

May 29, 2019

### **A-Supreme Foundation Welcomes New Board of Directors**

The Founders of A-Supreme Foundation are pleased to welcome the new board of directors elected at the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, May 25, 2019 in Toronto, Canada.

- a. The Board unanimously re-elected Mrs. Keisha Johnson as president for a second term.
- b. In a first in the Foundation’s history, the Board appointed a first and second vice president, Mr. Henderson Ifill and Ms. Mackeda Bramwell respectively.
- c. The new board has a complement of 13 directors comprising three new officers and 10 returning officers including Mr. Jerrold Johnson who previously served on the Board of Directors from 2015-2017.
- d. The directors bring a wealth of professional experience spanning legal, medical, social services, business, governance, executive training, marketing, communications, accounting and finance.

#### **A-SUPREME FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT(S)</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>TERM</b>
1. Keisha Johnson	<b>President,</b> Chair, Communications Committee	Returning	2019-2022
2. Henderson Ifill	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President,</b> Chair Fundraising Committee	Returning	2018-2020
3. Mackeda Bramwell	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President,</b> Chair Membership Committee	Returning	2018-2021
4. Clive Riley	<b>Treasurer,</b> Chair, Grants Committee	Returning	2018-2021
5. Desiree Tuitt-King	<b>Secretary</b>	New	2019-2021
6. Tiney Beckles	<b>Director,</b> Chair Outreach Committee	Returning	2019-2022
7. Keith McCormack	<b>Director</b>	Returning	2018-2021
8. Sonia McKay	<b>Director</b>	Returning	2018-2020
9. Monique Elson	<b>Director</b>	Returning	2018-2020
10. Sam Mckay	<b>Director</b>	Returning	2018-2020
11. Sharmaine Grant	<b>Director</b>	New	2019-2021
12. Stephen Small	<b>Director</b>	New	2019-2021
13. Jerrold Johnson	<b>Director</b>	Returning	2019-2022

The ASF Board of Directors advances the work of the Foundation to improve the quality of life for vulnerable seniors in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). It determines policy direction and ensures the fulfillment of the Foundation’s priorities to provide programs for in-home care, education and advocacy to vulnerable seniors.



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### **Our Story**

A-Supreme Foundation is a registered Canadian Charity since 2014. The Foundation began as a simple humane response to pleas from vulnerable, low-income seniors for assistance with in-home care. These calls were directed to the A-Supreme Nursing and Home Care Agency, (ASNHC) a privately owned for-profit corporation. The founders of the agency noticed an upsurge in appeals from vulnerable low-income seniors in the GTA who were unable to afford much needed in-home care and who as a result risked being adversely compromised in their health and quality of life. Several of the callers at the time indicated that they were redirected to the ASNHC private agency for help by representatives from the Ontario government.

In a move of compassion, the founders assigned a personal support worker (PSW) to investigate one of these requests. On arrival at the senior's home, the PSW called the ASNHC office to inform the founders that even if she were not paid for the job, she would attend to the needs of the senior because of the deplorable and dire state in which they were found. Unfortunately, this was not an isolated incident.

### **ASF Bridges the Gap**

The Foundation was subsequently established to bridge the gap in care for vulnerable low-income seniors to help them live with dignity. Our programs prioritize education, care and advocacy. We collaborate with community partners, health care providers and other industry stakeholders to address the physical and psychosocial needs of vulnerable seniors to enhance their quality of life, foster social engagement, keep pace with life and age in place well.

**Funding** is sourced from private and corporate donations, fundraising activities and some grant funding from the government.

**Our vision** is to provide excellence in care to seniors across Canada.

### **About the Founders**

The A-Supreme Nursing and Home Care Agency and the A-Supreme Foundation were founded by three enterprising Jamaica women – Vivienne Dickson, Vivienne Duet and Winsome Johnson – who migrated to Canada and later invested their early retirement package into providing professional services to the growing seniors market in Toronto, Canada.

Today, the ASNHC Agency provides significant employment and in-house training to a diverse group of healthcare professionals in the GTHA, while the A-Supreme Foundation adds great value to the community as a beacon of support to both seniors and care givers.

See our website for more details: [www.asupremefoundation.com](http://www.asupremefoundation.com)

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