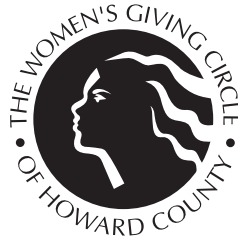




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Dear WGC Donors and Friends,

As the Women's Giving Circle of Howard County (WGC) embarks upon our **10th anniversary year in 2011**, we not only celebrate our current successes and future plans, but we reflect upon our history and the journey we have taken together the last nine years. In doing so, we are pleased to present **Highlights: 2010**.

As we enter our tenth year, the WGC continues to build a community of philanthropists and create a permanent legacy through our endowment to address the needs of women and girls in Howard County in perpetuity.

Thanks to the generosity of all of you, the WGC has:

- Over **\$900,000** in gifts and pledges
- **900+** donors
- \$500,000+ in our **endowment**
- \$185,000 given in **grants**
- **180+ girls** in our Journey Camp
- 56+ women and children helped by \$30,000 and 300+ women through **The Response Network**
- **35+ programs** and events with 45+ sponsors & community partners
- 14 girls in the first class of the new **Young Women's Giving Circle**
- All of which was made possible by **one community** of women philanthropists – all of you

As part of our 10th anniversary year we invite you to join our **Celebrate the Circle! Campaign** – with a goal of reaching 1,000 donors and \$1,000,000 dollars in 10 years.

We **celebrate** the women and children who have been helped through our Response Network, the teen-age girls we have sent to our Journey Camp, the many grants we have given to Howard County organizations, the scholarships we have provided to Howard County women through HCC, the STEM and Mean Girls programs we have coordinated, and our many volunteers and supporters.

What we also **celebrate** this 10th anniversary year is **YOU – our community of women philanthropists** who have contributed to the WGC's endowment the past nine years and those of you who will join us in the future. As our endowment grows, our ability to impact the lives of women and girls grows.

This year is filled with new philanthropic opportunities, unique community outreach, and an increased impact on women and girls in Howard County. We strongly believe there is a place for all women, from all incomes, and at all stages of life to be philanthropists and to make a difference.

Won't you join us?

Cynthia Taliano, Chair

THE WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE OF HOWARD COUNTY

MISSION AND GOALS

WGC is building a community of philanthropists and creating a permanent legacy to address the needs of women and girls in Howard County, MD.

WGC's goals are:

- To increase the life skills of women
- To encourage the healthy development and personal authority of young girls
- To raise the awareness of gender disparities in our community
- To create a permanent endowment fund
- To expand philanthropy and increase giving by local women

HISTORY

In the fall of 2000, four Howard County women attended a meeting in Baltimore promoting women's philanthropy, and this proved the catalyst for a two-year planning effort by 16 diverse women to create a philanthropic group targeted to the concerns of women and girls.

Several early issues emerged as historically significant: the desire to be inclusive, the commitment to creating a permanent legacy, and the reluctance to duplicate or detract from efforts elsewhere.

Decisions were made to start giving levels low to allow all women to participate, to immediately establish an endowment to ensure funds for women and girls in perpetuity, and to house this new Women's Giving Circle within The Columbia Foundation as a Donor-Advised Fund.

On February 26, 2002, the Women's Giving Circle of Howard County was formally launched to the public at Kahler Hall in Columbia at a tea. More than 200 women filled the hall. Donations and pledges poured in as women opened their hearts – and their checkbooks.

FISCAL YEAR 2010

At the end of 2010, the WGC had 900+ donors and \$900,000+ in gifts and pledges.

