

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 Minah Woo

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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?

I am moved to give because I have been given much. My family immigrated to the U.S. when I was 10 years old with just 8 bags we were allowed to bring on the airplane. I have been a beneficiary of those who helped me along the way. I could never pay them back, but I can pay it forward. I do what I can to make the world a better place at least for those lives I am fortunate to touch.

two

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

When I was in college, I was introduced to the American Wheat Mission, an organization that serves people with disabilities. I followed a friend to one meeting because I wanted to learn sign language and met so many wonderful people with great big hearts. I started volunteering with them to work with children with disabilities. That's where I first learned the value of volunteerism and giving to support a cause.

three

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

First, find your "WHY" - What brings you joy? What are you passionate about? What brings you a sense of accomplishment no matter how tired you may physically be? That is the cause worth your time and treasures. Second, look around and observe. Giving back does not need to be something grand. A small gesture of help or small monetary giving can make a big difference. Even if you may not have solved the world's problems, you helped change that person's world.

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The WGC is building a community of philanthropists to address the needs of women and girls in Howard County, Maryland. 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, WGC OGOS Committee 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."