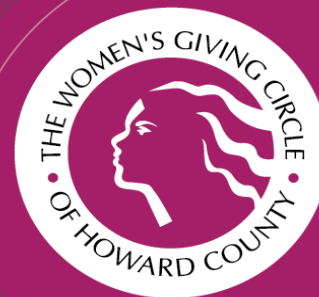


Our Giving, Our Stories!

A series of
giving profiles in
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Celebrating Black Philanthropy Month 2020

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3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, JANET CURRIE

Senior Vice President and Greater Maryland Market Manager, Bank of America

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 was raised in a household where thoughtfulness and consideration were non-negotiable. My mother insisted that if we saw something that needed to be done, we should do it, if someone needed our help, we should help them. It's just what you do. Through her words and actions, she taught me that I am my sisters' keeper. I try to model that behavior for my children. Experience is the best teacher.

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

I started giving through my church when I was seven years old. Shortly after graduating from Spelman College, I donated regularly. Spelman changed my life and I wanted other young Black women to be able to have that experience too. As my life has evolved and my experiences have widened, so has my giving to local organizations, including Grassroots, the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, The Maryland Food Bank and United Way of Central MD. I am also on the Board of the Horizon Foundation.

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

My advice would be to start by giving your time. Giving back is not only about money. Volunteer with an organization whose mission resonates with you. Learn about their needs and their impact. Once you have a good understanding of the effectiveness of the organization, you can decide if you want to also support them financially. Often you will find that you will become a part of their broader fundraising efforts by leveraging your network for their benefit.

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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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