

# 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, VIVIAN M. LAWYER

Chair, Howard Community College Education Foundation

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?

It depends upon the impact an organization or issue has had on me. It was the result of support to a family member or how the organization has shaped me to become who I am. Time is money. My commitment to give began with using my time to raise funds by knocking on neighborhood doors for donations to a program that supported my special needs brother. My mother insisted that I do it because she did not have time.

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

Once I graduated from the university, I realized I could not only give my time and talent to a sorority that had developed me as a leader, my financial resources would help as well. Every organization I became a member of since then has enhanced my skills to be a giving leader. Four foundation boards are included in that list—Bright Minds, Bowling Green State University, Columbia Delta, and Howard Community College Foundation. I have learned from each.

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

Having passion makes it easy to give back. When there is something that stirs your blood and encourages you to have a vision to see the results of providing time, talent and resources, you are doing some good. Commitment to give back is powerful. I like getting fired up to do good. I have had mentors to show me the way and I consider my investments carefully.

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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.

"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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