

# I Have A Dream

## 2011 Calendar



# The Marches

The March family's journey to the present began with a dream that cultivated family, service and faith at its core. Visionaries, the late William C. and Julia Roberta March began their legacy in the single row house funeral home they opened in 1957.

Raised in the era of segregation, the Great Depression and a time of war, William and Julia's dream was to provide for their family and afford a college education for their children. William wanted to become an architect, but he could not afford the education required. He instead used the G. I. benefits he earned from serving in World War II to go to school and become a Funeral Director. After completing mortuary science school, he worked long hours as an apprentice with no pay. Following many years of sacrifice and secondary jobs he established his own funeral home.

It wasn't long before the husband and wife team's funeral ministry became well known for their distinctive style of service. Their reputation of quality, professional services spread so rapidly that they began planning for expansion into a new building. Although William never became the architect he imagined, he did become the first developer to build a state of the art, million-dollar funeral home on the East Coast.

The March family has built a ministry that has developed into one of the largest funeral service organizations in America. This organization now includes 5 funeral homes serving MD, DC and VA; King Memorial Park, the largest African American owned and operated cemetery in the United States; other subsidiary companies, and non-profit foundations to include the *Thelma March Scholarship Foundation* and the renowned *Roberta's House*, a family grief support center.

William along with his wife, friend and partner Julia have both passed on, but their most lasting legacy has been on the lives they touched along their life's journey. Cynthia, Erich, Victor, and Annette each carry on the leadership and values instilled by their parents to serve families and give back to the community. Now with the third generation, these same values and traditions of a strong family filled with faith, service and charity will live on for ages to come.



# PRESENTING MARSHALL-MARCH FUNERAL HOMES



## MARCH FUNERAL HOMES EXPANDS INTO THE DC METRO AREA

The March family is proud to announce the recent acquisition of Marshall's Funeral Home, a premier funeral service that has served the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area for over 43 years.

Julia Marshall of Marshall's Funeral Homes, a loyal servant of the DC and Prince George's County, MD communities, retired her business to a fellow family-owned funeral business dedicated to high standards of service to those in need. The Marshall family is confident that the March family will continue their legacy of providing personalized and sympathetic service to all families now, and in the future.

The second and third generation of the March family is honored to add their distinctive and innovative services to a family-oriented company that was already a leader in the DC and Prince George's County, MD regions. With this expansion, the funeral home has been renamed to show the strength of the legacies on which they stand, Marshall-March Funeral Homes.

“ONE HIGH STANDARD OF SERVICE FROM TWO NAMES YOU CAN TRUST”



# The Marshalls

## Washington, DC

*One High Standard of Service*

Harold and Julia Marshall shared a partnership to support and benefit their community. Beginning with a chain of dry-cleaning establishments, the Marshalls branched out and solidified a dream called *Marshall's Funeral Home*, founding it in 1968. With their motto "One High Standard of Service," they built a business committed to providing personalized and sympathetic service to all families regardless of their background, and to demonstrating that service is friendship in action. The business grew rapidly, and they moved from their building at 522 8th Street NE in Washington, DC to 4217 9th Street NW in 1972. "As long you treat people right, they will treat you the same," Dr. Julia Marshall shares.

The Marshalls and their staff were driven to listen, care, and counsel families going through what could be their most difficult time – a time of losing a loved one. So great was their desire to help families begin the healing process, that they wanted to extend their professional services even further. In 1992, *Marshall's* opened a second funeral home in Prince George's County, Maryland.

After many years of dedication and building a successful business, founder Harold Marshall passed away in 2003, leaving his wife Julia at the helm of the company. Receiving multiple accolades through the years for her generosity and inspirational leadership, Julia Marshall recently retired with the comfort of ensuring that their legacy and successful business would be carried on by trusted friends, and national leaders in the funeral industry, the March family. She proudly continues as the matriarch of the newly renamed *Marshall-March Funeral Homes*.



# January

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# Maria Warith

Richmond, VA

Seasoned at Sixteen

Maria has wasted no time in building her success. Her accomplishments and talents outnumber those of many adults, making Maria a true force to be reckoned with. As the twelfth of thirteen children, she was determined to be an individual with high visibility and a significant perspective to share. Motivated to reach for the stars, Maria may just become one herself.

Maria achieved and maintained academic excellence beginning in elementary school, where she learned to be a positive influence for her peers. She won her first political campaign as student government Treasurer and went on to serve as SCA President. When tragedy struck her family, Maria was forced to move from both parents and many of her sisters and brothers. But she did not allow her circumstances to restrict her from excelling. Under the care of her grandparents, Maria accepted the challenge of changing schools, making new friends, and continuing her academic success. At Wilder Middle School, she joined the *National Junior Honor Society* and discovered a love for Track and Field. Able to reunite with her parents while in the seventh grade, she attended Deep Creek Middle School and became President of *National Junior Honor Society*. Maria participated in AAU Track and Field, having had an undefeated season and received numerous medals and awards. At Varina High School Communications Center, Maria would embark on taking herself to a new level for her intended career in Broadcast Journalism.

