WGC's Our Giving, Our Stories!

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

Celebrating Women's Giving in Howard County

In Honor of Women's History Month

3 Questions With ... Philanthropist Barb Van Winkle

Immediate Past Chair of Women's Giving Circle of Howard County and President of Nancy Adams Personnel of Columbia

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.

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

My parents were excellent role models for me growing up. Both were volunteers with nonprofits, and constantly shared with me the importance and value of giving back to your community! My father always told me to make where you live a better, stronger place, his motto was: “Think Globally. Act Locally”.

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

While in college, I volunteered at Planned Parenthood in Baltimore and was deeply moved by the power of helping women in need. When I moved to Howard County to open my business, a friend invited me to be on the Board of The Family Life Center in Wilde Lake, and thus began my local volunteering!

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

Follow your heart, find your passion and look for organizations that address your interests. You will get as much joy, if not more, when you give your time and talent! Being of service to others will make your life fuller!!!

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

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“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 Malynda Madzel, WGC OGOS Committee 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.”