- **WGC's GIRL POWER: STEM Career Expo for Girls**, with support from The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) and Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA), was held as a free introduction to careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) for middle and high school girls. Approximately 600 girls and their parents attended.
- **WGC's 8th Annual Meeting** featured speaker Sondra Shaw-Hardy, co-author of the upcoming *Women & Philanthropy: Boldly Shaping a Better World*, who presented the "Nine C's of Why Women Give" to a very engaged audience. Our first "Power of the Purse" auction raised over \$3,000.
- **2010 Journey Camp** had 35 rising 8th and 9th grade girls who attended this overnight camp focusing on leadership, empowerment, self-awareness, decision-making, relationships and community. An end-of-summer celebration tea reunited the Journey graduates who presented awards to local women of achievement.
- **2010 WGC Circle Team** is an energetic group of over 50 women who enjoy team training for athletic events, friendships, and philanthropy. The team, which participated in the 2010 Iron Girl Triathlon, raised more than \$27,000 for the WGC.
- **2010 Young Women's Giving Circle** – a group of high school-aged girls led by WGC's two Youth on Board members – kicked off this fall and will meet throughout the next year with the goal of learning about and giving grants.
- **The WGC's Response Network** was created to quickly respond to the desire by many women to directly help other women in need. In 2010, 9 women and their families were the beneficiaries of \$6,029.
- **"Nana, Mom, and Me"** documentary, filmed by a woman in Baltimore in the early 1970's, examines the interrelationships between herself, her mother, and her grandmother. Viewing and discussion was presented in partnership with the Howard County Library in honor of Women's History Month.
- **Book Signing Event** to engage mothers and daughters was held at Border's. Linda Gordon & Susan Schafer, authors of *Too Close For Comfort*, talked about gender roles and mother-daughter relationships.

2010 GRANTS

The WGC gave \$29,150 in grants to 11 organizations in 2010 to fund programs that benefit women and girls in Howard County.

- **A Micro Grant of \$20,000** to the Maryland Leadership Workshop supports the camp, including special financial aid for economically disadvantaged girls. Maryland Leadership Workshop is the operator of Journey, a camp for middle and high school girls founded by WGC as an outgrowth of its focus on adolescent girls.
- **A Continuing Grant of \$2,500** to Howard Community College provides financial aid to women seeking job-related courses. Howard Community College is a 2-year college and learning institution with 22,000 students, many of whom are in non-degree programs that prepare them for jobs.
- **A Micro Grant of \$1,000** to Family and Children's Services, Healthy Families funds a Thanksgiving Dinner for participants and their families. Healthy Families helps first-time parents from the birth of a new baby through infancy, toddlerhood and early childhood. WGC donors serve the meal.
- **WGC's Emergency Grant of \$700** to Bridges to Housing Stability is intended to help support women in financial crisis. Bridges to House Stability provides transitional housing for homeless families and helps families bridge the gap from emergency shelter to permanent housing and stability.
- **WGC's Emergency Grant of \$700** to Community Action Council (CAC) is intended to help assist women in financial crisis. CAC provides programs and emergency services for the low-income population of Howard County in order to alleviate the effects of poverty and promote self-sufficiency.
- **WGC's Emergency Grant of \$700** to Domestic Violence Center is intended to help the agency assist women in financial crisis. Domestic Violence Center provides a 24-hour hotline, emergency and transitional shelter, legal assistance and other services to families impacted by domestic violence.
- **WGC's Emergency Grant of \$700** to FIRN is intended to help the agency assist women in financial crisis. FIRN provides services to immigrants as they bridge into the American culture.
- **WGC's Emergency Grant of \$700** to Family and Children's Services and Elder Services is intended to help the agency assist women in financial crisis. Elder Services provides in-home care on a sliding fee basis for older adults so they can live at home.

2010 GRANTS, CONT'D.

- **WGC's Emergency Grant of \$700** to Family and Children's Services, Healthy Families is intended to help the agency assist women in financial crisis. Healthy Families helps first-time parents from the birth of a new baby through infancy, toddlerhood and early childhood.
- **WGC's Emergency Grant of \$700** to Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center is intended to help the agency assist women in financial crisis. Grassroots provides 24-hour crisis intervention services and is Howard County's only homeless shelter.
- **A Micro Grant of \$550** to Leadership U provided financial aid for two girls. Leadership U is a program of Leadership Howard County that provides leadership training for high school students.
- **A Micro Grant of \$200** to Girls on the Run (GOTR) Howard County provides financial aid for program participants. GOTR is a non-profit program whose mission is to educate and prepare girls in 3rd-8th grades for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. GOTR combines training for a 5K running event with healthy living education and self-esteem building programs.

FISCAL YEAR 2009

At the end of 2009, The WGC had over 800 donors and had received over \$800,000 in gifts and pledges.

