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# Celebrating Black Philanthropy Month 2021

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## 3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, Tracey L. Williams, LCSW-C, PPW

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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?

I feel that it is my calling to volunteer my time, talent, and financial resources to the community. I have been blessed to have so many opportunities that it is second nature for me to want to contribute to the lives of others.



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

I started volunteering and donating to causes that were important to me as early as elementary school. I had an amazing mother who believed in the saying "to whom much is given, much is required". She instilled the importance of serving others in me as early as elementary school. She and I raised money for the American Heart Association and for neighbors who lost family members on our street. She exposed me to Broadway plays, dance, drama, piano, clarinet and even the drums. I know how those opportunities made me feel, and I want other children to have access to those same opportunities. It is so moving to see the look in the eyes of little girls when they see their first ballet.



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

I recommend that those who want to give back start as soon as possible. Look for causes that are close to your heart and learn all you can about them. It is great to give but it is more important to give where the need is greatest.

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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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