

# 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, DR. MAXINE CLARK

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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 really enjoy hearing about and seeing success stories in the lives of those individuals that I have helped. Everyone at some point in their life needs some assistance and to be able and available to serve in this way brings me a rewarding feeling. Just as I was brought up, I have taught my children the value of living a life of paying it forward. Seeing the younger generation getting involved in sharing their resources with the community as a whole lets me know that this is certainly a great character builder.

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

As a high school teen, the church youth group of which I was a member, was involved in volunteering a home for orphaned children. Spending my Saturday mornings bringing gifts for the children, working with them on projects and reading to them was my first memory of giving back. The responses of the children and their caregivers definitely gave me a sense that my time and dedication was being well received. That similar feeling has carried over into my adult life as a volunteer in several philanthropic organizations and also as a mentor high school and college students interested in the field of dentistry.

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

Seek out avenues where a population needs help. Select a particular age or demographic group that you would enjoy working with. Identify those organizations in your area that are currently working with your desired interest. Conversely, if you are already a member of an organization inquire how they have structured the volunteer program and focus on rising leadership roles in that program. Make suggestions on growth areas for the program to facilitate better serving the community with time, talent and financial resources.

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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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