



The Cornerstone Conduit

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Working Toward Stronger Communities in Florida and Nevada!

Meet Our Newest Executive Directors!

Nevada Executive Director, Evynn McFalls



As Executive Director, Evynn is focused on community fundraising, awareness and mutual aid initiatives. Among them are efforts for child and adult literacy programming throughout the State of Nevada, mutual aid for victims of domestic and gendered violence, advocacy for the protection and advancement of those facing homelessness and housing insecurity, and building systems of sustainability in growing communities in the Great Basin.

Evynn also serves as Cornerstone's Director of Marketing and Communications. Evynn has been exploring, analyzing and documenting stories about people, their priorities and the myriad tools they use to communicate for over a decade.



Evynn studied journalism and creative nonfiction at the University of Nevada - Reno before moving to New York City to undergo masters and doctoral studies in rhetoric, composition and community literacy (with a focus on digital civics and compassionate frameworks for public engagement) at St. John's University.

Orlando Executive Director, Nasseam McPherson James



As Executive Director, Nasseam is passionate and knowledgeable about health, wellness, and the way early life impacts lifelong health for families and the communities in which they live. She has dedicated her professional work and personal mission in life to the service of vulnerable populations. Nasseam has professional experience in public health, chronic disease, maternal and child health, mental health therapy and counseling, and she is keenly involved in services that impact the lives of families in the perinatal and early childhood period through bringing light to the need for access to quality supportive wraparound services and the prevention of childhood trauma.



Nasseam earned her Bachelor of Social Work-Social Policy and Administration from the University of South Florida in Tampa and a Master of Social Work and graduate certificate in Leadership in Executive Administration and Development from Florida State University in Tallahassee. She also completed a Master of Business Administration at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.





Ecosystem

Cornerstone in Jamaica

Cornerstone began its effort to support the people of Jamaica in mid-2020. Since then Jamaica Executive Director Carrie Azan-Moncrieffe has been diligently at work. She has secured our office in the Halfway Tree area of Kingston and established a team of project advisors and local leadership, including Dr. Shaneica Lester, Mr. Ricardo Riley, and Dr. Anne-Teresa Birthwright. Visit our [webpage](#) to learn more.



Dr. Shaneica Lester, PhD



Ricardo Riley
Director of Operations, Jamaica



Dr. Anne-Teresa Birthwright, PhD

Veteran's Mental Health

Cornerstone continues to develop its support for veterans and their families to access mental health care. In addition to creating an up-to-date provider database, we have begun to advocate and fundraise for innovative therapeutic approaches to care. Cornerstone is collaborating with active and retired military personnel, veterans and their families, healthcare providers, and mental health advocates to achieve these objectives. If you are passionate about helping the military community or have an interest in public health, please contact **Director of Corporate and Foundations Relations, Rebecca Reeves** (rreeves@cornercollab.org)

Bookshelf Spotlight

I Am Underdog came out of a desire to share the author's journey of adversities and blessings. He had been underestimated from the time he was a child and always enjoyed making believers out of non-believers and proving people wrong. He conveys to the reader that within each person lies a burning desire to be great, and all that it takes to live in that greatness is a belief in self.

The book is a conversation for anyone who has been doubted and those who have refused to comprise their true value and self-worth...those the author refers to as an UNDERDOG!



Tony Covington is a former NFL player. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He is a man of Faith, a man of Family and he has dedicated his life to service!

National Literacy Directory

Cornerstone is part of the National Literacy Directory (NLD) aiming to provide information and resources to young and adult learners and their families about critical programs and services.

Among many achievements, the NLD has helped connect more than 50,000 potential students and volunteers to literacy services, community education programs, and testing centers since 2010. The NLD also provides listings for Early Childhood, Family Literacy, High School Equivalency/Adult Basic Education, English Language Learning, and Citizenship Classes.

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Breaking the Glass Ceiling: A Woman's Journey Parts I & II



Click posters above and below to view and listen to the discussion



Cornerstone Collaborative's network of caring individuals and committed organizations directly engages vulnerable populations and people in need of support for education, training, employment, legal advocacy, housing, health, nutrition, wellness, and whose underserved communities need immediate and sustainable economic development.

Facilitating Community Dialogue

Massachusetts Executive Director Francois Films-Aime served as Moderator for three recent community conversations. The first topic was a discussion of challenges many continue to face during, and as a result of the pandemic. A recording of the conversation can be accessed [here](#).

The next conversations were in a two-part series entitled **Breaking the Glass Ceiling: A Woman's Journey** during which presenters shared steps they took and obstacles they hurdled to be in their current positions of leadership and influence. Notable women served as examples of encouragement and motivation for all of us, and especially to girls and women to remain vigilant on their various paths of success in life.

Each community conversation was held in collaboration with the Iota Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. established in Cambridge, MA. A recording of the **Breaking the Glass Ceiling** series can be accessed by clicking each flyer in this newsletter .



Marcia (pictured below) was the first water tank recipient in St. Ann, Jamaica.



Watering Farms in Jamaica

Thanks to our supporters and donors, we've provided water tanks to two farmers in the rural Parrish of St. Ann. Our goal is to crowdsource approximately \$1,200 to purchase, deliver, and install an 800-gallon water tank with the an accompanying catchment system. A portion of the proceeds also supports best-practice irrigation training when a threshold number of farmers have been supported to make the training cost-effective.

Thanks the generosity of our donors like the Yardie Greeks Facebook Community, a collective group of Jamaicans with membership in the Divine 9 Black-Greek Letter Organizations (BGLOs), the second water tank was successfully funded and installed.

Learn more and support the current funding opportunity for Alica [here](#) or visit us at <https://www.cornercollab.org/jamaica> for additional information and many more photos of the community-led effort to provide water security and support sustainable agriculture and income stability for rural farmers in Jamaica.



Donnette (pictured above) with St. Ann community members helping with the installation of the catchment system and water tank

Share your ideas to Help!

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Please note that the Memo ID is required or we will not be able to receive the Lumens cryptocurrency.



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Please email info@cornercollab.org if you have any questions.



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Our planned giving program ranges from recurring monthly or annual gifts to estate contributions. Join our giving program to support current and emerging initiatives to improve community health, promote youth and adult literacy, strengthen public safety and support education, training, and workforce development.

Please email compliance@cornercollab.org if you have any questions or donate today to get started.



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