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# The White House Proclamation on Women's History Month, 2021

CELEBRATE  
*Women's*  
HISTORY MONTH

An Excerpt from President Biden's Proclamation of  
Women's History Month

In our current moment of crisis, women continue to  
lead. From vaccine researchers to public health officials to

the countless heroines on the frontlines, women are working around the clock to defeat COVID-19. Women, and particularly women of color, also make up the majority of America's essential workers, including educators and child care providers, grocery store workers, farmworkers, and others who are keeping our families, our communities, and our country afloat. This year has also marked an historic milestone of women's leadership 232 years in the making, with the inauguration of America's first woman Vice President.

As we celebrate the contributions and progress of women and girls, we must also reflect on the extraordinary and unequal burdens they continue to bear today. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated barriers that have held back women — particularly women of color — for generations. Gender and racial disparities in pay continue to fester. A disproportionate share of caregiving continues to fall on the shoulders of women and girls. And now, job losses due to COVID-19 have set women's labor force participation back to its lowest point in more than 30 years — threatening the security and well-being of women and their families and imperiling the economic progress of our entire Nation. The share of mothers who have left the labor force is three times that of fathers; in September 2020 alone, an astonishing 865,000 women dropped out of the American workforce. These trends are even more dire among women of color, with Black and Hispanic women facing disproportionately high rates of unemployment. At the same time, food insecurity has risen dramatically since the pandemic began, particularly in female-headed households with children, as have reports of intimate partner violence.

Check out the complete proclamation at

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/03/01/a-proclamation-on-womens-history-month-2021/>



Pink Roses  
for BLUE  
Hearts to  
End Human  
Trafficking



On April 9th at 6pm EDT the **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. – Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter** will be hosting a virtual event to raise awareness for modern day slavery on **GLOBAL IMPACT DAY**. Please visit the event website for more details: <http://bit.ly/UEOGlobalImpactDay2021>

To learn more about the [Blue Heart Campaign](https://www.unodc.org/blueheart/en/-about-the-blue-heart.html) visit the campaign website at(<https://www.unodc.org/blueheart/en/-about-the-blue-heart.html>)

**Register Now!**

DANIEL THURSZ  
SOCIAL JUSTICE LECTURE

**Thursday, April 19**

Next Daniel Thursz Series  
Lecture

Experts on Our  
Experience: The Missing  
Links to Deeper Change

*A discussion among  
leaders with lived  
experience about  
systemic efforts to address  
youth homelessness*

Join us for an interactive  
panel discussion about  
how young leaders are

working to address youth homelessness in Maryland.

<https://web.cvent.com/event/3d0b14d6-2021-4728-8672-d6f00765cc35/summary>



## Ruth Young Center for Maryland

### 2021 Sparking Positive Change: A Symposium to End Youth Homelessness in Maryland

The Institute for Innovation and Implementation at the University of Maryland School of Social Work, and the Sparking Positive Change Symposium Planning Committee, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, is pleased to invite individuals to submit presentation proposals for Sparking Positive Change: A Symposium to End Youth Homelessness in Maryland. Those individuals submitting proposals should have expertise in meeting the needs of, and improving outcomes for, youth experiencing homelessness, and this includes those with lived experience. This Symposium will be held virtually on May 26 and 27, 2021 from 9:00am ET to noon each day.

***FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING YOUR PRESENTATION PROPOSAL, PLEASE VISIT THE SYMPOSIUM WEBSITE AT***

<https://theinstitute.umaryland.edu/our-work/ruth-young-center-for-maryland/housing--homelessness/maryland-youth-homelessness-symposium/>



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### Thoughts from our Director

March has been a celebration of Women and Social Workers! We are thankful to be housed in the UMB School of Social Work where we work with some amazing social workers. We also celebrate you at our various partner organizations who are social workers.

Our passion is the prevention of adolescent risks. Women's Month has allowed us to recognize how far people who identify as women have come and how far we still have left to go. This is especially true when it comes to adolescent health. We diligently work to insure that young mothers of any sexual orientation are supported. We also affirm that young women, both cis- and trans-gender, have a right to be allowed to thrive without gender-based violence, including human trafficking. We also recognize that anti-Black racism and ethnic discrimination are at play in the differential treatment of Black, Indigenous, and Women of Color here in the U.S. We stand in solidarity with all women and mourn the death of those who were slain in the month of March 2021. This includes the Asian women massacred in Atlanta and the numerous Black and Latina cis- and trans-women murdered across the country this month.

