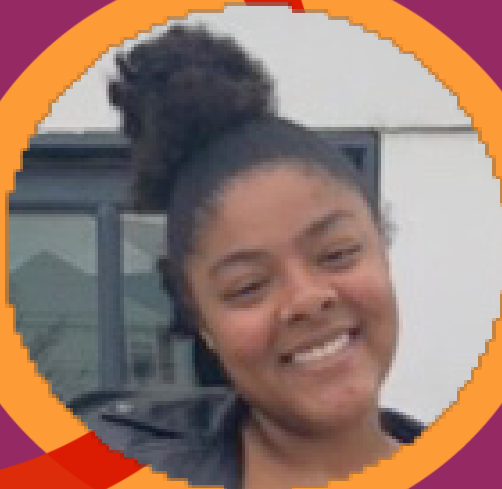


# Our Giving, Our Stories!

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, Aniah Matthews

Howard University Student

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?

Growing up I was very fortunate and was able to enjoy many things that other people were not able to, but this did not stop me from seeing people in my communities and others around the world struggle every day in life to barely get by. In school there were many times that friends would come over for breakfast or to sleep over because they did not have food at home or no one was there to take care of them and helping them made me feel like I could really make a change even if it is just for a day or a moment.

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

I really started giving back in high school when I was recommended to be a mentor in a program at my school and went on to become president while serving at that organization. It brought so much joy to me being able to help students within my own school and after I started I never stopped.

three

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

Advice I have for those giving back is that it is impossible to do it all! It's hard saying no sometimes because you want to help that person however you can but it is so easy to spread yourself too thin and feel like you're drowning. Giving back is a great thing to do and it can teach you so much, but it can also overwhelm you and it's okay to ask for help yourself too.

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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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