

Our Giving, Our Stories!

A series of giving profiles in celebration of Black Philanthropy Month

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Celebrating Black Philanthropy Month 2020

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3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, DONNA HILL STATON, ESQ.

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The Women's Giving Circle of Howard County, Maryland is proud to elevate the voices and giving of our donors and friends throughout Black Philanthropy Month

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what moves you to give your time, talent and financial resources?

I am a problem solver and advocate by nature. It's what drew me to a career in law and why I find joy in giving. Philanthropy is also a way to pay forward the investment of time, counsel and resources so many have made in me. The words of Luke 12:48, "[F]or whom much is given ... much will be required," resonate strongly with me. So when I am in a position to lend aid or counsel, I do.

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

I was raised to have a charitable spirit and introduced to giving early. As an adult, I've devoted significant resources to education policy and to supporting initiatives helping families in crisis. From pro bono representation of abused and neglected children, to service on the boards of educational institutions, to establishing a family endowed fund to help students with learning differences, the type of commitment-whether time, talent or resources-has varied to meet the need and the moment.

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

Philanthropy is not only for the wealthy, but for the rich of heart and generous in spirit. A few dollars can make someone's day. Shared wisdom can change the trajectory of a person's life. Do what you can, when you can, for whom you can. When giving becomes part of a community's culture, all benefit.

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The Women's Giving Circle is proud to continue our support for National Black Philanthropy Month 2020!

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.

"We are excited to continue our support of National Black Philanthropy Month" said Hina Naseem and Judy Smith, co-Chairs of WGC's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. "Informing, involving, inspiring and investing in Black philanthropic leadership and giving are among the goals of this annual celebration and we are committed to advancing this important work in philanthropy, both in our community and across the country."

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