- **WGC's GIRL POWER: STEM Career Expo for Girls**, with support from The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) and Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA), was held as a free introduction to careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) for middle and high school girls. Approximately 600 girls and their parents attended in 2009.
- **WGC's 7th Annual Meeting** featured Rosalind Wiseman, author of *Queen Bees and Wannabes*, who spoke about the issues that many parents face during the pre-teen years.
- **Standing On My Sisters' Shoulders** documentary on the role of courageous women in the Civil Rights movement was presented in partnership with the Howard County Library in honor of Women's History Month.
- **Journey Camp** had over 40 rising 8th and 9th grade girls attend this overnight camp focusing on leadership, empowerment, self-awareness, decision-making, relationships and community. A celebration tea reunited Journey graduates who presented awards to local women of achievement.
- **"Mean Girls: Queen Bees, Gamma Girls and Surviving the Female Hierarchy"** series was co-hosted with the Horizon Councils at Howard County Libraries to discuss social and peer pressures on girls.
- **WGC Yard Sale-a-Thon** raised over \$1,000 and engaged donors and their families in philanthropy.
- **WGC Circle Team** participated in the Iron Girl Triathlon and raised more than \$12,000 for the WGC.
- **WGC Communications** continued to deepen with donors through new social media tools like Facebook and Twitter, and the WGC was mentioned in a number of local and national media venues.
- **The WGC's Response Network** was created to quickly respond to the desire by many women to directly help other women in need. In 2009, 7 women and their families were the beneficiaries of \$4,415.

2009 GRANTS

The WGC gave approximately \$25,000 in grants to 10 organizations in 2009 to fund programs that benefit women and girls in Howard County.

- **A Micro Grant of \$16,600** to the Maryland Leadership Workshop supports the camp, including special financial aid for economically disadvantaged girls. Maryland Leadership Workshop is the operator of Journey, a camp for middle and high school girls founded by WGC as an outgrowth of its focus on adolescent girls.
- **A Continuing Grant of \$2,500** to Howard Community College provides financial aid to women seeking job-related courses. Howard Community College is a 2-year college and learning institution with 22,000 students, many of whom are in non-degree programs that prepare them for jobs.
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2009 GRANTS, CONT'D.

- **WGC's Emergency Grant of \$700** to Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center is intended to help the agency assist women in financial crisis. Grassroots provides 24-hour crisis intervention services and is Howard County's only homeless shelter.
- **A Micro grant of \$400** to Leadership U provided financial aid for two girls. Leadership U is a program of Leadership Howard County that provides leadership training for high school students.

We are very grateful for funding support in 2009 from The Horizon Foundation.

FISCAL YEAR 2008

As of the end of 2008, WGC had 594 donors and had received \$720,534 in gifts and pledges.

- WGC, in partnership with the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, sponsored **“Girl Power,”** a science, technology, engineering and math career expo, which attracted more than 375 middle and high school girls and their parents. The event included opportunities for the girls to meet and talk with professional women in their fields of interest, participate in hands-on activities and visit displays on careers in aerospace, computer science, electrical engineering, geology, information technology, science education, space mission engineering and more.
- WGC’s 6th Annual Meeting featured a keynote address, **“A Celebration of Girls and Women in Sports: Title IX at 35,”** by athlete, coach, TV commentator Diane Schumacher.
- **Journey 2008: A Residential Camp for Middle School Girls** attracted 54 rising 8th-12th graders, who focused on what it means to be a woman through the lens of self-awareness, relationships and community. They attended workshops on empowerment, communication and decision making skills, participated in a confidence course and planned their own event honoring local role models. The campers attended four follow-up sessions through the end of 2008, continuing their “journey” of self-discovery.
- In partnership with the Horizon Councils, WGC sponsored **“How Do I Look: A Mother-Daughter Workshop”** on societal and peer pressure and body image. Six workshops were held, attracting approximately 100 mothers and daughters.
- The **WGC Circle Team** participated in the Columbia Iron Girl Triathlon in August, and raised more than \$6,000 for the WGC.
- **The Response Network** continued to alert WGC donors to requests from selected local nonprofit organizations seeking financial aid for specific women and girls in need.
- The WGC Web site, **www.womensgivingcircle.org**, was further updated.
- The **WGC eNewsletter** is sent to an average of 950 subscribers each month.

