

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 Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

Celebrating Women's Giving in Howard County

3 Questions With ... Philanthropist Lee Draminski

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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?

Feeling gratitude for the opportunities I've been given, has helped motivate me to be a true champion for others. Knowing there are gaps in access and opportunity for basic life essentials including housing, food, healthcare, transportation, education, employment and more have helped shape and drive my passion for community service. The times I've volunteered have been some of the most meaningful and impactful moments in my life.

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

I grew up in Howard County where our high school student government had a long history of conducting an annual food drive. Delivering items to places in the County I didn't even know existed, truly opened my eyes to the needs in my own community. This set the stage for my passion for community service, and led me to champion others to embrace opportunities and get involved.

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

I would strongly encourage you to find a cause or organization that speaks to you. There is no shortage of opportunities to get involved. Grab your children, a friend or colleague and simply just dive in. Find the best fit for you, grasp what and where exactly the needs are that align with your personal interests. Skill-based volunteering is such an incredible way to contribute your talents to an organization. Group volunteering can be super fun and highly productive.

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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

"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 and Robin Stimson, WGC OGOS co-Chairs. "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."