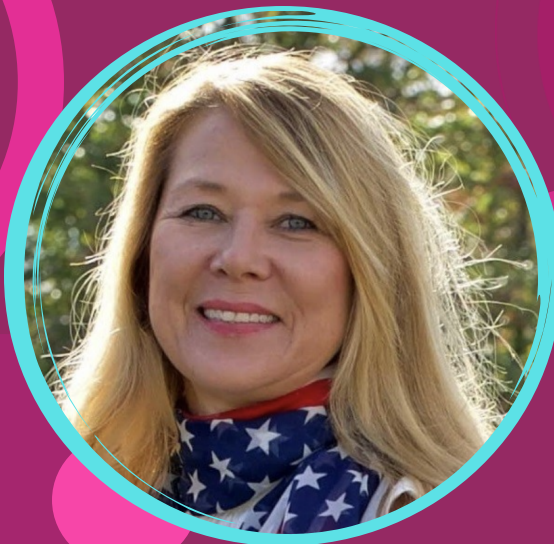


# WGC's Our Giving, Our Stories!

An ongoing series of giving profiles designed to amplify the voices of women and girls in our community.

**In Honor of Veterans Day**



**Celebrating Women's Giving in Howard County**

## 3 Questions With ... Philanthropist Lisa Boucher Terry

**Manager, Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families,  
Department of Community Resources and Services**

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.

**one**

### what moves you to give your time, talent and financial resources?

Our service men and women and their families make so many sacrifices every day to serve our country and protect our freedoms. Most military families move every 2-3 years, some more often, and starting over in a new state or country is really hard on military children. Military spouses are often unemployed or underemployed because of the frequent moves and a deployed parent can be really hard on a family. And if the service member experiences physical or emotional trauma while in uniform, this brings even greater struggles. Military separation or retirement can be a difficult transition and as veterans age, a whole new set of challenges arise. Making sure the needs of our veteran and military families are taken care of while honoring and celebrating their service and sacrifice is why I do what I do.

**two**

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

My parents introduced me to community service at a very young age so volunteering is in my blood. I have always believed in a holistic approach to mental health, whether it be education, recreation, fitness, fellowship or spirituality. Over the years, I have worked with people of all ages and backgrounds, connecting them to resources and services to help them live a better life. So while I have held a variety of volunteer roles, most have involved helping people help themselves because we all need purpose, to feel valued, and relationships. Whether it's supporting veterans and military families, students and teachers or young girls and women, we all want to be respected and appreciated.

**three**

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

Most nights before I go to sleep, I ask myself, "Did I do something for someone else today?" Ask yourself that and you might be surprised and inspired to do more. There are so many opportunities to serve even if you don't have a lot of spare time. What makes you happy -- working with children, animals, older adults, people with disabilities? Do you love to be surrounded by nature, politics or art? Howard County is a wealthy county, but we still have a lot of people in need. Use your talents, life experience or professional background to make it a community you are proud of and give back to something that you have benefitted from or enjoyed. I personally believe that it is everyone's obligation to give back in some way and that even the smallest act of kindness is meaningful.

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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" into a year-long philanthropic leadership recognition effort" said Malynnda Madzel, WGC OGOS 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."