2008 GRANTS

- WGC made a **Macro Grant of \$26,536** to Maryland Leadership Workshops to support Journey 2008, a camp which included 54 racially, ethnically and economically diverse middle and high school girls; they spent a week at Washington College in Chestertown, MD.
- WGC made a **Macro Grant of \$8,180** to Maryland Leadership Workshops to support Journey 2008 Continues, the follow-up sessions held September-December.
- A **Continuing Grant of \$5,000** was made to the WGC Scholarship Fund at Howard Community College to aid women seeking classes to improve their career possibilities.
- **Emergency Grants of \$3,500** (\$700 to each) were made to Domestic Violence Center, the Elder Services program of Family and Children's Services, FIRN, Grassroots and Healthy Families Howard County.
- A **Micro Grant** funded Thanksgiving dinner for Healthy Families Howard County, a program which serves first time parents.
- A **Micro Grant of \$500** to Junior Achievement supported a financial literacy club, Money Matters, for middle school girls.
- A **Micro Grant of \$400** supported a Women's Group at the North Laurel-Savage Multipurpose Center.
- A **Micro Grant of \$400** was made to Girls, Inc. for a presentation, "The Supergirl Dilemma: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," by gender equity expert Phyllis Lerner. More than 40 mothers and daughters and others interested in the well-being of today's young women attended.
- A **Micro Grant of \$400** was awarded to Leadership U for scholarships to girls in the program.

FISCAL YEAR 2007

By the end of 2007, the WGC had 540 donors who had gifted and pledged \$619,216.

- **A Wine Tasting** was held for donors and prospective donors in January, at Howard Bank, sponsored by WGC Advisory Board member Mary Ann Scully.
- WGC celebrated its **5th Anniversary Annual Meeting and Social** in March, at Ten Oaks, with keynote speaker Gwendolyn Boyd and a presentation by delegates from the first Journey camp. More than 160 donors and others were in attendance.
- WGC partnered in the regional **“Philanthropy Across Generations”** event sponsored by ABAG in April, featuring nationally known speaker Sharna Goldseker.
- WGC held a **“Mother and Daughter” Philanthropy Tea** for WGC donors and prospective donors for Mother’s Day to discuss generational perspectives on philanthropy.
- **Journey 2007: A Residential Camp for Girls** attracted 38 rising 8th and 9th graders in June of 2007; they focused on what it means to be a woman through the lens of self-awareness, relationships and community. The campers attended four follow-up sessions through the end of 2007, continuing their “journey” of self-discovery.
- WGC hosted a **“Women’s Salute to the Arts”** for WGC donors and prospective donors, on July 1, as part of Columbia’s 40th Birthday. Approximately 100 women attended the event sponsored by Advisory Board members Yolanda Bruno and Jean Moon.
- WGC co-sponsored an event July 24, highlighting the release of the **Women’s Commission Report on the Economic Status of Women in Howard County**.
- The **WGC Circle Team** participated in the Columbia Iron Girl Triathlon in August, and raised more than \$6,000 for the WGC.
- Eight women were helped by donors responding to the **Response Network** alerts on behalf of local nonprofit organizations seeking financial aid for specific women and girls in need.
- The updated Web site, **www.womensgivingcircle.org**, includes an online donor option.
- The **WGC eNewsletter**, which was enhanced, is sent to an average of 950 subscribers.

GRANTS 2007

- WGC made a **Macro Grant of \$23,105** to Maryland Leadership Workshops to support Journey 2007, a camp which included 38 racially, ethnically and economically diverse girls; they spent a week at Washington College in Chestertown, MD.
- WGC made a **Macro Grant of \$5,957** to Maryland Leadership Workshops to support Journey 2007 Continues, the follow-up sessions held September-December.
- A **Continuing Grant of \$5,000** was made to the WGC Scholarship Fund at Howard Community College to aid women seeking classes to improve their career possibilities.
- A **Micro Grant of \$1,000** paid for Thanksgiving for Healthy Families Howard County.
- **Emergency Grants of \$2,500** (\$500 to each) were made to Domestic Violence Center, the Elder Services program of Family and Children's Services, FIRN, Grassroots and Healthy Families Howard County.
- A **Micro Grant of \$500** supported a Women's Group at the North Laurel-Savage Multipurpose Center.

FISCAL YEAR 2006

By the close of 2006, the WGC had 500 donors who had gifted and pledged \$535,504.

