

WGC's Our Giving, Our Stories!

An ongoing series of giving profiles designed to amplify the voices of women and girls in our community.

In Honor of
LGBTQIA+ Pride Month



Celebrating
Women's
Giving in
Howard County

3 Questions With ... Philanthropist Abby Hendrix

Chief Operating Officer, HoCo Pride, Inc.

The Women's Giving Circle of Howard County, Maryland is proud to elevate the voices and philanthropy of our members and friends throughout the year.

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what moves you to give your time, talent and financial resources?

I love helping create safe spaces where everyone is welcome and can be their authentic self, not just in June, but year-round. I'm proud to work with the amazing HoCo Pride team to ensure Howard County is a place where LGBTQIA+ people, especially youth, feel seen, safe, and celebrated. I'm continually motivated by the love this community shows and the support we receive from county friends and partners.

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when did you start giving to issues that are important to you?

As an educator and union member, I became more aware of my responsibility to use my voice and time to improve the lives of students, families, and staff. Through activism and service, I've worked to create more equitable spaces rooted in social and racial justice. Over the years, I've learned new strategies, and I continue to grow as I give back to the community I care deeply about.

three

what advice do you have for those interested in giving back?

Find a cause that speaks to your heart, listen to those most affected, and stay committed even when it's hard. Community change happens when many people take small, consistent actions. You don't have to do everything—just do something. Giving back doesn't have to be big to be meaningful—your time, voice, or presence can make a real impact.

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The WGC is building a community of philanthropists to address the needs of women and girls in Howard County, MD. www.womensgivingcircle.org

"We are excited to have built upon our support of National Black Philanthropy Month to develop "Our Giving, Our Stories" says Robin Stimson, WGC OGOS Chair. "Inspiring philanthropic leadership and increasing giving by amplifying the voices of women and girls are among the goals of this effort and we are committed to advancing this important work in our community."