

# 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  
LGBTQIA+ Pride Month



Celebrating  
Women's  
Giving in  
Howard County

## 3 Questions With ... Philanthropist Danielle DuPuis

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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?

A good cause that has good people behind it. I want to help those who will carry out their mission of helping others to make positive, impactful, and sustainable changes.

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

My earliest memories are those of the kindnesses of my grandfather. Taking time to fix what was broken, helping those in need, spending time in nature, and spending time with me. He taught me that even when you didn't have the funds to help others, that you could use your skills, talents, and time. When I was little, I would help with my time. But at 21, once I had a full time job, I began giving monthly to Unbound to sponsor a little boy. When I was 30 years old, I went to meet him. Shortly thereafter, I was able to pay for his culinary school education, and purchased the land his family was leasing so that they could cultivate their mango crops and keep the money they earned rather than paying the lease. While this seems like it would have cost a lot of money, it was very affordable for me to help based on the vastly different cost of living range between where me and my sponsored child lived. Building relationships and investing time and funds in people, education, and the environment are all very important to me.

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

Find an organization that you can support fully - in their mission, philosophy, and their work. I also think it's important to give without expectation. Oftentimes, we have an expectation of where WE think funds, time, and energy should go, when in reality there is a greater need and a larger impact elsewhere. So, be open minded, willing to listen, and pay attention for when and what is needed. If you find yourself with more than enough time, more than enough money, more than enough skills and talent, there's always someone somewhere in need of what you are able to offer. Just be safe, open minded, and find what speaks to you.

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The WGC is building a community of philanthropists to address the needs of women and girls in Howard County, Maryland. [www.womensgivingcircle.org](http://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."