

AMY GOOD

Retired Chief Executive Officer of Alternatives for Girls

- WHEREAS,** Amy Good has devoted her life to the service of others. Her father, an attorney, and her mother moved the family to Michigan from Pittsburgh in 1968 when Amy was eleven years old. They raised their children to embody social justice and civil rights. She moved to Detroit in 1983 after becoming a caseworker and program director at Barat Human Services. After more than forty years in service to vulnerable populations in Detroit, Mrs. Good retired in November 2024; including thirty-seven (37) years of remarkable leadership as Chief Executive Officer of Alternatives for Girls (AFG); **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Good earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and her Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan, equipping her with the knowledge and dedication to make a lasting impact in human services. In 1985, Good gathered volunteers at St. Peter's Episcopal Church with the Rev. John Meyer and nuns from different orders to brainstorm interventions for young girls. There were no programs for which to model but they progressed. Eventually Good would quit her job to focus on the newly formed Alternatives for Girls. AFG sought funding from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development but was denied. Then in 1988, with only human capital, a five-bed shelter opened at St. Peter's for girls. By the next year, unexpectedly, HUD sent \$376,000 after another program returned grant funding, birthing the expansion of AFG beyond a shelter to providing street outreach, prevention programs, after-school programs and supports to women navigating domestic violence and human trafficking; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Under her extraordinary leadership, AFG grew from a grassroots volunteer project into a nationally recognized agency having served nearly thirty-seven thousand (37,000) women and girls. In August of 2024, in collaboration with Full Circle Communities, AFG opened Maya Angelou Village in northwest Detroit, City Council District 1; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Amy Good's vision, humility, and steadfast commitment to justice have inspired many. Her accomplishments have been recognized through numerous honors, including Oprah Winfrey's *Use Your Life Award*, United Way's *Executive Director of the Year*, Crain's Detroit *Best Managed Non-Profit Award*, and induction into the Michigan Business Women's Hall of Fame; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** In addition to her professional achievements, Amy Good has enriched her community as a Board Member of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, Membership Co-Chair of the International Women's Forum, and advisor to the University of Michigan School of Social Work. She is also a lifelong runner, unicycling enthusiast, social justice activist, devoted wife, and mother of two, embodying a life of balance, courage, and purpose; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED** That on this day, October 7, 2025, **Councilman Pro Tem James E. Tate, Jr.**, and the entire **Detroit City Council**, on behalf of the residents of the City of Detroit, proudly present this testimonial resolution to activist, trailblazer, Mrs. Amy Good, a woman with a servant's heart. Your decades of dedicated service stand as a testament to the power of empathy, collaboration, and civic responsibility. May your journey ahead be filled with continued purpose, joy, and the knowledge your life's work has left an indelible mark in Detroit, a city you so passionately served.