

Board of Directors

[Officers]

Cheryl Y. James / President / CEO and President

Cheryl Y. James is the CEO and Founder of “Where There’s A Need Inc.” James is also the creator of the organization’s hair scarf, which has a patent and copyright. Mrs. James resides in Queens New York, and holds an Associates Degree from Saint John’s University, a Bachelors Degree, Masters Degree, and a Doctorate in Divinity & Ministry from The North Carolina College of Theology. She is also a wife and mother of four, and has provided community service and outreach work for over twenty years. Mrs. James was honored with a Proclamation from Council Member Leroy Comrie in October of 2008 for the many years of service to her community. James worked for N. Y. Telephone and AT&T for over ten years in communications as a service manager. She served as a Board Member of the Lower East Side Family Union, which is also a Non Profit Organization, and presently serves as Advisory Board Member for, Act Inc., a Non Profit Mentoring Program for teens in Rockland County. James is a motivational speaker, and is the Author of an inspirational book entitled, “The Spirit Speaks” and has also authored her organizations book on Cancer & Hair Loss.

Jared McCallister / Board Chair

Jared McCallister resides in Brooklyn, N.Y. and holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Communications from Saint John’s University. He has served as The New York Association of Journalists’ former Vice President for Print and was Co-Chair of the group’s Professional Development Committee. He has also completed a Graduate Fellowship in Newspaper Management from Northwestern University’s Kellogg Graduate School of Management. Mr. McCallister is presently the Assistant News Editor for The New York Daily News and The Editor for it’s Publication entitled, Caribbeat Magazine. In addition to his daily duties of editing local, national and international stories, selecting photographs and designing news pages of the paper, he also writes the newspaper’s weekly Caribbeat Column, which has been in existence for twenty one years, and is the only regular feature of its kind in a major, mainstream New York Newspaper.

Barbara Shelton Turner/ Vice President

Barbara Shelton Turner resides in Decatur Georgia, and is a retired investment manager for a Major Banking Institution. She has worked part time for State Farm Ins. Co. and John Harland & Co. providing outstanding customer service. Barbara spends many hours performing charitable work within her community. She serves as office manager and coordinator for a Non Profit Faith based Organization, “Rosa Inc.” [reaching out to senior adults], which provides care giving and outreach for the elderly. She is also involved with other faith based Organizations such as: “Green Pastures Ministries Inc.,” A senior ministry called, “Bridge Builders for Christ” and “Women of Grace”. Barbara is also Past President of The Atlanta Chapter of an International Christian’s Women’s Organization called “Free Women in Christ Inc.,” a member of The National Association of Negro Women as well as, The NAACP . Barbara is the mother of three and the grandmother of seven.

Michele Levine / Secretary

Michele Levine is a Westbury, N.Y. resident, and holds a Masters Degree in Education from Queens College, A Bachelors Degree from Lehman College, and a Degree in Administration & Supervision from the College of New Rochelle. Michelle has been an educator in the New York City school system for the past 30 years. She has taught on all grade levels ranging from pre-kindergarten through college. She is presently a Staff Developer, Mentor Teacher and Testing Coordinator at a Public School in Queens New York. Michele is also a cancer survivor for the past eight years, and is of the belief that we all are responsible for each other and also believes that it is important for all human beings to reach out and support those in need and require support. Having undergone cancer and subsequent treatments has made her fully realize the importance of life and living. Michele believes there is joy in helping others, and is elated to be a part of this worthwhile endeavor.

Jessiah Holman / Treasurer

Jessiah Holman resides in Queens, N.Y. and holds an Associates in Arts, specializing in Humanities and Human Service. She also holds a Bachelors in Urban Studies, a Paralegal Certificate from Columbia School Of Law and a Real Estate License. Ms. Holman produced two televised productions for QPTV- [Queens Public Television] Ms. Holman has more than thirty years of experience in the field of legal services, and eight of the thirty years included service as an administrative assistance coordinator for the Association of The Bar of The City of N.Y. Task Force Committees and Legal Referral Service. She is currently employed as the senior staff paralegal in the General Practice Unit at a Queens Legal Corporation. Her community service involvement includes, The Neighborhood Advisory Board of Queens District 12, Steinway Child and Family Services Board Member, Queens HIV Care Network, and she is also a Community Awareness Committee Member.

Executive Board Members

Sharon D. Quinn/ Member

Sharon Quinn resides in Decatur Georgia and is Assistant to the Director of the Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority. She also serves as The VP for The Board of Directors and Executive Affairs. She manages five Administrative Assistants and serves as Representative for several programs such as Healthy Relationships / Communities and Fatherhood Initiative. Ms. Quinn assists with the planning, coordinating and administering programs and services, which assist low income individuals to achieve self sufficiency. In addition, Sharon Quinn volunteers at the local prisons and at two Organizations, “Dress for Success” and “Name Your Money” which helps young women prepare for the workplace, budget and learn healthy spending habits. She is the mother of a 23 year old, who is the center of her joy.

