

United Way
**PROJECT
BLUEPRINT**

a blueprint for diversity in board leadership

*Project Blueprint Class XLII
Graduate Profile*

*“You must be the change you want
to see in the world.”*

Mahatma Gandhi



United Way of Greater Houston

Ray Achilefu

Title: Senior Accounting Manager

Organization: CFGI, Portfolio Company of Carlyle & CVC

Favorite Volunteer Experience: Mentor of high school students...some of them from a one parent home – seeing many of them thriving in their adult lives.

Areas of Interest: Education, housing and community development, public and societal benefit



Joseph Avila

Title: Regional Director

Organization: Memorial Hermann Hospital system

Favorite Volunteer Experience: Focus around the youth. Life is meant to be filled with happiness especially in adolescence yet due to hardships many of them miss out on opportunities.

Areas of Interest: Arts and culture, education, human services



Sonya Bishop

Title: Managing Counsel

Organization: Phillips 66

Favorite Volunteer Experience: Volunteering with my daughter at The River's arts summer camp because it combined so many of the things that are near and dear to my heart--children, education and the arts.

Areas of Interest: Education, arts and culture (environment too), health and human services



Anitra Bogar

Title: Principal Risk Business Partner

Organization: BHP

Favorite Volunteer Experience: Working at the Houston Food Bank – was able to volunteer side-by-side with my children.

Areas of Interest: Human services, public and societal benefit, environmental



Warren Broadnax

Title: CEO

Organization: She's Happy Hair

Favorite Volunteer Experience: Foundation; serving on the advisory board of the U of H campus of the SBDC; and on the boards of 8 Million Stories and The Imani School.

Areas of Interest: Education, arts and culture, health



Carlos Cruz

Title: Assurance Senior/Corporate Responsibility Relationship

Organization: EY

Favorite Volunteer Experience: Help students interact with professionals to aid them in their college transition process. Worked with mentors, directors and students.

Areas of Interest: Education – youth developing, housing and community development, health services



Gina De Leon

Title: Senior Consultant

Organization: EY

Favorite Volunteer Experience: Promoting the field of architecture to young children or introducing girls to STEM careers.

Areas of Interest: Housing and community development, human services, arts and culture



Robert Franklin

Title: Managing Partner

Organization: RFS Consulting LLC

Favorite Volunteer Experience: Working as a volunteer with Junior Achievement talking to students about finance and budgeting.

Areas of Interest: Financial literacy, housing and community development, arts and culture



Preshit Gawade

Title: Senior Director – New Energy

Organization: Baker Hughes

Favorite Volunteer Experience: Consultant Immigrant Families Together in New York, Mentor and Thought Leader Green Energy & Climate; Editor for Asha For Education (underprivileged children).

Areas of Interest: Environmental, education, health



Jhanne Hooker

Title: Senior Manager, Equity and Outreach

Organization: Houston ISD

Favorite Volunteer Experience: Connecting current college students to former students within the Aggie Network, providing mentees with advice for success in life.

Areas of Interest: Education (youth, scholarship programs, 9-12th grade female students); public and societal benefit (philanthropy, community improvement); human services (youth development training)



Michelle Mason

Title: Senior Market Development

Organization: ExxonMobil Product Solutions Company

Favorite Volunteer Experience: Mentoring and recruiting students for STEM summer internships; volunteering time in United Way activities; Delaware Juvenile detention center with teen girls.

Areas of Interest: STEM mentorship awareness for middle school – college students; STEM education; senior living and food security



Binita Patel

Title: Vice President of Pharmacy Services
Organization: Memorial Hermann Health System
Favorite Volunteer Experience: Fundraising and organizing events to gain additional resources for the schools. Education is one of my passions. Served on board for underserved health clinic that provides primary healthcare services.
Areas of Interest: Healthcare, education, arts and culture



Ollie Reed, III

Title: Executive Sales Representative
Organization: Abbvie
Favorite Volunteer Experience: Building homes with Habitat for humanity.
Areas of Interest: Arts and culture; health; housing and community development



Paige Samuels

Title: Management Consultant
Organization: McKinsey & Company
Favorite Volunteer Experience: Boys & Girls Club Power Hour tutor; resume and interview preparation for college students; arts.
Areas of Interest: Education; arts and culture; public and societal benefit



Fernando Sanchez

Title: Vice President, Corporate Banking
Organization: Bank of Texas
Favorite Volunteer Experience: Planting trees with Houston Wilderness; packing meals with Kids Meals and working with animals at Citizens for Animal Protection.
Areas of Interest: Animal welfare, human services, housing and community development



Dionne Williams

Title: Manager of Global Operations Technology
Organization: BHP
Favorite Volunteer Experience: Youth mentoring.
Areas of Interest: Health, housing, environmental

