Created in response to the historically unleveled playing field for minorities, and the recent protests and police killings of unarmed African Americans, CBCF created the National Racial Equity Initiative for Social Justice (NREI). NREI will place Social Justice Policy Fellows in the U.S. Congress for 12 months; will award endowed social justice scholarships for students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities; and will advance racial equity and human rights in research, data, analysis, and public policy related to criminal justice reform for maximum impact in black communities.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

According to The Sentencing Project, people of color make up 37 percent of the U.S. population; however, 67 percent of the prison population. CBCF’s NREI racial equity framework will have an evidence-based approach to developing solutions-driven policies targeted to reduce racial disparities caused by racism and discrimination.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

CBCF is establishing an endowed scholarship which provides a naming opportunity for a donor interested in long-term investment to support students committed to a career in social justice work, while cultivating the next generation of social justice leaders.