Our Giving, Our Stories!

A series of giving profiles in celebration of Black Philanthropy Month

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3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, Sandra Jordan

Vice President, The Pearl Foundation, Inc.

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?
The value of giving was instilled in me by my parents and grandparents at a very early age. As a child my parents and grandparents shared stories of their very modest means growing up. I watched them lend a helping hand, freely give and encourage countless family members, friends and even people they didn't know. They taught me to be compassionate to others and be a blessing every opportunity I get.

when did you start giving to issues that are important to you?
When I was in high school at Howard High, the Red Cross had a blood drive at our school. I was very happy to have the opportunity to donate blood to help others. That began many years of donating blood and other acts of service to help others. I have since had the opportunity to be a NAMI volunteer, serve food at Sarah's House, regularly give food to the Howard County food bank, as well as establish a scholarship to assist young people with college tuition. I am thankful to have had many other opportunities to serve our community.

what advice do you have for those interested in giving back?
Giving enriches our community no matter how small the gift. Give what you can, whether it is time, service and/or resources. Most of us give to others and don't keep track. My advice is to be intentional in your giving to make an even bigger impact in our community and in the lives of others.

The Women's Giving Circle is proud to continue our support for National Black Philanthropy Month 2021! 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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