

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 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Celebrating Women's Giving in Howard County

3 Questions With ... Philanthropist Claudia Marion Allen

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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?

Being a Christian is my greatest motivation. My belief in God inspires me on a daily basis to find new ways to protect the humanity of all, uplift the voices of the silenced, and to sacrifice self for the betterment of my community.

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

In Middle School I started volunteering at nursing homes, homeless shelters, clothing drives, and even volunteered bagging groceries and carrying them out for the elderly at a local grocery store. I have never stopped volunteering since!

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

Always start local! Where is the need in your neighborhood? Local volunteering always makes an immediate and profound impact as it has the potential to change the lives of people in your sphere of influence.

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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 co-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."