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Girls Who Code Value Story

Stephanie was an ordinary girl who grew up on a farm in the middle of Nebraska. Stephanie's parents and grandparents were all farmers, and she was expected to learn how to farm and take over the family business when she grew up. Stephanie, on the other hand, did not want to fulfill her family's wishes. She did not have an interest in working in the field all day long, instead, she took a passion for computers. Stephanie's family had a computer in their home, but it was rarely used by the old-fashioned family. Stephanie's school had computers, but they did not teach classes revolving around technology. This greatly upset Stephanie because it made it significantly harder for her to learn more about her newly developed passion revolving around computers and technology.

One day while Stephanie was exploring the internet on her family computer, she came across an organization named Girls Who Code. Stephanie went to their website and began to read more about their non-profit organization. Stephanie soon learned that Girls Who Code is an organization that is currently trying to close the gender gap between men and women in technology fields. They do this by helping young women generate interest, become involved, and learn more about technology fields that tend to be dominated by men. One reason this happens is the current social construct that is built in our society. In this social construct, women tend to not hold jobs in labor or technology. This current stereotype discourages women from even

considering pursuing fields in technology-related fields. Stephanie later enrolled in their Code At Home program, allowing her to learn how to code remotely from home. This was a very important step in Stephanie's journey into following her passion for coding. This step allowed Stephanie to help gain confidence in herself that she desperately needed to succeed in today's society.

Stephanie later continued using the programs that were provided by Girls Who Code throughout high school. Since Girls Who Code allowed Stephanie to learn more about her passion and follow her dreams, she was able to become an efficient programmer. This allowed her to apply to top colleges all across the country. Since Stephanie has been practicing as a programmer through Girls Who Code, she was able to be well prepared to further her education. After many tough decisions, she decided to go to Carnegie Mellon to continue her education in the world of Computer and Data Science. Stephanie saw Carnegie Mellon as one of the top programming schools in the country, and she did not want to miss out on this amazing life-changing opportunity for her.

Without Girls Who Code, Stephanie would not have the necessary skills or confidence to leave her family's farm and fulfill her dreams to become a programmer. Stories like this happen every day because of organizations like Girls Who Code. They are truly enabling young women to find and pursue their passions in the world of technology. Their non-profit organization also provides cheap and free help to young women across the world who are in desperate need of it. Without organizations like Girls Who Code, the gender gap in technology related fields would be immense and there would be little to no interest with young women in technology.