The ability to communicate to a wide audience and have a positive effect has always sparked Maria's interest, and she is doing just that. Her accomplishments have put her in the spotlight, and she is able to advocate for the causes she supports. Her volunteer work with Meals on Wheels, Key Club, and the TV Ministry at her church have exposed Maria to the importance of using her visibility for the greater good. At the top of her class, Maria decided to apply to college in her freshman year of high school. She was chosen at the age of 15 to attend *Mary Baldwin College's Program for the Exceptionally Gifted* where she received a full scholarship. Now a sophomore in college at age 16, Maria maintains her stellar reputation as scholar and community activist. She completed an internship with WRIC Channel 8, is an Ambassador for her school, and serves as Vice President of College Democrats. Maria shares with us that she recently founded and organized the *CHES (Children Entrepreneurs Securing Success) Foundation* "aimed at helping other youth discover their talents and putting them into action. The foundation will be launching a resource magazine featuring celebrities, children on the move in business and academic pursuits and networking opportunities to actualize their dreams." Maria continues to make her mark on society by staying focused, being determined and putting God first.



# February

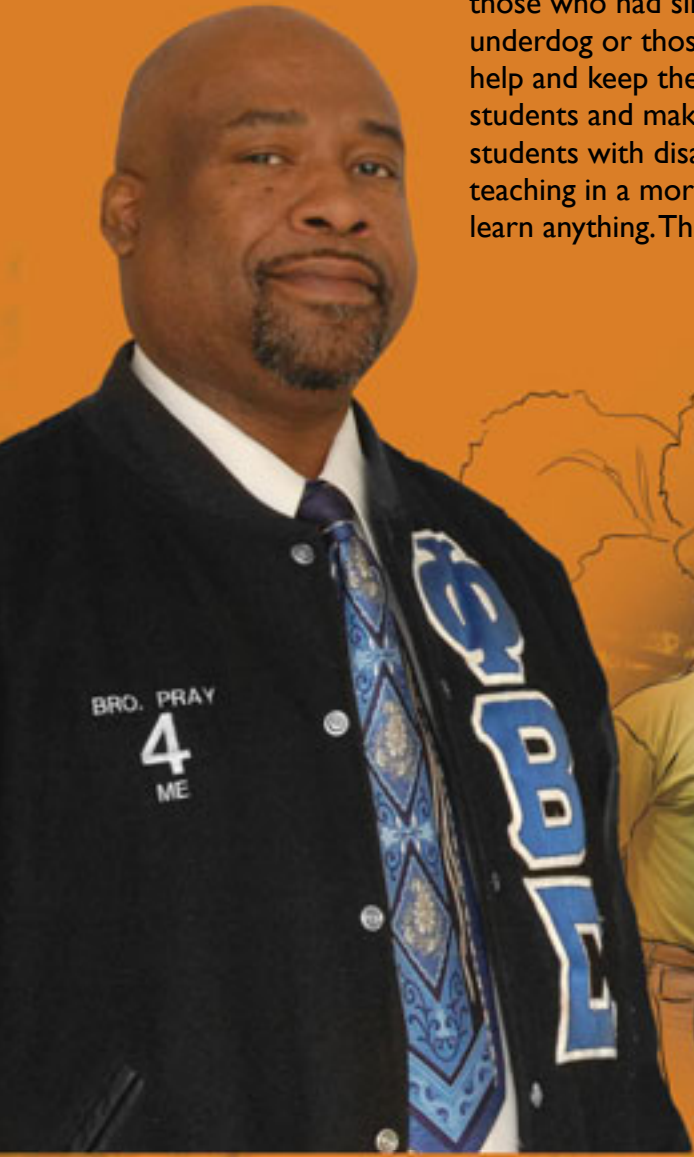
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Dale Lyons  
Washington, DC

In the Educator's Hands

Dale was inspired to give back what he was given. When Dale dropped out of high school, he found a job that supported him for 25 years. But after being laid off, Dale was left with the predicament of not having a high school diploma to seek other opportunities. "That cut the lights on for me," he said. So Dale went back to school, taking advantage of the External Diploma Program, which issues high school diplomas after its completion. There, he reconnected with teachers from his days in junior high, and he was asked to consider college. His teachers knew he had been exceptionally helpful with his classmates and would most likely excel in the field of education. Encouraged, Dale enrolled into the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) to major in Special Education. "I had behavioral problems when I was younger, so I was considered a Special Ed student," he shared. Willing to relate with and inspire those who had similar issues and also those with mental disabilities, Dale says, "I always had a particular thing for the underdog or those who were always picked on. I was picked on as a child, and I wanted to help those who needed help and keep them from falling through the cracks." Dale believes it is the teacher's responsibility to motivate their students and make the process of learning more stimulating. He would eventually teach others how to work with students with disabilities, become an ordained minister teaching Sunday school, and pursue his PhD. Dale's dream of teaching in a more meaningful way comes from his belief that "No matter who you are, as long as you try, you can learn anything. The whole world will open to you. I don't think there's any student who can't learn."

Dale joined the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity while at UDC, taking after his heroes Huey P. Newton and A. Philip Randolph. These leaders fought for human rights, and Dale hopes to encourage the human rights of all in the classroom.



# March

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20 First Day of Spring	21	22	23	24	25	26
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# Britney Keeling

Baltimore, MD

## Raising The Bar in Raising Our Youth

Britney believes in investing in our futures from the very beginning. Committed to bringing change to her community, she focuses on reaching the youth first, as they will eventually be the leaders in moving forward. Unfortunately, many youth become distracted and fall by the wayside due to their socioeconomic level and exposure to violence and drug abuse. But Britney, just a teen herself, has become an amazing role model for those young people wanting a better future.

