

WOMEN OF AFRICAN DESCENT GIVING CIRCLE

A Fund of the
Women's Foundation of Minnesota

The Women of African Descent Giving Circle (WADGC), a donor advised fund of the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, seeks to fund programs that advance the education and full potential of Black women and girls in Minnesota.

Since it was founded in 2005, WADGC has grown into a group of dedicated Black women, committed to advancing the social, political, and economic health, well-being and leadership of Black women and girls in Minnesota.

Why Focus on Education?

Black women and girls face higher rates of poverty, infant mortality, and HIV infection in Minnesota than elsewhere in the country. WADGC's core belief is that education is the primary vehicle by which Black women and girls can overcome the alarming disparities they face in Minnesota. With education, comes power, and ultimately, success.

WADGC embraces and promotes education for Black women and girls broadly, and in the places education happens: in churches, grassroots community programs, families, and schools.



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What is a Giving Circle?

Across the United States, groups of women are initiating and participating in Giving Circles—groups of individual women who pool their charitable gifts to fund projects that improve the quality of life in their communities. Women's Giving Circles also inspire, educate, and encourage women to become better philanthropists.

Why WADGC?

WADGC is a women's philanthropic group focused on supporting projects, funds, and organizations that make a difference in the lives of Black women and girls. THEREFORE:

- We fund non-traditional, and some traditional, educational opportunities.
- We fund education programs related to health, economics, safety and security, which may be offered in community agencies, churches, and schools.
- We fund educational programs for Black women and girls most in need.
- We fund innovative programs that support the human potential of Black women and girls over a lifespan.

Leveraging the economic power of Black women to invest in education and positive futures for Black women and girls in Minnesota is WADGC's sole aim.

The Power of Collective Giving in the Black Community

Too often, Black women and girls are considered the recipients, and not the givers, of resources. WADGC turns that assumption on its head by putting Black women in positions of power to raise money together, identify the social changes they want to occur for Black women and girls in Minnesota, and then target their resources accordingly. And, for Black women and girls who receive funding from Black women donors, they too are empowered to see Black women helping Black women.

How to Give

WADGC members will commit to contributing \$250, \$500, or \$1,000+ annually. In collaboration with the Women's Foundation of Minnesota and WADGC recently completed its first grant round, to make annual grant recommendations for projects and programs to be funded through WADGC.

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