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Danielle Shearer '03 Vice President and General Manager Howard Hanna Insurance Services

As vice president for Howard Hanna Insurance Services, Danielle Shearer '03 reports to the president, and implements and executes overall agency strategy.

She began her career with Howard Hanna Insurance Services in 2005 and held various roles, including receptionist, sales assistant and division operations manager.

Through Howard Hanna she has helped to contribute thousands of dollars to various charities. These charities include the Howard Hanna Children's Free Care Fund, the Ronald McDonald House of Pittsburgh and Grow Pittsburgh. She has contributed nearly \$20,000 to the Free Care Fund through grants and awards such as the Safeco Change Agent Award, the Westfield Legacy of Caring Fund and the Safeco Make More Happen Award.

Ms. Shearer also was responsible for orchestrating a book drive for Children's Hospital in 2016, which now is an annual event. During the past four years, the book drive has accumulated over 6,000 books.

"Had it not been for my career development within the Howard Hanna organization, I would not have had the platform to contribute to these charities," she said. "My passion is to help people and to serve the Lord. Also, my family and my children inspire me."

Ms. Shearer attended La Roche University and earned a bachelor's degree in performing arts. She said that La Roche taught her how to balance all that she does in her career.

"At La Roche I was challenged every day to get through all performing arts classes as well as my academic and core classes. Many of the professors and directors were instrumental in preparing me for the challenges I faced," Ms. Shearer said. "I am grateful for their guidance and tough love."