Britney's dream calls her to encourage, invigorate, and inspire the youth to be the best they can be. As President of The Teens Taking Control Club, she provides outlets of activity for the teenaged community. The club hosts regular events, parties, game nights, baking classes, and more so that teens may channel their energy into positive growth. "I want to engage teens while keeping them off the streets," she said. Britney has been mentoring teens for 3 years now, and loves every bit of it. She says, "If you don't guide them now, they might be too far gone. I tell them that they are beautiful and will do great things." Britney believes teens need the motivation and encouragement of a mentor when their homes are unstable or their lives are surrounded by negativity. But "the struggle doesn't last forever as long as you believe in yourself," she shared. Britney continues to fulfill her dream in getting our youth on the right track to success by being a community activist at McElderry Street Community Center and founding a non-profit organization called "The Good Girls Club" for girls ages 7-13. She hopes to get parents onboard with her mission, so these girls may have consistent guidance infused with encouragement. Britney's example of love will help the youth in her community become examples for the next generation.



# April

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# Edwin Avent

Baltimore, MD

## His Heart and Soul on Every Page

It was Edwin's dream come true to see his product on the shelves in the supermarket. As President and Publisher of *Heart & Soul* magazine, his message of healthy-living would reach the eyes of African American women all over the city. With about 300,000 subscribers, Edwin leads a company dedicated to educating them to be physically fit, financially fit, and mentally fit.

Edwin did not always run *Heart & Soul* magazine. In fact, the company was going bankrupt before the opportunity rose for him to take over. But with diligence and drive, Edwin would ultimately turn the magazine around, and he re-launched it in 2005. Edwin's fresh perspective allowed the company to pay off its inherited debt and increased profits year by year. His dedication to bettering the lives of his community moved him to produce health screenings, a line of food products, and the Heart & Soul Healthy Weight Program. Edwin says he believes in "doing well by doing good" for his community, and "[he] would like to take this as far as possible, create as much value as [he] can, and continue to make a difference in people's lives." He also co-founded one of Baltimore's leading non-profit mentoring and scholarship granting organizations, *Black Professional Men, Inc. (BPM)*. BPM has recruited over 500 men to serve as mentors and role models for over 1,000 African American boys, and it has awarded almost 200 scholarships to young men heading to college. Edwin helps to uplift and unite the African American community, men, women, and children alike.



# May

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Memorial Day						



Russell, Oscar, and Emmy

Russell has done what so few have. As a successful Sound Engineer, his purpose for leaving Washington, D.C. and heading to Los Angeles was a simple one: to return with no one being able to question his credentials. But Russell's level of success in Hollywood would not only dismiss any doubt, but it also allowed him to receive multiple honors and distinguished awards for his hard work.

Russell Williams II is the first and only African American to win two Oscars consecutively in the same category. He won Best Sound in 1989 for his work with the film *Glory* and in 1990 for *Dances With Wolves*. Not only has he won these top awards of the film industry, but he has also won the top awards in the television industry. That would be two Emmy's for his sound work with Showtime's *Twelve Angry Men* and the CBS miniseries *Terrorist on Trial*, and an Emmy nomination for the NBC Drama, *The Temptations*. Russell valued the importance of making a name for himself, regardless of the politics of the industry. He recalls that even if there was an attitude of racial inequality in Hollywood, it was in addition to the industry's already critical nature. He said, "Anything can be used against you; gender, height, weight . . . so you have to bring your 'A' game."

Russell's approach to success in LA would make his return home to DC that much more significant to sharing his dream of success with aspiring filmmakers. He began teaching in 2002 about the craft of filmmaking. As Artist in Residence at the American University, he likes "to see the look on the students' faces when they get it," he says, "especially when those who have let their insecurities get the best of them come in with a good piece of work." Russell's dream to be the best at his craft has now been an inspiration to those students who are dreaming to do the same.

Russell Williams II  
Washington, DC



# June

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*A Voice with a Cause*

Lorraine "Lolo" Milliner  
Baltimore, MD

Lorraine's goal for her future is derived from a journey to her roots. As Baltimore's nighttime radio host of *The Quiet Fire* on Magic 95.9, Lorraine donned the nickname "Lolo" and is a familiar voice heard citywide bringing her loyal audience classic love songs and slow jams. She has the largest evening audience amid 30 other radio stations in the area. Her successful 16 years of Baltimore radio followed after a promising start in her hometown of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Quickly, Lolo advanced her career by becoming Music Director for Lucky 13 (WSTA) while moonlighting as the manager of Studio 54, Virgin Island's most popular nightclub. Afterwards, she moved stateside and grew in popularity, ultimately landing a primetime spot at WWIN-FM, Baltimore's Magic 95.9. Upon starting her position with the station owned by Radio One, the largest African American-owned broadcast company in the world, Lolo said, "I had something to be thankful for...and God continues to bless me each day."

