

# Our Giving, Our Stories!

A series of giving profiles in celebration of Black Philanthropy Month

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## Celebrating Black Philanthropy Month 2023

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### 3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, Robin Stimson, MSW

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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

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

Like others, some members of my family were not fortunate enough to escape poverty. Therefore, I live my life with intentional gratitude centered on the importance of giving back. In addition to my years of volunteer work, I pursued and received my masters in Social Work in order to further my career helping those in need; using my voice to effect lasting change; and bring a holistic approach to helping vulnerable people and communities.

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

Some of my first work experiences as a teenager were gained as a result of volunteer work in organizations that provided support to women and children. It was important to my parents that I always had an understanding of the many factors that led to poverty and trauma. I am proud to come from a family of advocates that taught me that giving back can be done with financial donations, policy change, or community action.

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

Let passion be your guide. This is key to your ability to make an impact on everything from Women's rights, to healthcare. The truth is, there's no such thing as too many cooks in the philanthropy kitchen. Lastly, speak up! Having the courage to say what needs to be said is vital in raising awareness for causes. This can lead to more resources for those in need and your community will be grateful you did.

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The Women's Giving Circle is proud to continue our support for National Black Philanthropy Month 2023!

The WGC is building a community of philanthropists 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 Malynda Madzel, Chair of the WGC's "Our Giving, Our Stories" effort. "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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