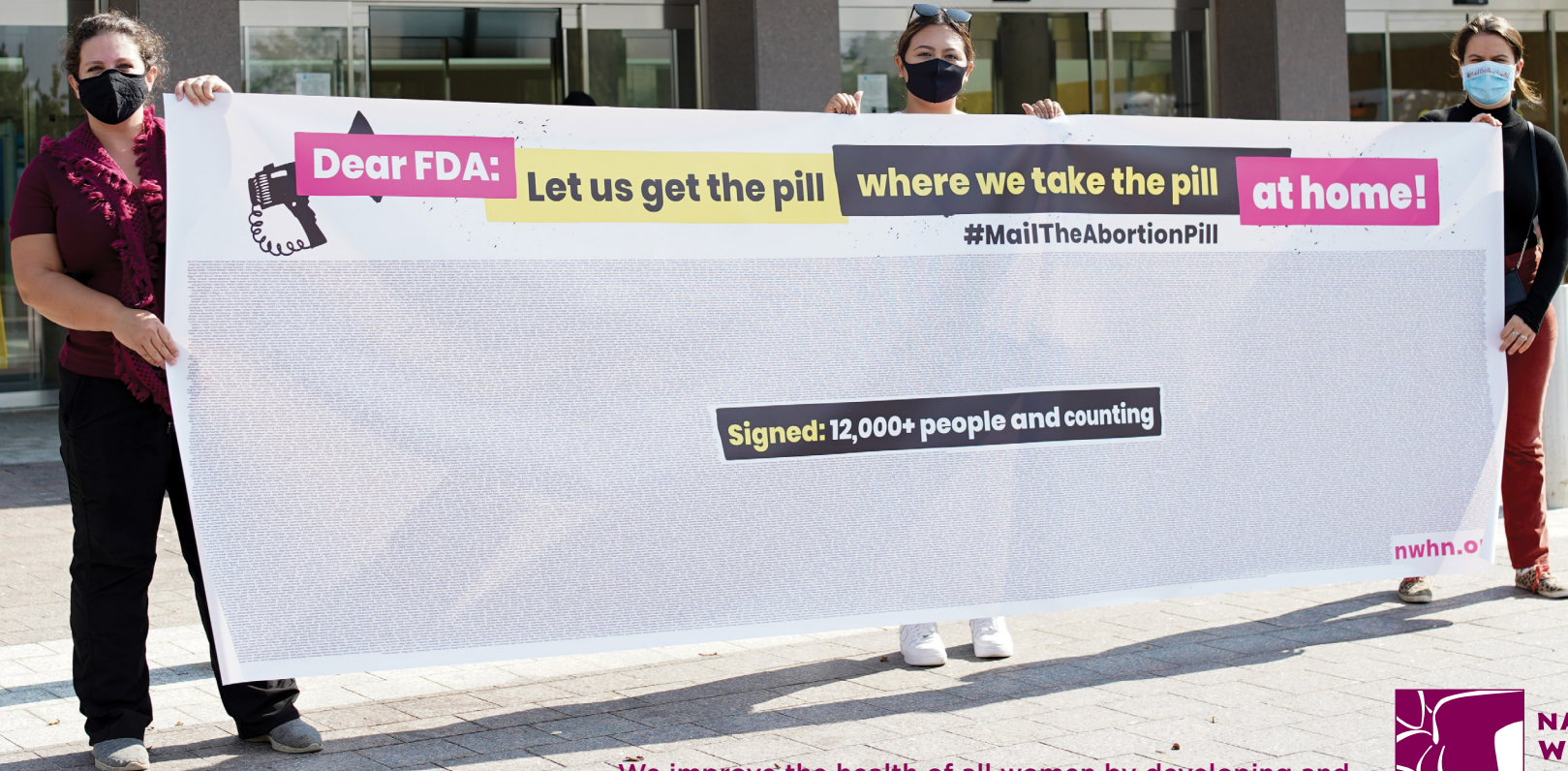


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We improve the health of all women by developing and promoting a critical analysis of health issues in order to affect policy and support consumer decision-making.



**NATIONAL
WOMEN'S
HEALTH
NETWORK**

A VOICE FOR WOMEN, A NETWORK FOR CHANGE

Raising Women's Voices (RWV) for the Health Care We Need

■ With so much at stake in 2020 for women's health, our regional coordinators (RCs) worked hard to educate and mobilize health care voters ahead of the elections. But the COVID-19 pandemic didn't make it easy. We helped our RCs pivot their voter engagement tactics to virtual methods in order to ensure the safety of their staff and community members. And we continued to provide funding, technical assistance, guidance, messaging documents, social media assets, grassroots-friendly updates from Washington, and other support to help them educate their communities and influence their elected officials.



■ At the federal level, we successfully advocated for increased Medicaid funding (with strong protections against states cutting coverage) and a big boost in safety net funding to help families hurt by the recession. We also pushed for an expansion of Affordable Care Act coverage, laying the groundwork for a big win in early 2021!

■ We held our first-ever virtual convening, attended by over 60 people. The event allowed our RCs around the country to come together and share solidarity, energy, inspiration, and new strategies for our work to expand access to health care. We were able to take stock of our work over the past year, discuss the implications of the election, COVID-19, racial injustice and set the stage for a strong 2021.

■ RWV co-founder Byllye Avery and NWHN staff continued to provide financial support and technical assistance for organizational development through the Working Against the Grain project to strengthen the capacity of people of color-led groups in Texas, Arizona, Mississippi, and Tennessee.