When Lolo's father passed away in 2005 from Type 2 Diabetes, she recognized the horrors of a disease so treatable and preventable. "No one should suffer like my father and everyone needs to be informed about diabetes," she shared. Her passion became spreading awareness to those suffering and promoting better health starting with her family, her people of the Virgin Islands. Having made a popular name for herself in the radio industry at home and stateside, she founded the Lifestyle Festival, a healthcare initiative that coincides with the U.S. Virgin Islands Music Festival. The Lifestyle Festival provides blood pressure and cholesterol testing, Diabetes screenings, Nutrition advice, Fitness activities, and much more. It encourages healthy living amongst African Americans and Latino Americans all over. As President and CEO of the Lifestyle Festival, Lolo is able to give back to the home and family that first embraced her.



# July

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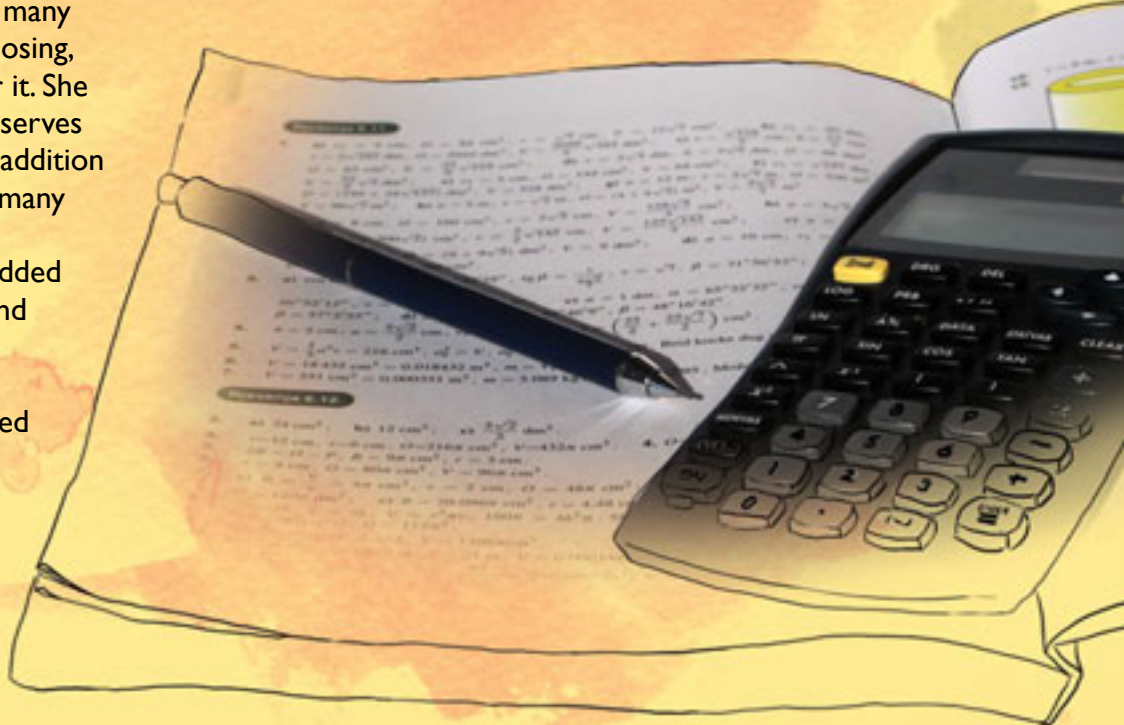
From Shying Away to Flying High

*Cornesha Wright*  
Richmond, VA



Cornesha grew up with six brothers. As a result, she developed a shy demeanor from all the male-bonding and focus on what her brothers were most interested in. But Cornesha formed a passion that ultimately would make her shine in her own individual way. Her dream was to make a difference in her own community, where she herself grew up. With an open mind and exceptional determination, Cornesha knew she would need to step out of her shell in order to impact the world. She has been volunteering at the McGuire Veterans Hospital for over 4 years. She tutors her peers in Math and primary school-aged students in both Math and English. Her passion for community service ranges from feeding the homeless to community clean-ups and serving the elderly. As an active Girl Scout member since she was 5 years old, Cornesha mentors those of various ages and backgrounds. Cornesha's voice can be heard over the radio throughout the Richmond Metropolitan Area, encouraging those listening to follow their dreams and support their communities.

Her ambitious mindset would lead to a monumental moment in her life to bring about social improvement. This past year, Cornesha was nominated to run as President of the Future Leaders Council in Richmond, a group of young professionals who advocate social change and volunteer work for their communities. Even though the nomination was unexpected, Cornesha decided to run. "I wanted to see if I could win," she shares. When so many others avoid risk-taking in fear of losing, Cornesha dreamt big and went for it. She won the votes necessary, and now serves as President of this organization. In addition to her academic excellence and her many accomplishments, Cornesha actively continues to seek challenges and has added the dream of going to medical school and becoming an Obstetrician/Gynecologist. "The labor process is very interesting to me, and I just like working with complicated things," she says. Cornesha's drive for excellence in multiple fields continues to promote the well-being of others. Despite her guarded beginnings, Cornesha's mark on her community is loud and clear.



