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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3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, Veronica Y. Morrow

Executive Director, Private Sector

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

A series of giving profiles in celebration of Black Philanthropy Month

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

I remember giving being instilled in us from a very early age as I mirrored the behavior of my parents. Being a military family, we moved often but always opened our home to soldiers who may have been stationed without their loved ones. Giving was such a big part of our lives, we volunteered as a family to serve other military families during the holiday season or as part of events in the community collecting goods and monies to make another person’s day a little brighter.

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

I began volunteering as a peer counselor in high school and worked as a mentor with Best Buddies International. Mental health has been a passion of mine since that time. I have continued to work to support organizations and causes that offer mental health resources and work toward improved societal awareness of mental health conditions while also making efforts to eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness.

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

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