

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.



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**Celebrating
Women's
Giving in
Howard County**

3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, DR. LILLIAN NORRIS-HOLMES

Dr. Lillian Norris-Holmes - Professional Educator, Children's Advocate, Political 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?

I am blessed to have had parents whose spiritual gifts were to serve others. As a teenager, I was drawn to serving the elderly. As an educator my spirit to serve grew to serving disadvantaged children and parents who could not speak for themselves. Later, I became engaged in promoting political agendas with ethics and principles that supported my values and beliefs.

two

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

As a child I adopted the philosophy of service from my parents as a way of life. Therefore, I started giving of my time and talents to issues that were important to me when I was very young. As an advocate of social justice, I continue to use my voice and limited financial resources to support organizations and foundations committed to making changes through social justice.

three

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

My advice for those interested in giving back is to identify your purposes for giving back. Recognize the most important issues or concerns to you. Pinpoint circumstances you would like to change for others and do just that. Decide that every effort is beneficial when we fight to improve the lives of others. Giving back provides opportunities to make a difference and inspires others. Also, giving back is extremely rewarding when addressing social issues important to you.

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The Women's Giving Circle is proud to amplify the voices of women and girls in our community.

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.
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"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."