

WGC's Our Giving, Our Stories!

A year-long series of giving profiles designed to amplify the voices of women and girls in our community.

In Honor of
Black History Month



Celebrating
Women's
Giving in
Howard County

3 Questions With ... Philanthropist Yolanda F. Sonnier

Administrator, Howard County Office of Human Rights & Equity

The Women's Giving Circle of Howard County, Maryland is proud to elevate the voices and philanthropy of our members and friends throughout the year.

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

Giving back to the community has been something that was rooted in me since I was young both from my parents and through my Catholic school education where giving back to others was not only taught but oftentimes required. That spirit of giving has continued throughout my life.

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

Giving to issues that are important to me began in elementary school. The issues I found important in elementary school remain important but with further education, experience and exposure, the issues I am passionate about have evolved and expanded. The ways in which I give include volunteering, teaching, mentoring, giving financially and being open to giving in the ways an organization or a community requests assistance.

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

Give back to a cause, organization, community group or County board or commission that is near and dear to your heart. Your passion will motivate you to get involved and will also be infectious to others who may be willing to give as well. If there are many causes near and dear to your heart, think of the one that can make the greatest impact on the community and targeted population served. Research a local organization for the cause you are interested, then make the connection to move forward. If an organization doesn't exist, you are the perfect person to start it.

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The WGC is building a community of philanthropists to address the needs of women and girls in Howard County, Maryland. www.womensgivingcircle.org

"We are excited to have built upon our support of National Black Philanthropy Month to develop "Our Giving, Our Stories" into a year-long philanthropic leadership recognition effort" said Malynda Madzel, WGC OGOS Chair. "Inspiring philanthropic leadership and increasing giving by amplifying the voices of women and girls are among the goals of this effort and we are committed to advancing this important work in our community."