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

In Honor of Black History Month

WGC's Our Giving, Our Stories!





Celebrating Women's Giving in Howard County

3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, BESSIE BORDENAVE

Harriet Tubman Foundation

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?

I joined the Harriet Tubman Foundation in 2002. I felt that the story of the Harriet Tubman High School should be told. Many people were unaware of the history of the Harriet Tubman High School. When the building is completed, the story will be shared with the community.



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

The Howard County NAACP Youth Council was being conducted by Mrs. Dorothye Craft at the time I got involved. In 1993, I was elected the Advisor and felt that the youth needed to have a voice in the community. We are involved in so many projects, including helping the homeless, reaching out to the community and providing information that was very important to the youth.



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

The advice that I can give, is to find a project that you are very passionate about, whether it is history or the youth, then research and get as much information as you can, then go from there.

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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 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."