

Our Giving, Our Stories!

A series of giving profiles in celebration of Black Philanthropy Month

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Celebrating Black Philanthropy Month 2020

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3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, BARBARA M. PEART

Retiree, Community Volunteer

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?

My mother had the greatest influence on my motivation to give of my time, talent and financial resources. At our home in Jamaica, I watched as those in need seemed to sense her kindness as they never left without a meal or the fulfillment of some other request that she could grant. She held the deeply spiritual belief that we are our sisters' and brothers' keepers and have a divine obligation to help those in need. Her values and actions are in my DNA and so I respond where help is needed.

two

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

I cannot remember a time when I did not give to causes that are important to me. The only requirement is always that the giving responds to a need in someone's life. Since coming to Howard County, I have supported the Women's Giving Circle, the Community Foundation of Howard County, Howard Community College and Columbia Cares among others. I also support national and international relief organizations such as Doctors Without Borders and the African American Museum of American History.

three

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

My advice is to do whatever we can, whenever and wherever we can. Seemingly minor actions can make a major difference.

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The Women's Giving Circle is proud to continue our support for National Black Philanthropy Month 2020!

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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