In 2019, Springboard To Opportunities embarked on a bold experiment to give 20 low-income, African American mothers $1,000 of unrestricted, no-strings-attached monthly cash. During that year, women paid off predatory debt, opened savings accounts, and invested in their education and futures. Encouraged by the results, Springboard To Opportunities is launching the next round of The Magnolia Mother’s Trust in 2020 with a larger cohort of women and a quasi-experimental model that will provide stronger, comparative data that can inform public policy on best practices for social safety net programs.

- **What We’re Asking**
  - Can a guaranteed income alleviate poverty, lessen health disparities, and improve family well-being for low-income families?
  - What are the advantages in outcomes of providing no-strings-attached benefits for participants?
  - Does a guaranteed income provide the necessary freedom for participants to define meaningful work for themselves?
  - Will a guaranteed income relieve not only mothers but also their children of the effects of toxic stress caused by extreme poverty?
  - Is guaranteed income a more cost efficient and effective system for distributing benefits than our current social safety net programs?

- **What We’re Doing**
  - Providing $1,000 of monthly cash for 12 months to 110 women and opening and seeding a Children’s Savings Account for each child of a participant.
  - Women will have the opportunity to participate in monthly gatherings focused on building social capital, deepening community, and strengthening leadership skills.

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