



TeQuion M. Brookins [has held four positions in eight years at the McGregor Fund](#) , a private grantmaking foundation located in Downtown Detroit that funds charitable organizations committed to alleviating chronic homelessness and unemployment in the City. In 2018, promoted to be McGregor’s first director of operations, she became the 94 year old foundation's only African American employee to ever hold a director-level position.

In addition to her work at McGregor, Brookins has also founded several social enterprises including a business consulting firm specializing in start-up assistance for small, women and minority owned entities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she has developed several new businesses including a [sanitizing company](#) to help make indoor spaces safer for schools, government and small businesses.

In 2019 Brookins founded the [Minority Freedom Community Fund](#)(MFCF), a nonprofit *providing pathways to philanthropy for people of color*, through financial support, education, and provision of *technical business assistance to minority communities* nationwide. Detroit’s entrepreneurial hub [TechTown](#) and the [Rocket Community Fund](#) featured Brookins and the MFCF in its [Innovator Series 2020](#), which “*shines the spotlight*” on those who responded creatively and quickly to the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to being named a [Comcast Newsmaker](#).

An active participant in philanthropic circles and the Detroit business community, Brookins also served on two international boards, including [Global Executive Business Consultants](#), and [A Child for All](#). Brookins was recently elected to serve on the leadership committee of [Connect 313](#), a citywide, *data-driven digital inclusion strategy* to make Detroit a national model for digital inclusion and ensure *all Detroiters can access the digital world and the opportunity* it brings. She is a 2020 recipient of Crain’s Detroit Business’ “[20 in Their 20s](#)” award, a 2021 recipient of Acquisition International’s Influential Businesswoman awards, and was nominated for Corp! Magazine Michigan’s Most Valuable Millennial.

Brookins is involved in a myriad of philanthropic and civic organizations and initiatives including: [Global Executive Business Consultants](#), which promotes the professional development and strategic positioning of women -- professionals, executives, business owners and leaders -- in achieving *gender parity* in the C-Suite of Fortune 500 companies; [The Michigan Nonprofit Association](#), a statewide membership organization dedicated to serving the *diverse nonprofit* sector; [PEAK Grantmaking](#) a nonprofit transforming philanthropy by *advancing equitable, effective grantmaking practices*; the [National Black MBA Association](#) creating *educational opportunities and economic growth for African Americans*, including *partnerships to provide access* to graduate management education programs and career opportunities; the [Association for Black Foundation Executives](#) to promote effective and *responsive philanthropy in Black communities*; the Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce; the Detroit Chamber of Commerce; the [National Small Business Association’s](#) Leadership Advisory Council; the [Council of Michigan Foundations](#) which has announced a *statewide Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT)* initiative in four cities funded by the Kellogg Foundation; the [Young Nonprofit Professionals Network](#) focused on building a diverse and powerful social sector; and the [Technology Affinity Group](#), a membership association of foundations promoting use of information and communications technology to further philanthropic goals.

Brookins earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the College of Wooster with a minor in Africana Studies in 2012. She received dual master’s degrees in Finance and in Business Administration from [Walsh College of Business and Accountancy](#) in 2018.

Brookins currently lives in Metro Detroit with her partner and two dogs, Choco and Baby.