Challenging Dangerous Drugs and Devices

■ The NWHN remains one of the few women's health organizations focused on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that doesn't accept funding from the industries that it regulates. That gives us the freedom to speak out against dangerous products and credibility when we speak up for good ones. The NWHN responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by calling out the FDA when they allowed politics to trump science (for example, in dangerously promoting hydroxychloroquine) and by creating a wealth of resources to help our members navigate changing public safety protocols, push for public policy change, and learn more about experimental COVID drugs and vaccines.

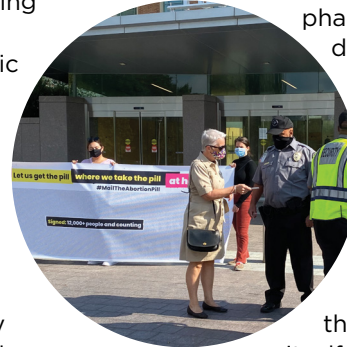
■ We testified multiple times before the FDA on COVID vaccine safety and clinical trial diversity, highlighting the unacceptable lack of safety and efficacy data for Black or Indigenous people and generating significant media coverage of the issue. And we lobbied Congress on the disparate impact of the pandemic on Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and other women of color.

■ We continued our fight to remove toxic ingredients and contaminants in cosmetics and other personal care products — like shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, makeup, baby powder, vaginal douches, lotion, body sprays and perfumes, hair dyes and straighteners. In 2020, we had successes in shaping and lobbying for legislation that would update the FDA's regulation of personal care products for the first time in decades. That legislation is on track for enactment in 2021. We also successfully pressured Johnson & Johnson to discontinue domestic sales of its talc-based Baby Powder, which has been linked to reproductive health cancers, and led the coalition calling on the company to discontinue international sales as well.

Securing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Autonomy

■ When the FDA refused to suspend in-person requirements during the pandemic for medication abortion, aka the abortion pill — treating it differently from all of the other drugs the agency regulates — we sprang into action. We launched our #MailTheAbortionPill campaign to eliminate politically motivated, medically unnecessary restrictions.

- The FDA has encouraged patients to use telehealth appointments and online pharmacies for routine medical care during the COVID-19 outbreak without having to leave their homes. For most pregnant people seeking safe and effective FDA-approved abortion pills, however, the FDA still required them to pick up mifepristone from designated clinics and doctors' offices in person — even though every other part of the process, including the abortion itself, can occur at home.



- We collected more than 12,000 signatures on a petition urging the agency to lift restrictions on mifepristone, and we physically delivered them at a socially distanced protest outside the agency. We led over 80 organizations in writing to the FDA, published op-eds in prominent outlets, helped members of Congress send their own letter to the FDA (signed by 109 House members), developed a DC-influencer campaign that "took over" the Washington Post's Health 202 newsletter with our medication abortion ads for 10 days, and interviewed with the press about both the NWHN's work in getting mifepristone approved in 2000 and the FDA's long history of imposing restrictions on mifepristone access out of fear of anti-abortion politicians and violence. In early 2021, these efforts paid off and FDA agreed to suspend key requirements during the pandemic.

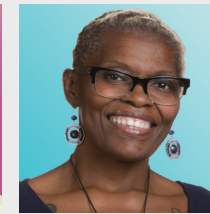
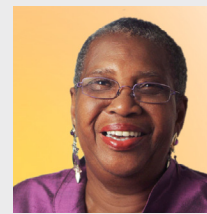
■ We also built on our 45-year history of fighting sterilization abuse, speaking to the press and leading protests against the Trump administration's attempts to sterilize immigrants without their consent.

"I just want to say thank you and everyone there for all the work you do. We don't take you for granted." — MA, LONG-TIME MEMBER IN NEW YORK

RAISING OUR VOICES

IN A TIME OF RACIAL INJUSTICE, HEALTH DISPARITY, AND COVID-19

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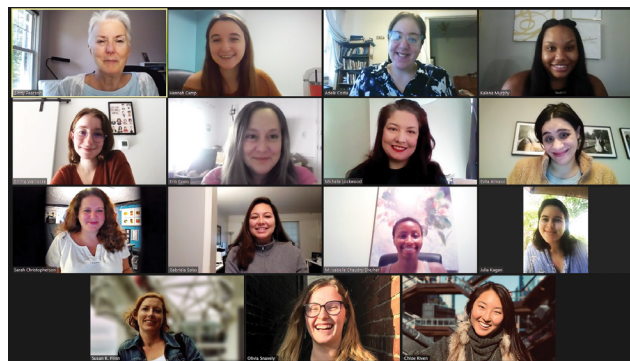


We haven't slowed down our work to advance women's access to health care. In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic not only created an extra barrier in the fight to advance women's health care rights and access, it also laid bare the failures of our health care system. The NWHN hosted a panel discussion on how we got to this point, the impact of COVID-19 and the BLM protests, the connection between racial justice and health justice, and what 2021 could look like.

Speakers: Bylye Y. Avery, Co-founder of RWV & Founder of the Black Women's Health Imperative; Terrilynne Cole, M.D., MBA, Infectious Disease Physician; Marsha Jones, Co-founder & Executive Director of The Afiya Center **Moderator:** Dázon Dixon Diallo, DHL, MPH, Founder & President of SisterLove, Inc.



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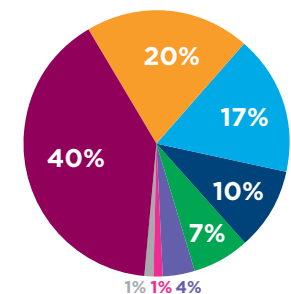
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Ending Net Assets \$830,234

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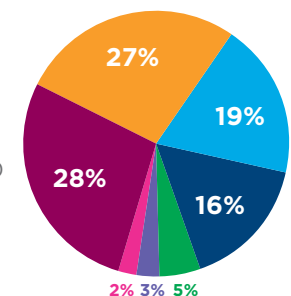
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