

# Our Giving, Our Stories!

A series of giving profiles in celebration of Black Philanthropy Month

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## Celebrating Black Philanthropy Month 2021

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### 3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, Donna Richardson

Howard County Government

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 learned the importance of giving by observing my parents, who spent their entire lives and careers serving others. My Father was the first black court clerk for the Circuit Court of Maryland and my Mother was one of Baltimore City's first black female police officers. Their dedication taught me the value of creating strong ties to the community through cultivating relationships and sharing resources.

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

As a teen, I volunteered with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, raising money and awareness on behalf of my brother and other hospitalized children. My corporate career allowed me to continue my philanthropic passion on a much larger scale; serving on boards such as March of Dimes and Healthcare for the Homeless, sponsoring events and providing a platform to highlight non-profit organizations focused on community betterment.

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

Philanthropy is not solely about financial means; it's about seeing the need around you and contributing what you can. Find your passion, give your time and share your talents. Giving something as simple as a listening ear or a friendly smile can be the start to making a difference in someone's life.

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The Women's Giving Circle is proud to continue our support for National Black Philanthropy Month 2021!

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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