

# 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  
Martin Luther  
King, Jr. Day

Celebrating  
Women's  
Giving in  
Howard County

## 3 Questions With ... Philanthropist Dr. Abbie Diane Martin

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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?

Being able to have an impact on our youth's academic, social emotional and their transitional development into adulthood moves me to support them through tutoring and mentoring. Along with serving as an adjunct professor for two universities- NC A&T State University and Bowie State University, I also lead the mentoring program for the Family Resource Center, which is a part of St. John Baptist Church. I truly believe that our youth need our support, encouragement, modeling and direction to enable them to become thriving and contributing citizens that will continually make our country the great nation that it is AND can become even better. Youth have the agility, energy, and intellect with answers to the ills of our society in the palms of their hands. Consequently, I continually teach, model and support our youth!

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

Before retiring from Howard County Public School System, I served as a teacher, team leader, assistant principal, principal, specialist, coordinator and lastly Director of Student Family and Community Services. In each of those roles, I was able to not only lead adults, but I kept my pulse on the youth by engaging in hiring them for their "first job," and by mentoring and supporting them in various clubs such as the Black Student Achievement Program, the Hispanic Achievement Program and the Office of International Student Services.

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

Connect with others who have the same passion. Look for a need and work with others to find solutions. Then develop a plan to address the need. There is plenty of work to be done - so jump into the vineyard and get involved in a cause that you know will make a difference for one or many.

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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" says Robin Stimson, WGC OSOS 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."