

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
LGBTQIA+ PRIDE
MONTH



Celebrating
Women's
Giving in
Howard County

3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, CATHERINE HYDE

Catherine Hyde, Local and National Community Activist

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?

As the parent of the first child to openly transition in Howard County Schools, I experienced a lot of the challenges and disparities that face underserved (and in this case misunderstood) populations. I felt so alone during those early years that I vowed to help other parents on this journey, and by helping others, I was better capable of supporting our child. Now, 12 years later, I've helped hundreds of families come to understand and celebrate their LGBTQ+ kids, and that offers tremendous rewards. So I guess watching our children and families grow through challenges and adversity is what motivates me.

two

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

Once I could afford it. I've always donated some to various causes, but when I was faced with something I frankly could not see my way through, I was motivated to really participate, with time and money. Using my resources to bring awareness to the LGBTQ+ Community and being recognized locally, regionally and nationally for my work with PFLAG has increased my ability to promote understanding and empathy to the transgender community.

three

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

Find something that inspires you, that you care deeply about, and give what you can: be it time, money, referrals. The more you care about an issue, the more rewarding your giving back will be to you, and the more inspired your ways of giving will be.

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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."