# Our Commitment to Racial Equity



## STANDING FOR GOOD

General Mills is dedicated to becoming a reflection of the world we seek where racial equity, diversity and inclusion nourish us all. As a 156-year-old company, we know the sobering reality of systemic inequality is not new. It pulls at the moral fabric of our society preventing individuals and communities, including our own, from achieving their full potential. As a leader in the business community, General Mills has been and must continue to stand for good.



#### **EQUITABLE FOOD ACCESS**

OUR COMMITMENT We will direct our philanthropy to work locally and nationally with food banks and anti-hunger organizations to address food insecurity that disproportionately impacts

communities of color.



### **EQUITY** IN EDUCATION

OUR COMMITMENT Box Tops will build on its legacy of giving nearly \$1 billion dollars to schools. with a renewed focus on creating greater equity in education for kids of color so they can reach

their full potential.



#### **EQUITY IN** REPRESENTATION

Address representation and

OUR COMMITMENT

access opportunities at General Mills by:

- **Doubling** the representation of our Black Managers\*
- Increasing our overall representation of minorities to 25%\*
- **Doubling** our spend with Minority-owned suppliers\*

\*In the United States

Through partnership with our corporate peers, local and state government, community leaders and others, we will take bold and leading actions needed to combat racism and social inequity, and ensure our community is a place where all can flourish. We are proud to be a part of the Minnesota Business Coalition for Racial **Equity** to create sustainable and meaningful change around racial and social justice in our hometown.





We've made our allyship resources publicly available to help organizations create a culture of belonging for marginalized communities.



\$500,000



male elementary school teachers in MN classrooms; and co-investing \$250,000 with the Minneapolis Foundation as part of their Reimagine Education initiative to support local nonprofit & education organizations to increase equity in Twin Cities schools. The Box Tops app has a new feature to support 'Schools in Need' which allows supporters the option to direct their funds to improve the educational experiences in participating schools that meet U.S. government criteria.



Representation

CEO Jeff Harmening on

officer representation dating back to our first female board member in 1972. We know we live our purpose best when our workforce represents the diversity of our consumers." At General Mills, we have an ongoing commitment to

"General Mills has been a leader in board and

diversity in leadership and talent acquisition.

of Officers at General Mills

are Black compared to the

U.S. average 3.5%\* 29% are People of Color Source: 3.5% based on a a study done by the Center For Talent Innovation study in 2019

of Senior Leadership

23% are People of Color

Team members are Black

of members of the

General Mills Board of

Directors are Black **34%** are People of Color



on Being Black in Corporate America.

in charitable giving over the last five years (fiscal 2018-2022) to nonprofits in the Twin Cities (greater Minneapolis and St. Paul metro area), including US\$16 million toward promoting equitable food access and equity in K-12 education.

economic impact.

In 1992, General Mills established a Supplier Diversity program with a focus on minority-owned businesses. In fiscal 2022, the company achieved 40% growth in spending with diverse suppliers, creating 3,535 jobs, supporting \$19.5

years hosting Dr.

Martin Luther King,

1953

1963

1966

Jr. Holiday Breakfast

In 1991 General Mills worked with community to create the first Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Breakfast. The event is attended by thousands of people annually to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King. Since that time, General Mills and its

Foundation have provided more than \$6.9 million in support to

million in wages, and contributing \$492.4 million in total

the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) to help Black students get to and through college. General Mills... began support of the United Negro College Fund

#### hired its first **female** officer appointed first **female** board member

1972 hired its first **minority** officer 1973

named Reatha Clark King as President of the GMI Foundation 1988 1991 hosted first annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Breakfast

1994 created the GMI Office of **Diversity** 2013 chosen for a 10th consecutive year as one of the "Best Companies for Multicultural Women"

began recruiting at Historically Black Colleges and Universities

by Working Mother. Seven years later received its Hall of Fame Award 2016

have candid conversations about important social issues

2019 launched an Allyship Program to take intentional action, like listening, learning and uplifting individuals and communities who have been marginalized or overlooked

launched the Courageous Conversations, aimed at providing a safe and supportive place to

expanded public disclosure of detailed racial/ethnic workforce diversity data 2021 2022 Third Employee Network Summit: Boldly Being; Boldly Belonging, including the newest

network, Disability Network

VIEW OUR ALLYSHIP RESOURCES

We're making progress, and we have a lot more work to do.

