

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 POLSON LEWIS

Retired Educator/Counselor/Administrator/Activist

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?

Having been reared by philanthropic parents, helping others and giving back is in my DNA. My parents helped me to realize early in life the importance of making service a priority in any community in which I resided. My mantra has always been to use the talents, gifts, resources and skills that God gave me to make a difference. Those gifts have given me a purpose to use wherever or whenever there is a need.

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

My love of helping others started at thirteen years old, writing letters dictated by an elderly, disabled neighbor, who could not read or write. This experience nurtured my innate desire to help others. My profession as a teacher, counselor and administrator helping students dealing with racial tensions and other adolescent concerns further strengthened my need to give back, particularly to young people. Since 1988, I have been a member and officer of the Howard County Foundation for Black Educational and Cultural Achievement, Inc., giving both time, talent and financial resources to help ensure a brighter future for African-American youth.

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

Volunteering and giving back to your community is a rewarding and life-changing experience. Find your passion and purpose and get started. If you support a cause that you feel passionate about, you will never regret it. As Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

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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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