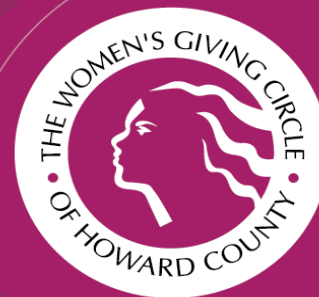


# Our Giving, Our Stories!

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, JUDY SMITH

Consultant, Community Volunteer

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?

As a little girl, my parents insisted that my siblings and I share. This core value has remained with me. As an adult, I share my time, talent and treasure with organizations that I am passionate about. Additionally, in these trying times charities/nonprofits need community support.

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

My first professional job had a 50/50 match program. You could pick from a list of charities that the company pre-selected or you could submit a charity for the company to consider. I participated in that program. After I left that company, I realized that I could do this on my own and have been giving to causes that support education, women and girls, equity, and the arts ever since.

three

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

My advice is to start today, start now. Generate a list of causes that are dear to you, prioritize the list, and pick one. Determine which charity supports your cause and donate something no matter how small or large. After that, assess and do more. Your sense of accomplishment and satisfaction will drive your giving and what you do next.

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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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