

DR. TURNERA CROOM

Veterinarian ~ Veteran ~ Founder of Steadfast International and Vets in 3D

An ardent animal lover and advocate, Dr. Turnera Croom is blazing a trail by tapping her life's work and 3D printing technology to teach others about the important and fascinating field of veterinary medicine.

As the Founder of Steadfast International and the innovative startup Vets in 3D, Dr. Croom continues to draw on her unique experience as a public health veterinarian and retired U.S. Army Veterinary Corps Major to enlighten and educate people that there's more to veterinary medicine and animal science than just the care of small cats and dogs.

Through original programming that highlights the wonder and diversity of veterinary medicine, Dr. Croom is instilling a newfound curiosity in younger generations as they prepare for college and start to think about exciting career paths.

Like her educator parents before her, Dr. Croom finds great joy in sharing her knowledge and love of learning with others, empowering students of all ages along the way. She especially enjoys working with black youth and has collaborated with Project Exploration, an afterschool science program for girls of color in Chicago, as well as the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for their Ascend mentoring program.

Driven, dedicated and always optimistic, Dr. Croom is highly sought after by organizations and schools for her expertise in animal advocacy, lab animal medicine, public health veterinary medicine and 3D printing. Most recently she has worked with the Air Zoo, the Black Arts Cultural Center and the Kalamazoo Public Library. Her pioneering work and S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) workshops have been featured in a number of media outlets including 3DPrint.com, Castle Ink, Community Voices and Women in 3D Printing.

Dr. Croom received her B.S. in Biology from Xavier University of Louisiana before completing her studies at the prestigious Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine. She currently resides in Kalamazoo, Michigan where she is busy working on a forthcoming book and the launch of a veterinary hospice service.