

# WGC's Our Giving, Our Stories!

An ongoing series of giving profiles designed to amplify the voices of women and girls in our community.

**In Honor of Black History Month**



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

## 3 Questions With ... Philanthropist Jacqueline (Jackie) Scott, JD, ML

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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?

My faith, a sense of humility, and a sense of responsibility to give back. My faith grounds and guides me. I maintain a level of humility in all that I am and all that I do, recognizing that each of us are a small part of something much bigger, yet we each have a responsibility to do our part. If doors were not opened for me, if someone had not taken the time to truly "see me", I would not have been able to accomplish half of what I have today. I am passionately driven by, and compelled by a sense of responsibility to, and for, others.

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

Honestly, I was probably about 10 or 11 years old. I would help my grandmother prepare meals and "care baskets" for women who lived in a boarding house down the street from her. At the time I considered it a chore that needlessly took me away from playing with my friends. It wasn't until my grandmother challenged me to use a portion of my allowance to buy anything I wanted to contribute to the baskets, that I realized just what it meant to make a difference. I purchased fingernail polish and candy for each. They loved it. I realized then what it meant to give of myself to bring joy to someone else. I've been hooked ever since.

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

Never underestimate your ability to make a difference. Often people talk themselves out of giving back because they feel what they have is "not enough" to make a difference. Not enough money, not enough time, not enough "know how"... Bottom line - find a place to start, connect to something you can relate to and that energizes you. Begin small so you are not overwhelmed by the commitment - but by all means, begin.

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The WGC is building a community of philanthropists to address the needs of women and girls in Howard County, MD. [www.womensgivingcircle.org](http://www.womensgivingcircle.org)

"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 Malynda Madzel, WGC OGOS co-Chair. "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."