



## **Board of Directors**

### **Dr. Cheryl Y. James ~ President**

**Cheryl Y. James, CEO and Founder of “Where There’s A Need Inc.,” is also the creator of the organization’s hair scarf, which holds a patent and copyright. Dr. James resides in Queens New York, and holds a Doctor of Theology Degree from The North Carolina College of Theology. She is a wife and mother of four, and has served her community, offering various forms of outreach for over twenty years. Dr. James has partnered with and facilitates a monthly Wig & Hair Loss Program with The American Cancer Society for over 15 years. Serving women with cancer is her focus along with cancer education and nutrition. She also visits women and children at home as well. Dr. James was honored with a City & State of New York Proclamation from Council Member Leroy Comrie in October of 2008 & 2016, and a New York State Proclamation from State Senator Shirley Huntley in October 2010, for the many years of service to her community. James has also received in 2016, Awards & Certificates of Appreciation from: Council Member I. Daneek Miller, Borough President Melinda Katz, Public Advocate Hon. Letitia James, Assembly Woman Alicia L. Hyndman, Congressional Achievement Award from: Congressman Gregory Meeks, & Several Outstanding Service & Leadership Awards from: The New York Presbyterian Ronald O’ Perelman Heart Institute, and many others to mention. Dr. James is certified as an Ambassador to Facilitate a Heart Disease Prevention Program by The New York Presbyterian Ronald O’ Perelman Heart Institute and offers Health & Wellness Workshops within her community regularly. Dr. James is also a Certified Wedding Officiant, motivational speaker, program facilitator and devoted community philanthropist, who offers Spiritual counsel for patients in need of inspirational support.**

**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. Dr. James is also a CAB Member with Queens Health & Hospital. She is the Author of an inspirational book entitled, “The Spirit Speaks” and has also authored a children’s workbook on Cancer & Hair Loss, which is utilized during our cancer awareness school programs to students..**

Officers:

Maritza Epstein ~ Board Chair / Interim Treasurer

Maritza Epstein resides in Orlando, Florida and Holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Rutgers University , a Bachelor of Science degree in Paralegal Studies from Saint Pete College and a Masters {M.C.R.P} Major: City and Regional Planning from the Bloustein School, Rutgers University. She is currently a Supervisor at Verizon for the Verizon Business Market as a Business Continuity Emergency Planning member, overseeing global disaster planning and real estate. Mrs. Epstein is an Alpha 4 Graduate from Bell Atlantic and has served on the board of directors for The Hispanic Support Council in Tampa Florida, and was 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 assisted Habitat for Humanity 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 was a board member for Debary Hall, a nationally registered mansion in Debary, FL and served as their treasurer. She was also appointed to serve on the 10<sup>th</sup> year celebration committee, by The City of Debary Commission.

Barbara Shelton Turner ~ Secretary

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 coordinator for a Non Profit Faith Based Organization, “Rosa Inc.” [Reaching Out To Senior Adults], which provides care giving and outreach for the elderly. Barbara also works seasonally at FACAA, Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority, who provides valuable services for underserved communities. She is a member of, The Refreshing Place Ministries Inc., and Chair Person over their senior ministry. Barbara was also Past President of The Atlanta Chapter of an International Christian’s Women’s Organization called “Free Women in Christ Inc.,” and is an active member of The Decatur Chapter of AARP. Barbara is also a member of The National Council of Negro Women and The NAACP. Barbara is the mother of three, the grandmother of seven, and great grandmother of two.

### **Mary Gaines**

**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 New York City Board of Education for twenty years. Ms. Gaines is an adjunct trainer for the Queens New York Board of Elections and also works as a proctor for St. John's University School of Law and The New York State Bar Exam. 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, provides tutoring for elementary school students, and is a Member of The Delta Sigma Beta Queens Alumnae Chapter. Mary is also a Board member of The JFK Democratic Club and is also a devoted member of The Greater Allen AME Cathedral and holds such positions as; President of The Shepherds Ministry, Member of The Mass Choir, and a Member of Stewardess Board # 1**

### **Michele Levine**

**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, and is a recent retiree. She has taught on all grade levels ranging from pre-kindergarten through college. She has worked as 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 eighteen years, and is of the belief that we all are responsible for each other and she also believes that it is important for all human beings to reach out and support those in need who 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.**

## **Advisory Board**

### **Dorothy Jennings PHD**

**Dorothy Jennings resides in Rockland County, N.Y. and has been appointed The Commissioner of Human Rights and The Director of Community Development. Dr. Jennings 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 also 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.**

### **Jon C. Walls**

**Mr. John C. Walls once a NYC resident presently resides in Southern California, 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.**

## **Youth Advisory Board**

### **Nasia James**

**Nasia James is a College Student at Hunter College School of Social Work. She is compassionate about community service and charitable work. Nasia provides valuable information to the organization regarding children's hair styles, and also visits children with cancer & hair loss at home. Nasia volunteers with the American Cancer Society, and participates in other cancer functions and health fairs. and offers entertainment at Relay For Life Events etc. Nasia is a member of The Greater Allen Liturgical Dance Ministry at her church as well as a Youth Leader. As a valuable youth board member, she has contributed 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 Program, which provides support for cancer patients. She also participated in a youth drug and alcohol study with the Columbia University School of Social Work, and has participated in teen activities at Gilda's Club for cancer in NYC**