

WGC's Our Giving, Our Stories!

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



In Honor of Independence Day/Spirit of Independence

Celebrating Women's Giving in Howard County

3 Questions With ... Philanthropist Beth Harbinson

Founder, Sobar

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?

White privilege. I was raised wanting and needing nothing. There is so much need in this world where people do not always have equal access to basic human needs, education, unconditional love, nurturing and encouragement, and mental healthcare. I feel that those of us who have had these needs met have an obligation and duty to give back.

two

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

I was raised by parents who exemplified giving back so in my teens, but more significantly in the last 17 years. As a person in recovery from Substance Use Disorder, I was freely given help by people in 12 step recovery programs and I would not be sober without that help. I speak out about my recovery in hope of helping others.

three

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

Everything "counts". Don't wait until you can write a check with several zeros; don't wait until you have more time; don't wait until someone asks you to be on their board. Do what you can now! Volunteering once a year counts! Sending a contribution of \$25 counts. Sharing information about a fundraising event on social media counts. YOU can make a difference even if the action feels small.

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The WGC is building a community of philanthropists to address the needs of women and girls in Howard County, MD. 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 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."