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Spring 2022



RESET will receive 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales made at <https://fevo.me/3wjNlck> for the upcoming May 4th - 8th PGA Championship in Potomac, MD. We thank event sponsor Wells Fargo for selecting RESET and providing this opportunity to raise funds for our volunteers to reach more children with hands-on STEM learning.

For over 31 years, RESET has delivered STEM activities to DC-area students, including many from underserved communities. You play a vital role in sustaining our work and helping us in our fourth decade as an award-winning nonprofit. Please 'like us' on [Facebook](#) and 'follow us' on [Twitter](#)

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STEM Quiz:

What surface feature brought Dwarf Planet Pluto back into the news?

Feature Article

Navigating New COVID Challenges



RESET Volunteer Portia Gough at Boone Elementary School

Like our education partners, RESET hoped school year 2021-22 would return to normalcy after 3 terms of COVID upheaval. Unfortunately new virus variants intervened, creating unanticipated challenges for schools and teachers. Seven school programs were initiated in the fall, well below the numbers from previous years. One of them was suspended before completion by Delta variant concerns.

The spring semester has shown positive signs of renewal. Twenty school programs have been initiated, and 2 evening programs are underway with new RESET partner the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington. The Children's Defense Fund has resumed its RESET partnership, with volunteers at their partner schools, Boone and Plummer Elementary in Southeast DC. Girl Scout "Think Like a Programmer" badge programs, which are in-person weekend events, have yet to be resumed.

RESET Welcomes New Executive Director Marie Woodward Graves

Marie Woodward Graves has joined RESET in the organizational leadership role of Executive Director. Prior to accepting this position, Marie was co-director of Charlie's Place, a non-profit that provides support to the homeless in Washington DC. In that role Marie raised funds, updated administrative and operational processes, and managed over 500 volunteers and interns. Before that Marie traveled across the globe in her role as Associate For Advancement at the Smithsonian Institution. Earlier in her career she served as Chief Development Officer for the Howard University College of Medicine and Development Director for the Alliance for School Choice. Marie was selected as RESET Executive Director after a recruiting and interview process led by the Board of Directors. John Meagher, Board Chair, commented "The Board was very impressed with Ms. Woodward Graves' credentials, experience and commitment to public service. Her energy and enthusiasm for our mission will serve RESET well as we refocus after the challenges of the past two years."

Reporting directly to the Board, RESET's Executive Director is responsible for overall management and operation of the nonprofit, implementing policies, goals and objectives set by the Board. The incumbent is responsible for financial, management and administrative aspects of the corporation, and recruits and supervises all staff.

"RESETs return to Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools is one of the best returns to pre-pandemic learning since the pandemic. We would like to shout out Portia, Likitha and Sam for their leadership, service, and passion for science with our scholars. ..."
Joy Masha, Children's Defense Fund, Spring 2022 School Partner



Ayanna King is RESET'S New Program Specialist

RESET welcomes Ayanna King as Program Specialist. Ayanna will support all facets of RESET classroom and after-school programs, as well as the weekend programs organized with community service organizations. She will also add her skills to RESET's outreach program, including through social media.

Ayanna's background is in Environmental Justice, partnership building, and community development. In those positions she made contributions to nonprofit organizations that include the POISE Foundation - Black Equity Coalition and Minority Access, Incorporated - TRiO Program's Educational Talent Search. Ayanna also served as the Chief Executive Officer for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Virginia Peninsula, as a Director in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and as the Deputy Director for Community Outreach and Training for the Police Training Institute.

Ayanna holds a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Pittsburgh and a Bachelor's in Legal Studies from Point Park University. In 2015 she was selected to receive the 27th Annual Black History Achievement Award for Outstanding Environmental Service and Achievements.

In making the decision to add Ayanna to RESET's team, Executive Director Marie Woodward Graves said: "...

RESET in the News

Television channel 7 ABC news reported on one of RESET Volunteer Adeoye Owolewa's sessions at Garfield Elementary School in Southeast DC: <https://wjla.com/amp/news/instagram/dc-elementary-students-garfield-southeast-learn-stem-oye-owolewa-reset-nonprofit>

Answer to STEM Quiz

Lava flows from volcanos - a surprise on this cold celestial body. From: scroll.in <https://scroll.in/article/1020718/volcanoes-on-pluto-baffle-scientists-how-can-such-a-cold-body-power-eruptions>



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