

Our Giving, Our Stories!

A series of giving profiles in celebration of Black Philanthropy Month

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3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, Ethel B. Hill, Esq.

Retired, Community Leader

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?

By word and by example, my brother and I learned from our parents the value of helping others. Our parents supported our church missions. My mother was the first woman to serve on the Calvary Baptist Church Trustee Board and was an active member in several community service groups, including the American Red Cross. My father was a member of The Benevolent Order of Elks and other service organizations. While a student at Chester High School, I was a speaker with the Delaware County United Community Giving Board.

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

As a college student I committed to a lifetime pattern of giving. I was the charter president of Delta Gamma Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA) the first Black sorority at Penn State University. In 1972, I was a charter member of the Columbia, MD, graduate chapter of AKA (Iota Lambda Omega). Our sisterhood contributes their time, talent and money to national and local programs, including college scholarships. While in college, I was a volunteer in Mexico with The American Friends Service Committee and afterward, I joined other young women visiting veterans who were patients at the Philadelphia Veterans' Hospital.

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

Individuals who are interested in giving back should not be deterred by false notions of what "giving back" means. Time and talent are just as important as money. In 1992, I organized and served as the founding president of the Columbia chapter of Continental Societies, Inc., a women's international public service organization, whose mission is "to foster, promote and develop the welfare of underserved children and youth." I continue to support the Chapter and look forward to celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2022.

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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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