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August is Black Philanthropy Month.

The Women's Giving Circle of Howard County, Maryland is proud to continue our support for Black Philanthropy Month (BPM) which is observed every August. The primary aims of BPM are informing, involving, inspiring and investing in Black philanthropic leadership to strengthen African-American and African-descent giving in all its forms, for the benefit of our planet, our communities, our organizations and our lives.

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The WGC is highlighting Black Philanthropy Month with two celebratory efforts:

WGC's "Our Giving, Our Stories!" Daily Profiles Series

The WGC is sharing daily profiles of Howard County philanthropists in celebration of Black Philanthropy Month. We have been highlighting these inspirational stories of women in our community who are discussing what moves them to give their time, talent and financial resources, when they started giving to issues that are important to

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, SHERIFAH (SHERI) MUNIS
Founder & Executive Director of Newwave 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.

one **what moves you to give your time, talent and financial resources?**
My parents were first generation college graduates and philanthropists - trail blazers in their communities. They instilled in me the value of an education, and showed me first hand by example how important it is to use what I have to make a difference.

two **when did you start giving to issues that are important to you?**
When my husband and I started Newwave Technologies, we wanted to drive change through technology. As the company grew, I focused on developing a culture of giving and community service. We started small at first with groups of 5 to 25, and now we have hundreds of Newwavers serving across the country in Maryland, Virginia, Iowa, Mississippi and beyond.

three **what advice do you have for those interested in giving back?**
My advice to anyone interested in giving back is - do it!! Every day we wake up is a gift from God. Now more than ever, it should be apparent that the talents, skills, and resources that we've been gifted with are most impactful when serving others. There's a saying that goes "give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." This is why I founded the Newwave Foundation to create opportunities for educational equality in the next generation so they have the tools they need to live a successful life.

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them, and what advice they have for those interested in giving back. Follow the WGC on social media and be sure to check our website daily to learn more about these inspirational philanthropists! www.womensgivingcircle.org

"I am thrilled to be leading the WGC's "Our Giving, Our Stories!" Profile effort for Black Philanthropy Month" said Malynda Madzel, philanthropist and former WGC Advisory Board Member. "As a long-time supporter of the WGC, I'm excited to elevate the voices of women in our community who give back in so many ways."

We hope you enjoy the daily inspirational stories of these 31 Howard County philanthropists through the WGC's "Our Giving, Our Stories!" profiles throughout the month of August 2020 for Black Philanthropy Month.

WGC's "Our Giving, Our Stories!" Virtual Happy Hour



On Monday, August 3, 2020 we held a virtual happy hour that 125 women registered for, with Keynote Speaker Jackie Hrabowski, joined by Cynthia Bell and hosted by Candace Dodson Reed to kick-off the WGC's series of "Our Giving, Our Stories!" profiles in celebration of Black Philanthropy Month. We discussed the WGC, our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts, and what motivates women to give.

We enjoyed hearing our wonderful panel discuss the three questions that we posed in our daily "Our Giving, Our Stories!" profiles: 1) What moves you to give your

time, talent, and financial resources? 2) When did you start giving to issues that are important to you? and 3) What advice do you have for those interested in giving back?

"I am honored to have hosted this important WGC Virtual Happy Hour conversation for Black Philanthropy Month" said Candace Dodson Reed, philanthropist and long-time WGC supporter. "Elevating the important stories of how women are giving in our community is critical as we work to engage others in collectively addressing critical issues in our community, and our country."

This is the second year that the WGC is supporting National Black Philanthropy Month, and is among the first giving circles to become a sponsor.

"The WGC's continued support as a Black Philanthropy Month Sponsor is helping to lead the way nationally for giving circles to promote and invest in black philanthropic leadership during August and year-round" said BPM Co-Architect Valaida Fullwood, who founded a giving circle in North Carolina.

"We are very proud to continue our support for Black Philanthropy Month" said Barb Van Winkle, Chair of the Women's Giving Circle. "We look forward to promoting this important work and invite the community to join us!"

We have also written several articles on our DEI and Black Philanthropy Month efforts:

- [Improving Our Philanthropy Through Diversity, Equity and Inclusion](#), 7/2, *Her Mind* Magazine, by Judy Smith, Women's Giving Circle of Howard County, MD
- [August is Black Philanthropy Month](#), 7/29, *Her Mind* Magazine, by Buffy Beaudoin-Schwartz, Women's Giving Circle of Howard County, MD

Don't hesitate to contact the WGC with any questions about our efforts. Happy Black Philanthropy Month!

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 bring women together to learn about issues impacting our community, and pool our dollars to fund programs that address those issues so we can have a greater impact together than we might otherwise have alone. www.womensgivingcircle.org