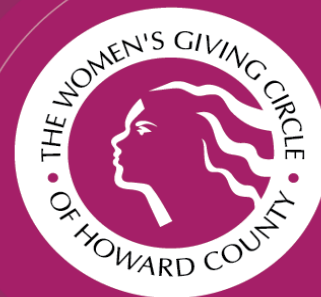


# Our Giving, Our Stories!

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, LAURA BACON

Founder, The Well

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 give of myself to others because of the heart my mother gave me and the modeling she showed me growing up. We always looked to who we could help, how we could add to something, or how our talents could be used towards a purpose bigger than us. As an adult I'm moved to give because I know that we are all one. What happens to the most vulnerable of us, touches us all. We all ebb and flow through times in our lives where we need a little extra help or guidance. My heart keeps me ready to give whenever a need arises.

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

I've been giving as long as I can remember. I've rarely been in a position where I could give monetarily but I am committed to giving of my time and talent every day. That kind of giving takes so many forms. I create programs that provide access, I advocate for people and issues that help to increase opportunity, and I love it! Seeing people happy, fulfilled, and thriving is the fuel that keeps me going.

three

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

Start with your gifts. What are you great at? What do you like to do? How can your skills, your mind, and your voice be used in service of others? I think as community members we can often get hung up on the skills we don't have instead of the skills we do have. What may seem simple to you could make a huge impact in the life of someone else. Find an organization, volunteer your time/money/expertise, and if the right organization isn't out there for you how you want to give; start your own!

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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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