# August

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# Rev. Dr. Timothy Loftin

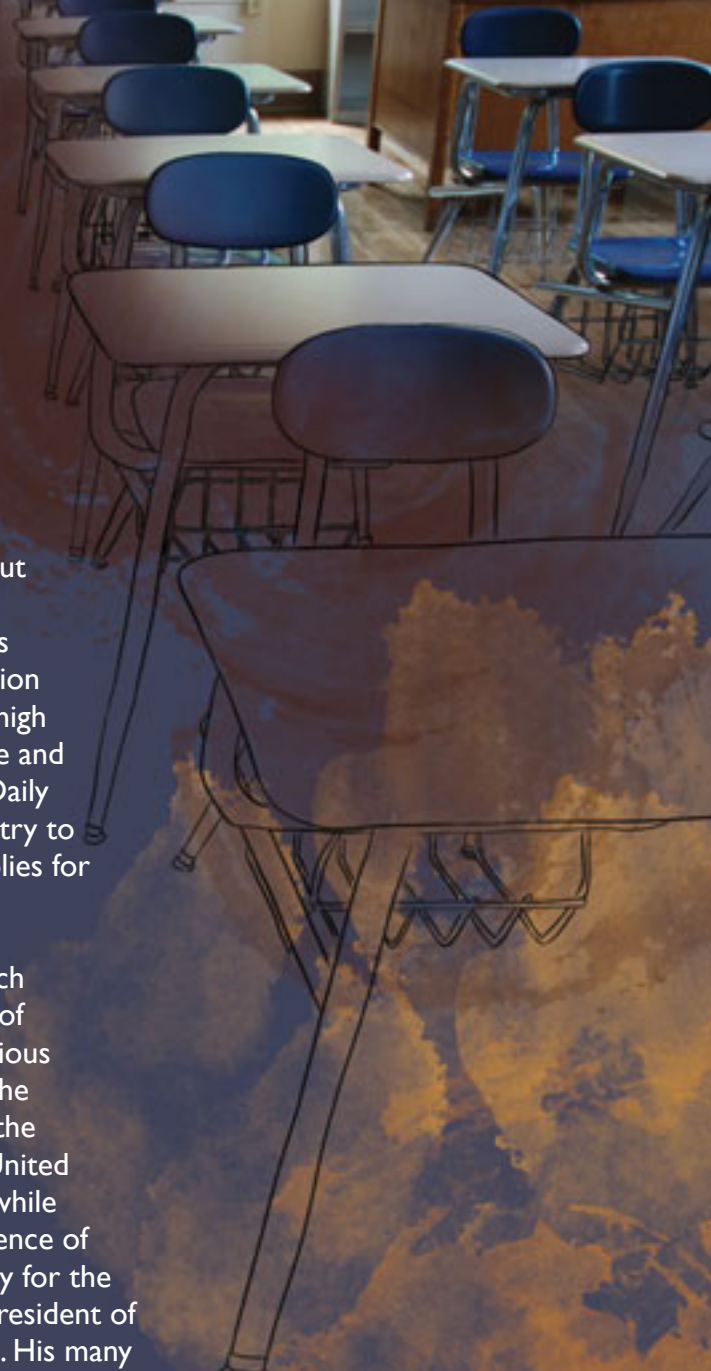
Baltimore, MD

Beyond the Church Walls

Reverend Timothy Loftin wanted to help develop great men and women in the sight of God. After building a church that grew from 8 to over 200 members, Rev. Loftin's sights expanded to his outreach ministries that would advance the community in spiritual health, education, and family life.

Pleasant Rock Baptist Church implemented a community outreach ministry to spread the Gospels beyond its walls. Out of this expansion came the Pleasant Rock Christian School, setting the goal of empowering our children to make choices that will have a positive impact on their lives. Rev. Loftin's vision was to provide a Christian education program that instilled high moral values and a passion for individual achievement. Before and After School programs are conducted every day, as well as Daily Devotionals. In addition to education, Rev. Loftin led a ministry to feed the homeless, assist the elderly, and donate school supplies for students in need.

Rev. Loftin combines his love of God with the desire to enrich families, serving on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer of *One Church, One Child*. This organization encourages the religious community to help recruit adoptive parents for orphans in the state of Maryland. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Hampton Conference and is Chairman of Finances for the United Baptist Missionary Convention and Auxiliaries of Maryland, while having been former President of the Baptist Pastor's Conference of Baltimore City and Vicinity and Assistant Recording Secretary for the Baltimore Ministries Conference. He also was former Vice President of the Baltimore Baptist Association of Maryland and Delaware. His many affiliations extend his support of the religious community to nurture those seeking guidance. Rev. Loftin continues to be a true servant in his community, and his wife Doris says, "he is a child of God who is determined to live for Christ."



# September

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# Cheryl Williams

Baltimore, MD

*Sharing A Story Shared by More Than We Know*

Cheryl Williams traveled a major healing process. But a part of that healing, and most difficult to do, was her mission to share her story in order to help those going through the same. Cheryl had two abortions by the time she was nineteen years old. Due to immaturity and run-ins with drugs, she admits she made mistakes that led to emotional wounds of guilt and anger, and even a bout with homelessness. Haunted by her past, Cheryl took the necessary steps to free her conscience and live life as God intended. Her dream was to free herself and use her story to help free others.

Cheryl went back to school after 20 years and earned her BS degree in the multidisciplinary fields of education and psychology. Based on her own experiences, she has written two books: *Some Reasons Why Kids Gone By* and *Tears Left Uncried*.

