

PRESS RELEASE

Marian House Receives \$2 Million Gift From the [Yield Giving Open Call](#)

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Baltimore, Maryland, March 19, 2024 – Today, MacKenzie Scott’s Yield Giving announced Marian House as one of the Yield Giving Open Call’s awardees working with people and in places experiencing the greatest need in the United States. Marian House received \$2 million.

Marian House provides women and families transitional and permanent supportive housing and rehabilitative services, with a focus on trauma-informed, community-oriented care. All of the women served have complex histories of trauma, including mental health disorders, substance use disorders, physical and sexual abuse, those re-entering the community after incarceration, and other unstable life situations. Marian House is a leading organization dedicated to centering women’s healing; no two women are the same, so each woman’s treatment plan is carefully designed for her specific needs.

In March 2023, Yield Giving launched an Open Call for community-led, community-focused organizations whose explicit purpose is to enable individuals and families to achieve substantive improvement in their well-being through foundational resources.

“We are ecstatic to learn that Mackenzie Scott’s Yield Giving selected Marian House as one of the Yield Giving Open Call’s awardees. We are rejoicing and reflecting on all of the hard work that has led to our women’s success,” said Katie Allston, President & CEO of Marian House. “We will use this generous gift to clearly evaluate the challenges our women and families face; to build an even stronger community of support; and to unlock the potential found within the women we serve.”

The Open Call received 6,353 applications and initially planned for 250 awards of \$1 million each. In the Fall of 2023, organizations top-rated by their peers advanced to a second round of review by an external Evaluation Panel recruited for experience relevant to this cause, and underwent a final round of due diligence. In light of the incredible work of these organizations, as judged by their peers and external panelists, the donor team decided to expand the awardee pool and the award amount.

"We are excited that our partnership with Yield Giving has resonated with so many organizations," said Cecilia Conrad, CEO of Lever for Change. "In a world teeming with potential and talent, the Open Call has given us an opportunity to identify, uplift, and empower transformative organizations that often remain unseen."

More information on the Yield Giving Open Call and other initiatives can be found at www.leverforchange.org.

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Marian House

Marian House, located in Baltimore, Maryland, was founded in 1982 by the Sisters of Mercy, the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and lay women who noticed that it was difficult, if not impossible, for many of the women being released from incarceration to rebuild their lives, as housing, employment, and support were scarce. Nearly 42 years later, Marian House has served over 4,600 women and children through its transitional and permanent housing programs and rehabilitative services. To learn more about Marian House, visit www.marianhouse.org.

Yield Giving

Established by MacKenzie Scott to share a financial fortune created through the effort of countless people, Yield Giving is named after a belief in adding value by giving up control. To date, Yield's network of staff and advisors has yielded over \$16,500,000,000 to 1,900+ non-profit teams to use as they see fit for the benefit of others. To learn more, visit www.yieldgiving.com.

Lever for Change

[Lever for Change](http://www.leverforchange.org) connects donors with bold solutions to the world's biggest problems—including issues like racial inequity, gender inequality, lack of access to economic opportunity, and climate change. Using an inclusive, equitable model and due diligence process, Lever for Change creates customized challenges and other tailored funding opportunities. Top-ranked teams and challenge finalists become members of the [Bold Solutions Network](http://www.boldsolutionsnetwork.org)—a growing global network that helps secure additional funding, amplify members' impact, and accelerate social change. Founded in 2019 as a nonprofit affiliate of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Lever for Change has influenced over \$1.7 billion in grants to date and provided support to more than 145 organizations. To learn more, visit www.leverforchange.org.