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- Student Ticket - \$20.21
- Ticket - \$50

- (S)hero Ticket & Sponsorship - \$100
- Circle of Strength Women Duo
Ticket & Sponsorship - \$150

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Who are YOUR (S)heroes?
Add their photos today to our
Virtual (S)hero Mosaic of women
doing great things in
Howard County!

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Keynote Speaker

Valaida Fullwood:
Author, "Giving Back:
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of African American
Philanthropists", Creator,
The Soul of
Philanthropy, and Co-
Architect, Black
Philanthropy Month

Keynote Speaker

Sara Lomelin:
Executive Director,
Philanthropy
Together, and
Founder of the Latino
Giving Circle
Network™, the Largest
Network of its
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Event Host

Candace Dodson-Reed:
Chief of Staff to the
President and Executive
Director of the Office of
Equity and Inclusion at
the University of
Maryland Baltimore
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- **Sara Lomelin:** Executive Director, Philanthropy Together, and Founder of the Latino Giving Circle Network™, the Largest Network of its Kind in the Country

The Women’s Giving Circle of Howard County is highlighting “(S)heroes Among Us” this year during our Annual Celebration. All women are (S)heros in their own ways - women admired for their courage and outstanding achievements. This year we are honored to acknowledge the many ways women are supporting our community through our (S)hero Snapshots.

One way that women are supporting communities is through collective giving - or giving circles. Our keynote speakers will discuss “Democratizing and Diversifying Philanthropy Through the Power of Collective Giving”.

Hear from national philanthropic leaders Valaida Fullwood and Sara Lomelin, lead by Event Host Candace Dodson-Reed, how the landscape of philanthropy is shifting, and how collective giving is continuing to play a transformational role in bringing in many more — and more representative — women donors to the table to create more equitable communities, and make a difference through the power of giving, together.

Valaida Fullwood

Valaida Fullwood is a nationally known writer, public speaker and project strategist. She is author of “Giving Back: A Tribute to Generations of African American Philanthropists,” an award-winning book chronicling traditions of giving in Black communities. And, she is a co-Architect of the Black Philanthropy Month global campaign every August and year-round to elevate and promote Black philanthropy across the United States and around the world. In 2014, she was selected Lake Distinguished Visitor by Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. Valaida is a founding member of New Generation of African American Philanthropists, a Charlotte-based giving circle that launched the Giving Back Project, a civic engagement initiative that reframes portraits of philanthropy through the arts, stories, culture and conversation. In 2020, the giving circle introduced The Bold Project, a local initiative with Black organizations leading differently.



Sara Lomelin

Sara Lomelin is a connector of people and ideas, a relationship builder, and a firm believer that everyone can be a philanthropist. As founding executive director of Philanthropy Together, the first organization dedicated to strengthening and scaling the collective giving movement globally, she is working to diversify and democratize philanthropy by creating the infrastructure needed for the giving circle model to flourish in ALL communities. Prior to Philanthropy Together, Sara served as Senior Director of Leadership Philanthropy at Opportunity Fund, the largest nonprofit small business lender in the US. Previously at the Latino Community Foundation, Sara served as VP of Philanthropy for eight years and created the Latino Giving Circle Network™—the largest network of Latinx philanthropists in the US with 22 circles and 500 members. Sara graduated with honors from Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City and earned her Administration & Management Certificate from Harvard University. She lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her three teenage children.

