprofit organizations serving women, children, and families in socioeconomic need.

Representatives from Many Hands presented the grant to AfriThrive during a check presentation ceremony on Friday, June 5, at 1 p.m. at 3132 Bel Pre Rd., Aspen Hill, Maryland.

The grant helps AfriThrive expand access to fresh, culturally meaningful food while strengthening programs that promote food security, community health, and family well-being across Maryland and the greater Washington region.

“We are deeply grateful to Many Hands for investing in our mission and in the communities we serve,” said Dr. Truphena Choti, Founder and CEO of AfriThrive. “This grant recognizes the importance of culturally relevant food access and community-centered solutions. It will help us reach more families, strengthen our programs, and continue building pathways toward long-term health and stability.”

Since 2020, AfriThrive has distributed more than 2.5 million pounds of food, helping thousands of families experiencing food insecurity while advancing a more equitable and sustainable food system.

Many Hands leverages the power of collective giving to support nonprofit organizations serving women, children, and families throughout the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Through its member-driven grantmaking process, Many Hands awards unrestricted funding that allows nonprofit organizations to invest in the areas of greatest need.

“Many Hands is proud to partner with AfriThrive and support their effort to strengthen food access and expand opportunities for the families they serve,” said Charis Keitelman, Many Hands Board President. “This grant represents what is possible when women come together with a shared purpose. Through collective

giving, Many Hands members amplify the impact of every dollar, enabling transformative investments in organizations like AfriThrive that are creating lasting change.”

The check presentation ceremony brought together representatives from Many Hands as well as AfriThrive staff and supporters to celebrate the impact of collective philanthropy and community collaboration.

About AfriThrive

AfriThrive is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that mobilizes, connects, and empowers immigrant and underserved communities through access to nutritious, culturally meaningful food, education, and sustainable community-based solutions. Through food distribution programs, community farming initiatives, nutrition education, and strategic partnerships, AfriThrive is helping create thriving families and healthier communities across Maryland and the Washington, D.C. region. For more information, visit www.afri thrive.org.

About Many Hands

Many Hands is a philanthropic organization whose approximately 270 members pool their donations and collectively award high-impact grants to nonprofits in the Washington metropolitan area. Since its founding in 2003, Many Hands has awarded more than \$3.8 million to local nonprofits serving and empowering women, children, and families in socioeconomic need. In addition to financial support, Many Hands members also volunteer their time and expertise to strengthen the organizations they fund.

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