

# FAME-EAW March Newsletter

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## FAME-EAW Celebrates Women's History Month!



### Basking in the Feminine Energy of March

March exudes feminine energy, from Mother Earth blooming and sprouting around us to welcome in the spring season, to celebrating the contributions Women have made in the United States and worldwide. To be a woman in this society, you must be prepared to advocate at any moment because there will come a time when you experience challenges that make you want to change the pace of oppressive systems.

Unfortunately, that moment has passed hundreds of times over and we still have too many systems and laws regarding women's rights that are proposed and passed to legislation by men who have no idea what the struggle of being a woman in a patriarchal society is about. This month we want to acknowledge and pay homage to the women who said, "Forget your oppressive standards." to move in the direction of right and just. Simultaneously, while we acknowledge history, we must acknowledge our present-day historic women, who are products of the leadership of women before them.

We must acknowledge the women within our community who face injustice head-on, educate us, support and mentor us, and sit at the biggest tables to advocate for the people who don't know how or cannot advocate for themselves. We must continue to uplift them so that they can uplift us – the community. There's so much power in hearing a woman describe how the action, advocacy, and leadership of another woman has impacted them so immensely that they wanted to follow in their steps and make history. That's the soft fire that spreads in a room full of women with purpose. We encourage you to think about the women in your lives and how they impact you and your communities. Make sure you give these women their flowers, literally and figuratively, every chance you get because being a woman is beautiful, but it can be equally painful nonetheless, we work hard, so other women have the freedoms and opportunities another may not.

## Celebrating the State of Africatown 2024!



FAME-EAW proudly stands by our allies! Recently, our Executive Director Evelyn attended another impactful State of Africatown event.

Africatown Community Land Trust, along with its partners, has been a guiding force for more than a decade. Battling challenges like gentrification and displacement, their efforts have not just been about holding ground but about making ground and space for Community.

**“With Community, we continue to provide stability and security through affordable housing and commercial spaces, ensuring that the heart of the Central District beats strong.” — Africatown Community Land Trust**

The State of Africa, co-founded by the Honorable Dawn Mason and K. Wyking Garrett, emerged from the African American & African Diaspora Gathering: State of Africatown. Initially conceived as a platform for elected officials and policymakers to listen to innovators and leaders, sharing strategic ideas for Seattle's Black community, the SOA remains dedicated to this core mission. However, as each year unfolds, it grants us a valuable chance to pause, reflect on our community values, and explore avenues to further realize our vision.



## A Significant Step for FAME-EAW!

FAME-EAW is thrilled to announce a major milestone in our journey as a non-profit organization! Our "Village of Spirit Services" Division has successfully transitioned from Catholic Community Services to FAME-EAW, marking a significant step towards our independence. The division blesses us with two full-time employees to our official team, enhancing our capacity to serve the community under this service umbrella. This expansion signifies a new chapter for FAME-EAW as we grow and evolve in our mission to promote equality and empower individuals.

Therefore, we'd like to introduce our newest partners in this great work, Pauline Gary and Darasavanh Kommavongsa! Pauline is our Village Spirit Services Manager of the FAME-EAW/Village Spirit Services Division. Darasavanh is our Residential Services Coordinator for this division who is also a certified case worker through SSPA program through Catholic Community Services.

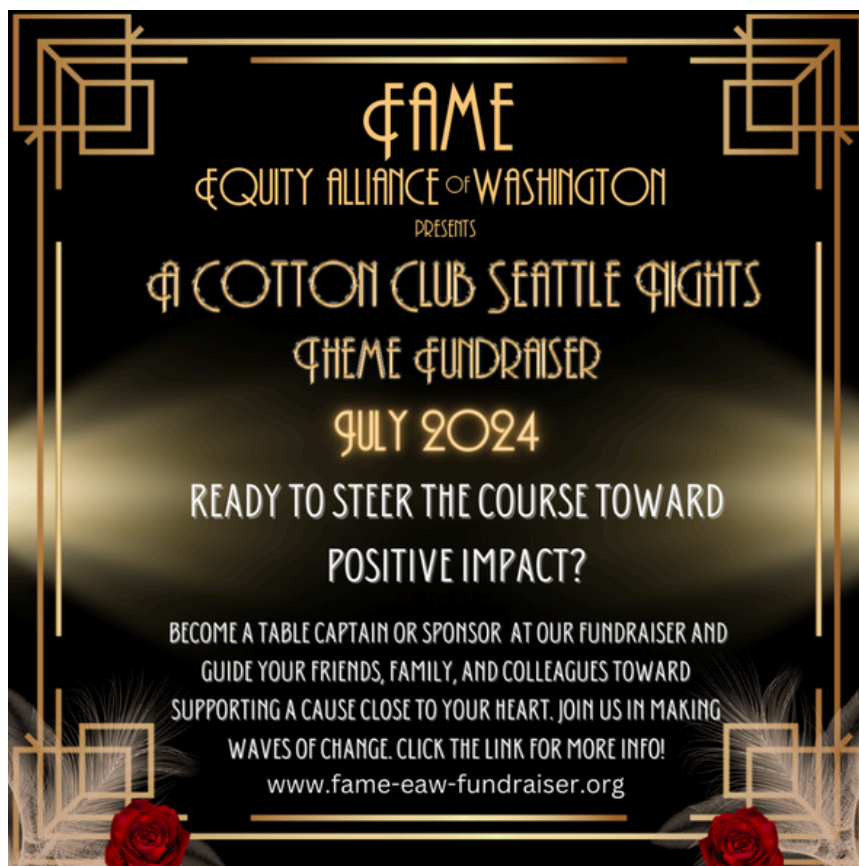


**Learn more about our new employees on our site!**



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## Help Us Continue Our Work—Become a Table Captain or Sponsor at Our Inaugural Fundraiser!



**Get ahead of the curve! Take advantage of our early bird pricing until April 31st.**

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# Upcoming Events

Explore these upcoming events in the Seattle area March 20–April 20, 2024.

- Reading Our Futures: a Black Futurist Bookclub by Brooke Bosley, PhD, Feb 26–June 24 | LOVING ROOM: diaspora books + salon
- CACE 21 April Black Homeowner Dinner, April 6 | Byrd Barr Place

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