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Growing up in rural northwest Ohio instilled in Nicole the value of a strong connection to community. However, it wasn’t until she moved to Baltimore in 2005, that she realized “community” comes in many different colors, shapes and sizes. Through volunteer work with organizations such as Rebuilding Together, the Georgetown Ministry Center, and Martha’s Table, Nicole found the calling to use her privilege and talents to lift the voices of the underserved community and find ways to educate and connect people.

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