



Women Against Abusive Relationships CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

We wholeheartedly thank everyone who made the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Women Against Abusive Relationships (WAAR) memorable and impactful! Your support—whether through attendance, sponsorship, volunteering, or donations—helped us reflect on two decades of advocacy, resilience, and progress in the fight against domestic violence.

We are incredibly grateful to Carmen Anderson of The Heinz Endowments, our remarkable honorary chair and sponsor, and our generous Table Sponsors: Healthy Start, The Wilson Group, Gwen’s Girls, and Greater Pittsburgh Business and Professional Women.

We were deeply honored to receive a proclamation from Mayor Ed Gainey and Brother Melvin El, Community Advisor to the Mayor, officially declaring October 3, 2024, as Women Against Abusive Relationships Day! It was the most unique and longest proclamation I have ever witnessed. It included audience participation—Brother Melvin was hilarious!

A heartfelt thank you to our Mistress of Ceremonies, Mikey Hood of KDKA, and our talented entertainers Kim El, Rosie Jones Moore, Kevin Howard, and Brother Marlon of Marlee Media. Special thanks to WAARs Board of Directors, Mary Martin, for crafting the beautiful bowl presented to our honorary chair, our event producer Elizabeth Surgil, and The Journey Booth. All of your contributions made the event truly enjoyable and unforgettable!

Lastly, we sincerely thank the Wyndham Grand Hotel Pittsburgh staff, especially Tony Lee, for their exceptional hospitality.

Thank you all for making this milestone event so special!

We hope you will join us on October 3rd, Same Place—Same Time next year!

NOTE: Unfortunately, the videographer inadvertently left out the sound on the recording. However, you will enjoy the event highlights.

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Melvin Hubbard El Proclamation

Photos by Brother Melvin. Although video has no sound, it’s funny to watch. Those of you of a certain age can view it as a “Silent Movie.”



Carmen Anderson Honorary Chair

Images Only with a voice message from Roxanne. Click here.



Rosie Jones Moore Entertainment

Video with sound, thanks to @Daphne Salter Austin! While viewing the video, I saw Daphne recording Rosie. Yay!



Kim El Entertainment

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