

# Our Giving, Our Stories!

A series of giving profiles in celebration of Black Philanthropy Month

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## Celebrating Black Philanthropy Month 2021

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### 3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, Mary L. Morgan

State Child Welfare Agency, Program Manager

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 young person growing up in an urban school district, I experienced the social, economic, and educational obstacles that are often pervasive in communities of color. As an adult working in the field of child welfare, I see children with unimaginable resilience who need more encouragement, guidance, and access to tools of success. As a mother, I want to show that community service is a responsibility for all those who can lend their hands, lift their voices, and financially support causes that change lives for generations to come.

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

I have been involved in community service organizations over the past twelve years giving money. However, these organizations did not demonstrate the benefit of one-to-one mentoring that best support children. My participation in OhanaHC provides targeted support of students with mentors from different backgrounds along with the organization's keen focus to diversity, equity, and inclusion. I am an advocate for positive change that impacts lives and communities over generations.

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

My advice for those interested in giving back is to align with organizations that are sustainable, align with your core belief, and drive your participation. I think volunteers should clearly understand their role as stakeholders and share responsibility for the success of the organization and its service in the community.

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The Women's Giving Circle is proud to continue our support for National Black Philanthropy Month 2021!

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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