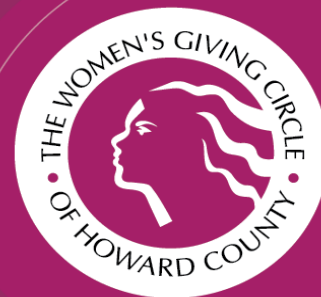


# Our Giving, Our Stories!

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, MIREILLE GRANGENOIS

Writer, Journalist, Community Volunteer, Advocate

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?

I am moved to share my time, talent and resources – financial, professional, residential, emotional, experiential – by my faith, my awareness of community need, and by inspirational leaders whose vision for improving our world stirs me to act.

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

My parents instilled in my three siblings and me a spirit of generosity, despite the outward evidence—living in federally subsidized housing—that we were poor. I also learned to give a weekly donation to our church. Years later, after I moved to Columbia as a newly divorced mother with a young child, I took my daughter with me each November to box and deliver Thanksgiving meals as servants of Bridgeway Community Church, where I am a partner.

three

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

This civic service taught me what anyone seeking to give back should remember: Time is the only non-renewable resource, yet it is the least appreciated form of giving. Money is only currency that is circulated to create value as a gift to someone else. When asked for advice, I tell people to honor the precious time they give to their causes and to seek guidance and wisdom on where their help is most needed and determine how that need aligns with their hearts is where the Community Foundation of Howard County can help.

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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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