- **Journey 2006: A Residential Camp for Middle School Girls** completed a successful first program in August of 2006, with 25 girls focusing on what it means to be a woman through the lens of self-awareness, relationships and community. They attended workshops on empowerment, communication and decision making skills, spent time on team building and produced an online magazine for their peers. The campers attended four follow up sessions through the end of 2006, continuing their “journey” of self-discovery.
- In August, 16 women raced for the **WGC Circle Team** in the Columbia Women’s Triathlon. They raced to raise money for WGC, promote philanthropy and model an active lifestyle.
- In September, “**Teaching Children the Art of Giving**” was the topic of a workshop WGC partnered with the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers and other local philanthropic organizations to offer its members. Author Susan Crites Price discussed ways adults can teach children about philanthropy and giving.
- In November, WGC held its **2nd Annual Thanksgiving dinner** for more than 100 participants in Healthy Families Howard County, a program that supports first-time parents.
- The WGC held the **2nd Annual Afternoon Tea for Women Educators** in February to acknowledge the impact that woman educators have on young girls. Linda Perlstein, award winning journalist and author of “Not Much Just Chillin’ – The Hidden Life of Middle Schoolers,” spoke to principals, teachers, guidance counselors and others.
- In March, the **4th Annual Meeting** featured Dr. Helen Mitchell, whose keynote address was entitled, “Holding Up Half the Sky: From Basic Freedoms to Philanthropy.”
- In 2006, four **Response Network** requests garnered \$2,375, helping 14 people.
- The **eNewsletter** reaches out monthly to more than 800 women with information about philanthropy, the state of women and girls in the county, a calendar of events and activities that support the mission of the WGC, as well as information about volunteer opportunities.
- The WGC Web site, **www.womensgivingcircle.org**, offers information about WGC and how to join us, along with information about women and philanthropy.

GRANTS 2006

- **A Macro Grant of \$10,650** was made to Maryland Leadership Workshops for Journey 2006, including scholarship aid.
- **A Macro Grant of \$6,500** to Maryland Leadership Workshops funded the four-session follow-up program, Journey 06 Continues.
- **A Continuing Grant of \$5,000** was made to the WGC Scholarship Fund at Howard Community College. This year alone 11 women took courses that could lead them to jobs.
- **Emergency Grants of \$2,500** (\$500 to each organization) were made to Grassroots, Domestic Violence Center, FIRN (Foreign Born Information Referral Network), Healthy Families and Howard Community College. These funds are used by these selected nonprofits if they have a client in financial crisis.

FISCAL YEAR 2005

By the close of 2005, WGC had 410 donors who had contributed or pledged \$468,001.

- “It’s Not Just Raging Hormones: The Real Story Behind Today’s Adolescents” was the topic of Laura Sessions Stepp’s keynote address at the WGC 3rd **Annual Meeting** in March 2005.
- **A Portrait of Philanthropy in Howard County:** A Conversation about the Power of Women’s Giving was the topic of a program that targeted women serving on nonprofit boards of directors and was designed to encourage local fundraising efforts.
- **Presentations about women and philanthropy** were made by WGC Advisory Board members to a wide variety of groups including the Howard County Business Women’s Network, Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore, Patuxent Rotary Club as well as to small groups of women hosted in private homes.
- **How Nonprofits Can ACCESS The Women’s Giving Circle** was the topic of a brown bag lunch featuring a discussion of WGC operations, grant making and Response Network. Representatives of more than two dozen nonprofit groups attended.
- **The Response Network** continued to alert WGC donors to requests from selected local nonprofit organizations seeking financial aid for specific women and girls in need. Respondents were grateful for the opportunity to help, and recipients were frequently overwhelmed.
- **The WGC eNewsletter**, continued as a monthly call to action and a calendar of community event and activities that support the mission of the WGC, as well as information about volunteer opportunities.
- **WGC hosted a picnic supper at Grassroots** for residents of the homeless shelter in September and a Thanksgiving dinner for parents and children involved with Healthy Families Howard County, a program that supports first-time parents.
- **A discussion with teens** took place as part of WGC’s efforts to understand the core issues facing young women and to enlist their help in designing a camp experience for middle school girls. The 10 high school women who attended were remarkably candid and generous, even volunteering to mentor the girls who attend Journey 2006.
- WGC held an **Afternoon Tea for Women Educators** and 125 principals, teachers, guidance counselors, other educators and supporters were the guests. Pulitzer Prize winner journalist and author Laura Sessions Stepp was the featured speaker.

