## 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, ROBIN STEELE**

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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



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

To be able to make a difference brings me joy! While we live in an affluent county there are people in Howard County who are still in need of basic necessities. Being able to lend a helping hand whether it's through my church, sorority, other civic organizations or the University of South Carolina Educational Foundation provides me an opportunity to give back to those who helped me to become the person that I am today.



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

I can remember the first Canned Food Drive that I held as the Student Government President at Mt. Hebron High School. After graduating from college and growing my professional talents and capabilities I was able to utilize my skills to assist on community boards and hold offices in civic organizations. As the years have gone by, I have been able to make a greater impact in organizations that I support whether on the local or national level.

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

Initially, give locally to the Howard County community so that you can see the impact and how your giving influences the community in which you live. I would also state if you have to think twice about giving to a cause then that may not be the right reason for giving. 2 Corinthians 9:7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

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. #givingcircles #collectivegiving
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"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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