

# 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 National Disability Employment Awareness Month**



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

## 3 Questions With ... Philanthropist Melissa Rosenberg

**Executive Director, Autism Society of Maryland**

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've been fortunate to have resources that have benefited me and my family. In today's challenging world, I believe it's essential to give what we can to support others in our community—helping ease their journey, empowering them to move forward with dignity, and inspiring them to one day help others in return.

**two**

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

I grew up with parents and other family members who modeled giving for me to faith-based groups, civic organizations, and nonprofits. They volunteered and expected me to come along and help so I think it's just engrained in me – and I'm grateful for that.

**three**

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

Giving back isn't just about money—your time, energy, and skills matter just as much. Volunteer, serve on a board, or support a fundraiser. Think about what causes inspire you, then explore local groups like the Autism Society, CCTA, ACS, or Howard EcoWorks. Visit their websites to see how you can help. And if you're lucky enough to have financial resources, please consider supporting general operating funds—the backbone of every nonprofit's work and often hardest to fund.

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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" says Robin Stimson, 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."