

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, MAVIS ELLIS

Chair Howard County Board of Education, Educator

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 one who was raised in the church, I know that I am blessed with time, health, experience and adequate resources. I also know many others are not so fortunate and that I have a responsibility to share my blessings in any way that I can. As an educator for many years, I have found ways to give to my students and their families especially the neediest as they made their way in life and through various school systems.

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

As an educator, I was elected President of the International Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention, National Education Association Board of Directors, Maryland State Education Board of Directors, and presently serve as the first African American female Chair of the Howard County Board of Education. In these roles I have volunteered thousands of hours advocating for students, their families and educators ensuring those organizations focused on restorative justice, trauma informed instruction and issues of diversity, equity and inclusion.

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

Find a cause that touches your heart. Then do your homework to determine how you can support it by using your time, talent and treasures. Know your limits, but also know that a consistent, committed advocate can impact decisions and the lives of our community members.

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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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