Both capture the healing process many men and women go through all over the world. Cheryl's voice is a genuine and revealing one about a sensitive issue few have spoken about publicly. She began a series of seminars entitled "Be Careful with Yourself," helping to conquer promiscuity and abortion amongst youth. And she has shared her story on several television and radio shows to promote awareness. Cheryl's dream turned her hurt into hope for herself and others. "I have a new found respect for myself since I opened up the box in my heart that harbored all of those feelings because of [these] issues. I am in the process, with glory to God, of helping others do the same," she shares. "It's a rough road, but we confess our sins to one another, and God promises us freedom indeed."



# October

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16	17 National Boss Appreciation Day	18	19	20	21	22
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30	31 Halloween					

Linwood Alford  
Richmond, VA

*A Hero for the Hurting*

Linwood Alford knew what suffering looked like. As a sergeant in the US Army during the Gulf War, Linwood can recall the scenes of war with his fellow soldiers. Men and women were fighting for their country and the freedoms we live today. But Linwood's fight for human life and liberty did not end on those battlefields. While working for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Atlanta, GA as Lead Counselor, he met and developed relationships with many disabled African American veterans from which he noticed that a surprising number were suffering from HIV. "Some weren't taking care of themselves, weren't taking their medications," he shared. Under the false impression that there was nothing that could be done about their quality of life, many of these veterans needed an alternative mode of support. Linwood was concerned and willing to provide that support, and he resigned from his position and headed back to his hometown of Richmond, VA to begin his own non-profit organization called Open Door Resource Center, Inc. to help those "infected as well as those affected by HIV/AIDS." With a special focus on the mentally-challenged and veterans, ODRC seeks to educate all, encourage treatment for a better quality of life, and embrace human dignity. Linwood's dream to provide this resource, he says, was a calling from God. When revealing the challenges of his accomplishment, Linwood shares that he funds the organization mainly out-of-pocket, but adds, "If God has given me something to do, He'll take care of it. This has been a faith-walk."

Linwood Alford and his dream have appeared in newspapers, on television, and he has been chosen as one of the 100 Hometown Heroes as the winner for Richmond, VA by the law firm Allen, Allen, and Allen. He was keynote speaker in 2010 at the African American Men's Health Forum and also spoke at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Program in Fort Drum, NJ and the 2008 Congressional Black Caucus.

By the strength of his faith in God and guidance from his spiritual parents Apostles Juanita and Aaron Troy, Linwood Alford continues to change lives for the better.



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# November

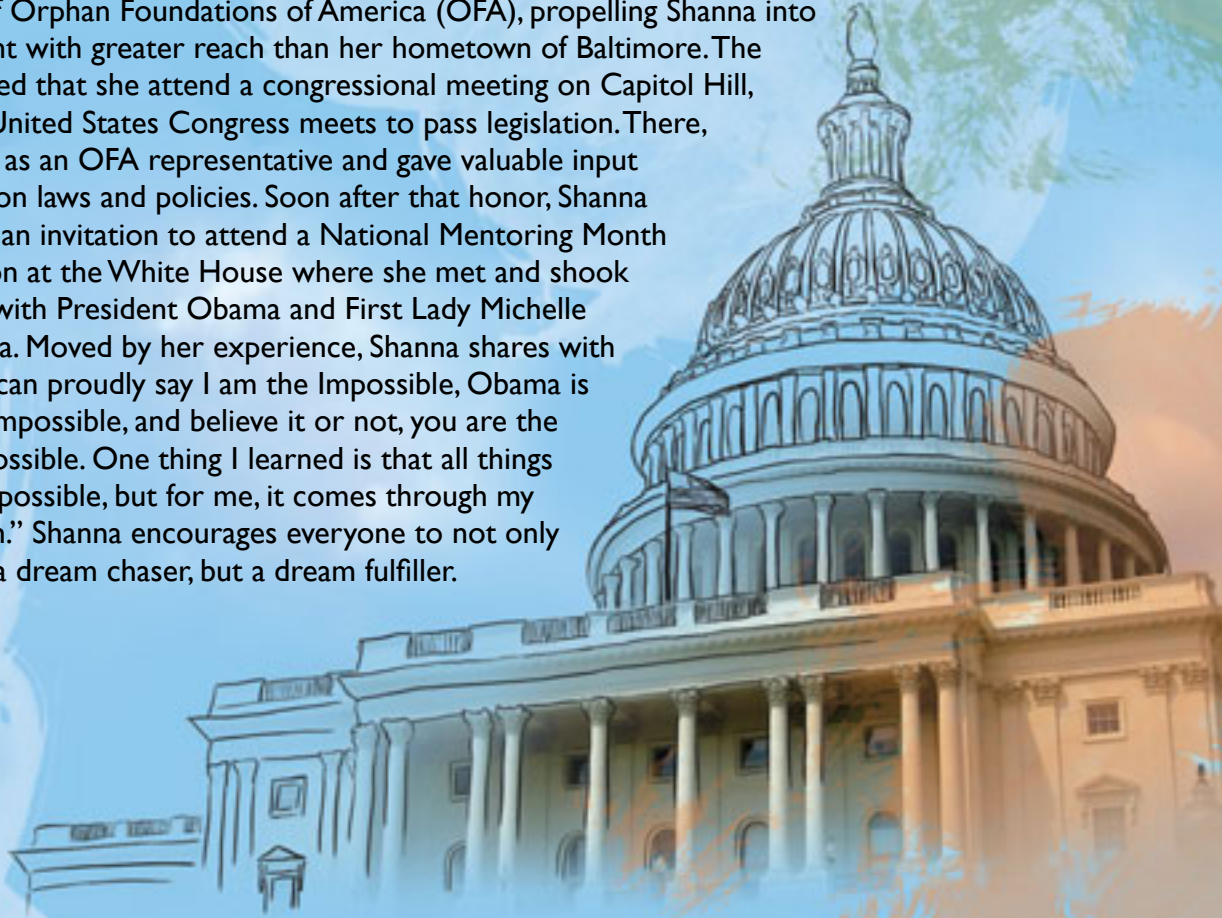
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Shanna Green  
Baltimore, MD