Joyce J. Dorsey / MSW/ Member

Joyce Dorsey holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Spellman College and a Masters of Social Work from Atlanta University. She is a resident of Decatur Georgia. Joyce is a long term leader in Atlanta with an extensive background as Public Administrator specializing in Organizational Development and Housing Development. As a Community Advocate for Atlanta’s low-income residents, she has directed the Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority for fourteen years. Joyce has directed several Non –Profit Organizations including, The Support to Employment Project, Gladys A. Dorsey Home For Children/Homeward Bound, The Council on Battered Women, and has held several positions with Georgia’s Department of Corrections. She serves on The Board of Directors for The Community Action Partnership, The Georgia Association for Community Action Agencies and The Georgia Alliance for Children. Among her many prized accomplishments include the establishment of a housing component, which developed the Cascade Oaks Apartments, Fairburn Commons Housing Sub-Division and the Wood Estates in Clayton County and Youth Build training for the disadvantaged. Joyce attributes her business skills to her father’s moral guidance and her mother’s reputation for steadfast dedication to family and task completion. She is the mother of two sons and one grandson.

Jon C. Walls/ Member

Mr. John C. Walls resides in Southern California and holds an MBA and JD (cum laude) from Harvard; he is a member of the New York State Bar. Mr. Walls also holds a BA, from Yale in Psychology / Computer Science. He was formerly Senior Vice President of Investment Banking at Lehman Brothers. He subsequently served as President and COO of a financial consulting boutique and has also provided financial leadership as CFO for a specialty finance company and a technology start-up. Jon has in-depth understanding of entrepreneurial management issues and key business value drivers for small and mid-sized companies. He is co-founder of Principle Management Consulting, LLC. (pmcadvisors.com), which is a professional services firm that helps organizations achieve superior growth and performance.

Maritza Epstein / Member

Maritza Epstein resides in St. Petersburg Florida and Holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Rutgers University and a Masters {M.C.R.P} Major: City and Regional Planning from Bluestein School, Rutgers University. She is a Senior Staff Specialist at MCI Communications and has performed as Project Manager for various city services. Mrs. Epstein is a Alpha 4 Graduate and served on the board of directors for The Hispanic Support Council in Tampa Florida, and is a member of The Hispanic Leadership Council in Tampa Florida.. She is a former board member for Habitat for Humanity in Trenton N.J. She also assisted in the design of the community master plan for Housing and development, maintained records, provided financial reports and interacted with clients and attorneys for closings. Mrs. Epstein is a Board Member and serves as treasurer for, The Debary Hall Inc. This is a nationally registered mansion in Florida. She has also been appointed to serve on the 10th year celebration committee, by The Debary Commission.

Mary Gaines / Member

Mary Gaines resides in Kew Gardens Queens and holds a Bachelors in Business Education from Albany State College, and a Masters in Elementary Education. She was a Teacher for the Department of Education for twenty years. Ms. Gaines holds the position of Secretary at the local chapter of the AARP in Bayside Queens, and also provides Community Service with The Retired Senior Volunteer Program, God's Love We Deliver, and also provides tutoring for elementary school students.

Advisory Board

Dorothy Jennings PHD / Member

Dorothy Jennings resides in Rockland County, N.Y. and holds a Bachelors Degree in Business and Economics. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management and Economics and a Masters Degree in Social Policy. In addition she earned a Doctorate in law and policy at Northeastern University. Mrs. Jennings has served on many Boards of Non Profit Organizations. She worked as a freelance political columnist and also worked for The Dept of Corrections. She is presently President of a Non-Profit Organization called “ACT” { Adults Caring For Teens } based in Nyack N.Y. Their organization’s mission is to pair at risk youth with a caring adult in a one-to-one, long term relationship. They also provide support to youth and their families, through individual guidance, attention, and friendship.

Joyce Lee / Member

Joyce Lee resides in Queens, N.Y. and attended LaGuardia Community College and is working towards a degree in Physical Therapy. She held the positions of Sheriff’s Clerk at the Queens County Clerk Office and Office Assistant at AT&T. Ms. Lee continues to live a life of service and charitable work. She has provided care for disabled children at The Salvation Army as well as cared for many elderly patients at Private Home Management Inc.

Dr. Furman Walls / Member

[Bio to be included shortly]

Youth Advisory Board

Nasia James / Member

Nasia James is a fifteen year old, tenth grade student. Nasia enjoys playing the clarinet, visiting children's cancer hospitals and making home visits to sick kids.

Nasia is also the owner of her own dance company, "James & James Dance Ministry." Nasia is a part of The Greater Allen Liturgical Dance Ministry at her church as well as a Youth Leader. As youth board member, she has contributed many suggestions pertaining to The Company Logo, Web Site, and hair scarf designs for kids with cancer. Nasia demonstrated excellent community service work by participating in a Partnership Intergenerational Programs, which provides support for cancer patients. She also participates in a youth drug and alcohol study with the Columbia University School of Social Work.

Taylor Haymore / Member

Taylor is a fifteen years old, tenth grade student. Taylor participates in a dance group in her school, as well as The Task and Beacon after school program. Taylor is also our organization's inspiration, because, in year 2001, Taylor suffered a major brain aneurism. Taylor and Nasia, Youth Board Member, were first grade classmates, at that time, and our family desired to fulfill Taylor's need to return to school with hair. Taylor was the first recipient of our hair scarf design and creation. Taylor has recovered and continues to be instrumental with ideas, suggestions and volunteer hours to help children living with cancer and assist our organization, as youth advisory board member.