

# 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, TERRI L. HILL, M.D.

State Delegate, Maryland General Assembly & Physician (M.D.), Solo Practitioner and Sole Proprietor

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?

Shirley Chisolm famously said, "Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth." That truly could be my family motto and an expectation in the Black community. I find purpose and joy in the act of giving. It's an expression of gratitude for my many blessings, a way to help others pursue their dreams and an opportunity to affect positive change in the world.

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

I can recall as a child writing math problem sets for my first-grade classmates and giving coins to the March of Dimes. Since then, giving of my time and talent has become a habit. Among my career highlights is my pro bono on medical mission work with Operation Smile, to Venezuela, China and Baltimore, performing life changing cleft lip and palate and other surgery on children who would not otherwise have received it.

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

Philanthropy means volunteerism as well as generous financial contributions. Don't devalue your potential contribution, in whatever form, as insignificant, because every contribution, small or large, matters--always. Personal resources will fluctuate over time; and doing something is better than doing nothing. Your inability to do as much as you have in the past, or hope to do in the future, need not prevent you from doing what you can now.

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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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