

WGC's Our Giving, Our Stories!

A year-long series of giving profiles designed to amplify the voices of women and girls in our community.



IN CELEBRATION OF
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Celebrating
Women's
Giving in
Howard County

3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, BACH JEFFREY

Bach Jeffrey, DDS

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?

The Women's Giving Circle is dear to my heart. It promotes confidence in young girls to help them face the world. I am reminded of my late mother who was very strict about sharing our resources with those less fortunate. She encouraged me to get an education, to make a living and to give back to my community. I am so delighted that my contributions to JA (Junior Achievement) Rising Women have given young girls an opportunity to excel in areas that interest them.

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

My first volunteer activity in Howard County was with FIRN (Foreign Information and Referral Network). I volunteered with FIRN to help with an influx of immigrants—helping with translation, learning about access to services and navigating a new culture. I also served on FIRN's Board of Directors. I really do believe in giving to a community that has given so much to me. Fortunately, my husband and I feel the same, so we have made giving back a family value. Our fund at the Community Foundation is dedicated to human services and we made additional commitments to the WGC. Our strong belief in education directs our giving to Howard Community College. Helping others to achieve their potential and enjoy living in our community gives both of us joy and hope for the future.

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

My advice is to start giving at a young age and don't stop. We taught our sons to give back and they learned from childhood to share their good fortune with others. They were expected to give a percentage of their birthday and holiday gifts to charities. They still hold these values as young men. Again, giving back is a family value.

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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. www.womensgivingcircle.org

"We are excited to have built upon our support of National Black Philanthropy Month to develop "Our Giving, Our Stories" into a year-long philanthropic leadership recognition effort" said Hina Naseem and Judy Smith, co-Chairs of WGC's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. "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."