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JASON HOWLETT

Jason Howlett was born on August 25, 1979 and was the first child of his mother and father. His parents had three more children. The youngest died at the age of two. As a young child Jason witnessed first hand abuse of illegal drugs, domestic violence, and the pain of losing loved family members. At the age of six Jason lost both of his parents three months apart. They both died of illnesses associated with drug use.

From there Jason and his brothers were separated. They were sent to live in various foster and group homes. After living in several abusive homes, Jason and his brothers were reunited when their grandmother won custody of all three of them from the courts. Jason was around the age of 10 when this occurred. His grandmother worked nights six days a week. Therefore, being the oldest, Jason was given the responsibility to look after his younger brothers while she was away at work.

Jason was faced with tough decisions from that point on. The tough decisions involved choosing to sell drugs or not to and getting into other types of inner city crimes. After remembering the life that his parents lived, it was decided that the life style they choose was not the path Jason wanted to walk. From that point forward Jason focused his time and energy into school, sports, and activities that included peer counseling, peer mediation, and teen sexual awareness programs.

Jason decided not to go to college after high school and joined the Army. While stationed in Hawaii, he participated in the Schofield Barracks Middle School Mentor a Student program and was a peer tutor for other soldiers who were having difficulties completing required courses.

Most recently Jason has participated in the Local Sheriff's Office Scared Straight program.

At this point in his life Jason feels as if the black community is in a steady decline and lacks positive role models as well as leaders for the younger generation.

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BRIDGETTE L. JOHNSON

“The desire to reach for the stars is ambitious, but the desire to reach hearts is wise”

- Maya Angelou

Every since I was a little girl I had a desire to touch the hearts of those around me. This is simply because I realized at an early age the impact one’s words and contributions made in my life. I was born September 8, 1982 to Eugene and Gloria Johnson. My parents, like most good parents, spoke positive things into my life. As a child growing up in their household, I never doubted that I was loved, that I was person of value, one worthy of great things, or that I was capable of reaching great milestones. This certainty in myself (and a higher being of course) followed me throughout my tenure at the public schools of Holly Hill, SC, in extracurricular activities in school and my community, and on to Johnson C. Smith University. In other words, my parents planted a desire in me to be successful; my peers, my teachers, and community leaders watered those seeds by continuing to encourage my potential and by speaking positive things into my life.

Though I was always very ambitious and outgoing, I realized along my journey that sometimes self-ambition was not enough. While I have experienced many achievements in my life, it would be falsehood for me to accept full credit for any of them. I am who am and I have done the things that I have done because of the people who encouraged me along the way. I concluded that in order to be successful in a society that often times cultivate and publicize negative images of minority youth and young adults, one must possess both a strong self-motivation and a sense of hope that is steadily enforced by the people in his or her life.

The mere fact that I am human suggests that I am imperfect, but because of those who generously sowed positive images and thoughts into my life, I had a fighting chance. You see, those seeds of hope constantly dismissed and refuted every negative thought that entered my mind when I messed up or when things didn’t go my way. As a result, I am successful and put my best foot forward in everything I do. I want the youth of today to realize and capitalize their potential so I strive to plant seeds of affirmation into the lives of young people. I seek to inspire youth, validate their self-worth, and show them that I along with many others care about them and their well-being. For it is my belief that the encouragement I and others plant into their lives, another person will water, and God will ultimately make it grow into success.

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TAI PIXLEY

Driven by her sharp instincts and distinctive ability to organize multiple projects Tai saw the opportunity to create a place for herself in the event design, public relations, and entertainment arena. Tai is dedicated to providing a hybrid of lifestyle management services that are tailored to her clients' unique needs. Known for her sophisticated style and mild manner she prides herself in unparalleled professionalism and accuracy for her clients. This year she announced the development of Balance Lifestyle Management. A boutique size firm that specializes in public relations, event design and tailor made leisure, entertainment and business solutions complemented by her signature Concierge Service. Tai's main objective for her independent and business services is to become an invaluable resource to those seeking to create lasting impressions. Tai is certified by the Department of Education, South Carolina in Marketing Management. She received her Associate Degree in Business Administration for Clinton Junior College and her Bachelors of Arts Degree in Mass Communications from Shaw University.

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JAMILA R. WHITE

“You can not hide from the realization that we give up on our youth and don’t give them a chance to succeed. The rising statistics in crime, violence, disease, and pregnancy, are only a few examples of how we have given up and given in” says Founder and President of GUILTY, Inc.

Ms. White’s influence and drive for the creation of GUILTY, Inc. all started from her life experiences beginning in Jacksonville, NC where she was born and raised. After the lost of a sister and her father at a young age, she matured faster than the average 16 year old and her responsibilities grew in order to help her mother maintain the household. While in high school, Ms. White worked two jobs and played sports, and with constant support and encouragement from her mother, she was able to graduate a semester early. With the teachings of her parents, she understood that to obtain a successful future, she needed to further her life’s experiences and felt that college would be the avenue. After being the first generation to attend a four year university, Jamila received a Bachelors of Arts degree in Philosophy, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

During high school and college, she felt the need to give back to the communities in which she lived. She volunteered for numerous organizations as well as for neighborhood and college events. In 2003, she moved to Charlotte, NC to find stability and to create a future for herself. With an interest in the legal field, Jamila received a Paralegal Certification from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Her employment background in higher education has been a fulfilling path, where she obtains and bestows knowledge through the administration, faculty, staff, and most importantly the students.

Most recently, she realized she was not living out her passion. Her passion is to help children, specifically those that are labeled as at-risk and delinquents. Jamila realized she wanted to make a difference in the lives of our youth, so in April 2007, she founded GUILTY, Inc. a nonprofit organization that strives to give youth a fighting chance at a brighter future. GUILTY means Giving U Inspirational Lives Through our Youth. She states, “I’m GUILTY”, and with her drive and determination she hopes that others will soon be able to have the same passion while repeating those words.

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