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Start off the New Year as a volunteer!
Spotlight on WHF Foundation Financial Literacy Day

The New Year brings new opportunities to get more involved in community service and the core mission of the Women in Housing & Finance (WHF) Foundation. Through membership with WHF, you gain the benefits of great networking, industry collaboration, and education. In addition, having members as active volunteers continues to be critical to the efforts of our WHF Foundation. We have a number of non-profit partnerships that allow for critical work to be done in the community—through grants, donations, scholarships and our network of volunteers. This year, please consider becoming an active volunteer for WHF Foundation and putting your time and talent to good work.

In November, members and volunteers from the WHF Foundation took part in Financial Literacy Day. A critical aspect of WHF Foundation’s mission is our focus on issues impacting underserved women, children and families related to their personal finances and literacy. Volunteers participated with [Operation Hope](#) to promote financial literacy with fifth and sixth grade students at Indian Queen Elementary School in Fort Washington, Maryland.



WHF Foundation volunteers Ken Swab and Rebecca Laird teaching “banking on our future” course to class at Indian Queen Elementary school.

Using a specialized curriculum developed by Operation Hope, volunteers taught students about the basics of banking, credit, and investing. Students walked through real life examples and workbook problems, where guest teachers taught them about the common pitfalls that are frequently associated with day-to-day financial management. Students learned how to make wise choices between wants and needs, how to balance their checkbook, and how to best use credit.

Financial Literacy Day was a huge success, thanks to the partnership and dedicated volunteers from WHF Foundation. Students were very engaged in participating in the day’s activities. Operation Hope is an important partner to WHF Foundation and there are many opportunities to volunteer and help teach students about basic financial fundamentals. We encourage members to consider volunteering. Visit our Foundation volunteer page for more information about our partners and contacts for volunteer opportunities on the [WHFDC Volunteer Page](#).

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