Conquering the Impossible

Shanna did not expect where her road would take her. Some even assumed that she was on her way to becoming a victim and another dismal statistic after she dropped out of high school. She spent most of her life in and out of group homes and foster care, and even had some trouble with the law. However, Shanna truly believed that God had a plan and purpose for her life. It was that belief that led her to Victorious Ministries International where she was introduced to her faith and discovered God's purpose and plan for her life.

It was shortly thereafter that Shanna not only received her high school diploma, but with the encouragement of her Pastor and church family, she went on to be accepted into Morgan State University. But Shanna's dream to overcome her obstacles would not stop there. Shanna recognized the need to encourage other foster care youth to pursue a higher education and to provide them with an organized support system on campus. She founded the Foster Care United branch of Project D.R.E.A.M. (Driven to Reproduce, Empower, And Multiply) to provide this support and to empower youth with information about services that can help with the pursuit of their education and dreams. The organization received the attention of Orphan Foundations of America (OFA), propelling Shanna into an environment with greater reach than her hometown of Baltimore. The OFA requested that she attend a congressional meeting on Capitol Hill, where the United States Congress meets to pass legislation. There, she served as an OFA representative and gave valuable input on adoption laws and policies. Soon after that honor, Shanna received an invitation to attend a National Mentoring Month reception at the White House where she met and shook hands with President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. Moved by her experience, Shanna shares with us, "I can proudly say I am the Impossible, Obama is the Impossible, and believe it or not, you are the Impossible. One thing I learned is that all things are possible, but for me, it comes through my faith." Shanna encourages everyone to not only be a dream chaser, but a dream fulfiller.



# December

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## *“Where Memories Are Preserved”*

At King Memorial Park, we value our heritage. More importantly, we preserve our heritage. No one is forgotten at King Park.

We have reached a milestone in the completion of The Grand Heritage Chapel and Mausoleum, the largest chapel of its kind ever built in an African American-owned cemetery. The Italian marbled chapel will seat more than 250 people when we come together as families and friends to hold “Home Going Services”, “Services of Triumph” and “Services of Remembrance” for those to be forever cared for in --



## *A Cemetery You Can Be Proud Of*

It is this dedication to being the best that we can be that allows King Memorial Park’s reputation to grow as one of the finest burial sites in the state of Maryland. More and more families are joining our respected burial community. This is never more evident than during the Memorial Day Remembrance Service when the cemetery is crowded with hundreds of families celebrating the lives and memories of loved ones together.

As you plan ahead for your eventual need for a final resting place for your family, like every other King Park family, we want a place where family and friends will want to visit and be comforted. We want our final resting place to be a beautiful, well-kept testimony to the dignity and the worth we place on ourselves and the ones we love.

You can be assured that the March family is committed to the perpetual care of King Memorial Park, your family’s final home, because it is our family’s final home too.

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# Roberta's HOUSE

A Family Grief Support Center



ROBERTA'S HOUSE HELPS GRIEVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES HEAL AFTER THE LOSS OF SOMEONE SPECIAL.

## FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Children and teens ages 5-17 are invited to participate in peer support programs to develop healthy coping skills and honor their loved ones. Trained volunteers facilitate activities to explore feelings using art, freedom of expression, craft making, and journaling. Adults/guardians participate in group activities with other adults to understand grief, cope with their own loss and learn how to support the grieving child. This program is free and registration is required.



## A TIME OF SHARING, ADULT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Adult (ages 18 and older) support groups are offered to support individuals after the death of a family member or someone close. Eight week programs address the emotional, physical and spiritual dimensions of grief. Programs are led by professional bereavement facilitators. This program is free and registration is required.

## CAMP ERIN BALTIMORE

Roberta's House sponsors a three day adventure camp for 50 bereaved children ages 6 -17 at no charge. Camp Erin combines a traditional high-energy, fun camp with grief support and education. Adult "big buddy" volunteers offer support and companionship for campers. Registration is required. This camp is made possible through the support of The Moyer Foundation, Roberta's House and other donors. Camp Erin Baltimore relies on the support of corporations, organizations and individuals to sponsor campers and donate supplies.



## VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Roberta's House provides 26 hours of free training to individuals who are interested in providing grief support to children and families. Trained volunteers should be able to commit to a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service hours at Roberta's House. Volunteer trainings are scheduled throughout the year. Applications, background checks and an interview are required.

## SCHOOL SUPPORT

Roberta's House provides grief and education support to schools to enhance services to children, faculty and staff as they experience a death within the classroom or administration. Roberta's House offers "Good Grief" workshops for children to learn about grief as a natural emotion after a loss and how to support each other when a death occurs.



## PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS

Seminars and workshops are offered on various topics to professional institutions and organizations to increase the knowledge and awareness of the grief experience in bereaved children and families.

