

Our Giving, Our Stories!

A series of giving profiles in celebration of Black Philanthropy Month

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Celebrating Black Philanthropy Month 2021

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3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, Alicia Kong

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The Women's Giving Circle of Howard County, Maryland is proud to elevate the voices and giving of our donors and friends throughout Black Philanthropy Month

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

Over the years I have realized that I really enjoy teaching people skills that many people don't learn until they are an adult. I have also learned that with giving time and talent is that you do not have to be the smartest in the room. You just need to have a good heart and want to help others. Sometimes you don't get invited and you have to just ask to be involved. You are having a positive impact on people's lives when you volunteer your time, talent and financial Resources.

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

After I got my first job at age 19 I thought that the only way was to donate money, and that is exactly what I did. A few years later I was in charge of fundraising for a charitable organization for my employers. After the fundraiser, I did not think that we did well but a few years later I was still hearing how wonderful it was. I then realized that we all bring different talents to the table. That is when I started volunteering.

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

Find something that you are passionate about or a group of people that you would want to help. This will make it easy for you to want to give back and help those people and you won't feel like it's a chore and you are more willing to go above and beyond. There are so many places where you can have a positive impact. Just start asking around. And, young adults should not be afraid to volunteer! Our youth bring good insights to the boards that they volunteer on.

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The Women's Giving Circle is proud to continue our support for National Black Philanthropy Month 2021!

The WGC is building a community of philanthropists and creating a permanent legacy to address the needs of women and girls in Howard County, Maryland.

"We are excited to continue our support of National Black Philanthropy Month" said Hina Naseem and Judy Smith, co-Chairs of WGC's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. "Informing, involving, inspiring and investing in Black philanthropic leadership and giving are among the goals of this annual celebration and we are committed to advancing this important work in philanthropy, both in our community and across the country."

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