

# 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 Veterans and  
Military Families Month**



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

## 3 Questions With ... Philanthropist Mona Lawrence

**Administrator - Howard County Veterans Foundation**

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.

**one**

### what moves you to give your time, talent and financial resources?

Maslow categorized Love as one of the basic needs that humans require for a fulfilling life. And Love is Free. I was inspired when I realized this many years ago. Since then, I purpose to be an agent of kindness. In a day when many feel hopelessness. I can give charity, offer a smile, kind words, and encouragement. I work to do my part to make the world a better place.

**two**

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

I grew up in Chicago and spent early years living in an apartment complex. I have fond memories of the families in that complex. One family was an elderly lady and her elderly blind brother. After school they would keep me until my parents arrived home and I helped them with various tasks. I learned so much about people, and how people of all ages can contribute to the community. Giving back is about Community.

**three**

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

I believe that each day that I am fortunate enough to wake up, I must make it a Good Day! Every day is a new opportunity to do something different or to keep a great thing going. Generosity doesn't have to be expensive or complicated, start with kindness and a smile!

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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."