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAININGS

Two day workshops are held three times a year to assist church ministries in developing and implementing effective bereavement leadership and team support.

## For More Information

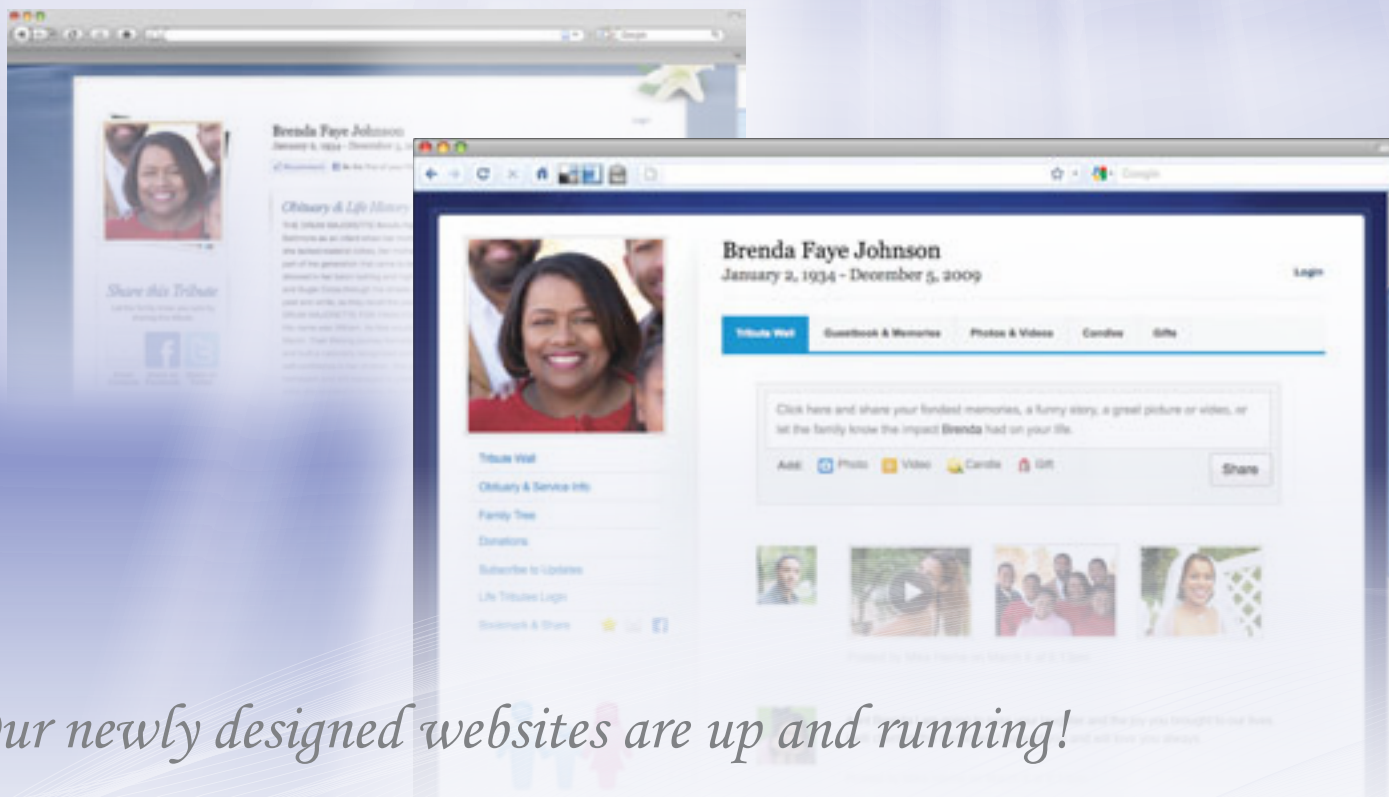
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*Our newly designed websites are up and running!*

## **Custom Tributes**

In addition to reading the obituary and service information, our personalized **Memorial Websites** allow you to leave a message of condolence to the family, share a story, picture or video, or simply light a candle of remembrance.

## **Live Webcasting**

Be able to share the celebration of life of your loved one with anyone who cannot attend in person. A webcast of the services will stream live online for others to watch and support the family.

**Resources are available online to assist families in every stage of the planning process. From Pre-Planning Forms to post-services Grief and Support information, the new websites allow you to access our services every step of the way.**

**Explore the new ways you can share memories, photos, videos, and even take part in growing the family tree. You can honor and celebrate the life of your loved one like never before.**

# Inspirational Community Calendars

Every year, March Funeral Homes and now Marshall-March Funeral Homes presents to you the Inspirational Community Calendar to highlight month after month those individuals among us who strive for excellence and benefit the lives in their communities. These individuals are nominated entirely by you.

Depending on the theme, nominees are selected through the submission of a short application that shares their personal story of success. You may nominate anyone from your local community.

Our theme this year is *I Have A Dream*. We have featured

individuals who dreamt big and made their dreams into a reality for themselves while having a positive impact on the community. All featured were selected through a nomination process. Log on to our websites in the near future for extended coverage of the dreams of our honorees or to learn more about next year's calendar theme.

Help us to show each other what we can accomplish as individuals and for the benefit of each other.



## 2012 Calendar



Marshall-March Funeral Homes  
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*Which month will you be featured?*



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