GRANTS 2005

- **A Program Development Grant of \$9,000** was made to Maryland Leadership Workshops, Inc. to create Journey 2006: A Residential Camp for Middle School Girls. The theme of the camp is womanhood and what it means to be a woman through the lens of self-awareness, relationships and community. WGC will provide financial assistance to those unable to pay the full camp tuition.
- **A Continuing Grant of \$5,000** was made to the WGC Scholarship Fund at Howard Community College. Since 2003, 21 women have received financial aid from that fund to take classes that lead to employment and/or improve their career possibilities. In the past year, eight women took courses that lead to such jobs as Certified Nursing Assistant and Advanced Patient Care Technician.
- **Emergency Grants of \$4,000** (\$1,000 to each) were made to Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland for those in its Healthy Families Howard County program, to Domestic Violence Center for the abused women it serves and to the Health Alliance, which provides care for uninsured and low-income residents.

FISCAL YEAR 2004

By the close of 2004, WGC donors numbered 358, with contributions or pledges of \$392,259.

- Noted philanthropist Shelley Goldseker delivered the keynote address, “The Gender Lens: Philanthropy From a Woman's Perspective,” at the **2nd Annual Meeting**.
- **The WGC BRIDGE** (Bridging Relationships in Developing Giving for Everyone) continued to reach out to younger women. In 2004, BRIDGE members gathered in each other’s homes to discuss ways to enlarge the circle of philanthropists and to increase their own children’s understanding of giving to others. One event involved mothers and children bringing household items, toys and games to the Domestic Violence Center for use by the families living in the DVC safe houses. It was a “teachable moment.”
- **Professional Women Initiatives** continued to reach out to women who have achieved prominence in their careers. In 2004, doctors, lawyers and financial planners, as well as leaders of the faith communities, were invited to events to learn more about WGC and its efforts to encourage philanthropy in the community.
- **The Response Network** had remarkable success in 2004. Established to alert WGC donors to requests from local nonprofit organizations seeking financial aid for specific women and girls in need, contributors were grateful for the opportunity to help.
- **The WGC eNewsletter**, published monthly, continued as a call to action and as a calendar of community events and activities that support the mission of the WGC.
- **WGC Learning Sessions** were held to determine from panels of experts and audience participation what is missing for women and girls in Howard County.

2004 GRANTS

Grantmaking in 2004 involved extensive research by the Education and Grants Committees, and grants were made to large and small organizations.

- **An Emergency Fund Grant of \$1,000** was given to Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland to provide monies for distribution to women with acute short-term needs in the Healthy Families program.
- **An Emergency Fund Grant of \$1,000** was given to Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center to provide monies to respond to special circumstances as they arose in the homeless shelter.
- **A Continuing Grant of \$2,000** was awarded to Howard Community College for the WGC Scholarship Fund, established to assist low- and moderate-income women who want to take classes that lead to employment and/or improve their career possibilities.
- **A Micro Grant of \$2,500** funded Day for Girls: Partners for Empowerment, held by Community Building of Howard County.
- **A Micro Grant of \$500** was awarded to Muffins for Moms, an innovative support group for immigrant women in the North Laurel area.

FISCAL YEAR 2003

By the close of the WGC's first full year of operations, 288 members to the WGC had pledged \$298,626 in donations; \$187,479 had been received.

- Noted philanthropist Tracy Gary delivered the keynote address at the **1st Annual Meeting**.
- **The WGC BRIDGE** (Bridging Relationships in Developing Giving For Everyone) was created to develop a network of younger women and provide them with the knowledge and tools needed to incorporate philanthropy into their lives.
- **Professional Women Initiatives** reached out to women who have achieved prominence in their careers and have the desire to share their resources and community connections.
- **The Response Network** was established to alert WGC donors to requests from local nonprofit organizations seeking financial aid for specific women and girls in need.
- **The WGC eNewsletter**, published monthly, was instituted for more than 600 WGC members and friends highlighting local, state, and national stories and information about philanthropy, initiatives, and relevant upcoming events.
- **WGC Learning Sessions** were held to determine from panels of experts and audience participation what is missing for women and girls in Howard County.

2003 GRANTS

- **The WGC Scholarship Fund** was established at Howard Community College with \$5,000 to help low- and moderate-income women who want to take classes that lead to employment and/or improve their career possibilities.
- **An Emergency Fund** of \$2,000 was established to respond swiftly to short-term needs of women served by three local nonprofits.
- **Transportation Grants** of \$3,000 to Grassroots and \$2,000 to the Domestic Violence Center were made to help restore the loss of funding in transportation services for homeless women and women who are victims of domestic violence.

THE WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE OF HOWARD COUNTY

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