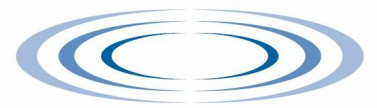


# Why we Give



## Cultures of Giving Legacy Initiative

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### **"You can do it!" "I believe in you!"**

Just simple concepts, but words that have had a powerful impact on many of us and mean even more to youth who have limited access to positive role models.

Our life portraits are fuller because of the networks of support we had and the expectation of greatness that was impressed upon us at an early age. The CGLI was created with the belief that today's leaders of color have an obligation to pass these expectations and positive experiences down to the next generation.



*"I was blessed to have had parents and teachers tell me — "You can do it" — this is what I wish for all young people of color."*  
Jennifer J. Parker, J.D., CEO, Black Capitol Network

*"I give to CGLI because by combining my gift with that of others who believe in the potential of our young people of color, I am able to positively impact the community in which I live."* Betty Calvo-Torres, Buffalo City Court Judge



*"The CGLI's emphasis on providing young people of color with access to new opportunities to improve their lives resonates with me, because I was a beneficiary of this kind of access."* Alphonso O'Neil-White, President & CEO BlueCross BlueShield of WNY

*"CGLI is about circles of giving and cycles of good...good work, good relationships, good opportunities, good experiences, good outcomes."* Karen Lee Spaulding, Deputy Director, Albright-Knox Art Gallery



*"As a first generation immigrant from India, I experienced the kindness, generosity and warmth of the WNY community. It is only fitting then that I help create positive change in the lives of our young people in low-income communities of color."* Anne L. Saldanha, M.D. Ret., Medical Dir. of Laboratories, Kenmore Mercy



*"Too many times the needs of at risk children are not contemplated with an eye for alternatives and I hope to change that with CGLI."*  
Lou Santiago, Owner, Lou Santiago Insurance

*"My family encouraged me to aim for the stars; mentors provided guidance and support. My receiving these gifts meant giving back and CGLI is my avenue for doing that."* Ruth D. Bryant, Assistant Dean, UB School of Architecture and Planning (Retired)



*"As a first generation immigrant arriving in Buffalo in 1971, I had to rely on the kindness and generosity of the community for support. CGLI has a special personal meaning to me as a result."* Joan Yang, Ph.D., President, Rand & Jones Enterprises



*"Through CGLI I can impact the lives of young people for years to come by connecting them to people, places and experiences that will enrich their lives and their community."* Danis J. Gehl, Ph.D., Director of Education, UB Education Opportunity Center



*"I am proud to support the CGLI because I know how much of an impact access to people, places and experiences had on my personal development."* Owen Herne, Esq., Counsel, Seneca Nation of Indians



*"Helping to positively impact the lives of young people, who might otherwise not get the opportunity is a personal thrill for me."*  
Lavera Malone Johnson, Dir. Human Resources, ElderWood Senior Care

