



SFCC Presents

# HUMANITARIAN EXPO

AUGUST 19TH 2024

UNITING FOR A STRONGER TOMORROW  
TOGETHER WE BUILD, TOGETHER WE THRIVE

WORKSHOPS | NETWORKING | EXHIBITORS

L.P.A.C. 3800 NW 11TH PL LAUDERHILL, FL 33311



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# WELCOME

We are excited to have you with us for this groundbreaking event where passion meets purpose, and our community unites to inspire meaningful change. Today marks the beginning of a powerful movement, bringing together individuals, organizations, and leaders dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Our collective efforts will ignite ideas, forge partnerships, and create actionable solutions that will empower communities and drive sustainable change. Whether you're here to learn, connect, or share your own initiatives, your presence is vital to the success of this mission. Together, we are not just imagining a better world—we are building it.

This Expo is the culmination of years of dedication, connecting individuals with business partners, opportunities, and resources. It is the place to discover South Florida's leading suppliers and gain insights from the industry's most renowned speakers. Engage in candid, interactive workshops led by incredible community leaders, and network with like-minded individuals. You are guaranteed to leave with new knowledge, valuable resources, and promising business relationships.

This year, SFCC has embarked on a new mission with the introduction of the Humanitarian Expo—a platform for diverse groups to share knowledge, resources, and initiatives, fostering a stronger, more united community. Samantha Sookraj's vision is clear: together, we can and will make a difference.

The success of the Humanitarian Expo and SFCC's broader mission is built on the support of our community partners, including City of Lauderhill Commissioner Denise D. Grant, community advocate Winsome Robertson Green, and Dr. Joannette Brookes-George. Their guidance, along with the unwavering support of Samantha's husband, Harry Sookraj of Bubbler Entertainment, has been instrumental in our journey. Samantha extends her heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to these achievements and looks forward to continuing to work together to serve those in need.

Looking ahead, SFCC remains committed to empowering communities and creating lasting positive change. As Samantha often says, "Our work is not done; we are just getting started." With a growing network of engaged partners and a steadfast commitment to our vision, SFCC is shaping a prosperous future for the Caribbean community in South Florida and beyond.

Let's make history together today!



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## 10AM-MAIN HALL

REGISTRATION /EXHIBITORS/WELCOME/KEYNOTE SPEAKER/LIGHT BREAKFAST

## 11AM-MULTI PURPOSE ROOM

WORKSHOP 1: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

MANY FAMILIES STRUGGLE TO FIND AFFORDABLE AND SAFE HOUSING, LEADING TO HOUSING INSTABILITY AND HOMELESSNESS.

## 11AM-MAIN HALL

WORKSHOP 2: ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

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## 1:00 PM

LUNCH/ EXHIBITORS

## 2 PM-MAIN HALL

WORKSHOP 5: COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

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## 2PM-MULTI PURPOSE ROOM

WORKSHOP 6: BUILDING FOUNDATIONS

EDUCATION, SKILLS-BUILDING, AND CHILDCARE SUPPORT.

## 3PM-MAIN HALL

SUMMARY/SURVEY/EXHIBITORS



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# KEYNOTE SPEAKER COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT



CITY OF LAUDERHILL COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT IS A DEDICATED SERVANT-LEADER AND ACCOMPLISHED POLICYMAKER. WITH DEGREES IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, ALONG WITH CERTIFICATIONS IN CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND DIPLOMACY, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, SHE BRINGS A WEALTH OF EXPERTISE TO HER ROLE. A CERTIFIED SPEAKER AND DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AT A COMMERCIAL LITIGATION LAW FIRM, COMMISSIONER GRANT'S CAREER INCLUDES POSITIONS AT MCKINSEY & COMPANY, INC., BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP, AND TRINITY BROADCASTING NETWORK. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES ON SEVERAL PROMINENT BOARDS, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES FEDERAL STRIKE TEAM, AND THE BROWARD COUNTY WATER ADVISORY BOARD. SHE IS ALSO A DIRECTOR FOR SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL AND THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES.

ELECTED TO OFFICE IN 2018, COMMISSIONER GRANT SERVED AS VICE MAYOR IN 2020. HER INITIATIVES HAVE EMPOWERED LAUDERHILL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES, INCLUDING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FLORIDA BANKERS ASSOCIATION THAT FACILITATED \$30 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES. SHE SPEARHEADED THE CREATION OF TARGETED PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE SENIOR DELIVERY PROGRAM, WHICH FED OVER 15,000 SENIORS DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND THE REBOUND LAUDERHILL BUSINESS PROGRAM, SUPPORTING BUSINESSES THROUGH CHALLENGING TIMES. HER EFFORTS HAVE IMPROVED SAFETY, REVITALIZED THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND ADDRESSED CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS.

COMMISSIONER GRANT'S LEADERSHIP EXTENDS TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES LIKE THE FOOD TRUCK ROLL, SENIOR FEEDING, AND UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. SHE ALSO COLLABORATED WITH CHEN MEDICAL CENTER AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE OVER 1,000 VACCINES TO RESIDENTS. HER WORK HAS EARNED HER NUMEROUS ACCOLADES, THOUGH SHE IS MOST PROUD OF HER ROLE AS MOTHER TO JOSHUA ISRAEL GRANT.





# HOST & FACILITATORS



GILLIAN M. SMART, BORN IN TRINIDAD, IS THE PRESIDENT OF CARIBBEAN AMERICAN NEWS & ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION (CANETV), AN HDTV NETWORK FOUNDED IN 2014. SHE ALSO CO-HOSTS "THREE @ 3" ON 1080AM THE WORD AND FEATURES "MIND YUH BUSINESS," SPOTLIGHTING TRENDSETTERS IN THE CARIBBEAN AMERICAN DIASPORA. GILLIAN PREVIOUSLY HOSTED "DRIVETIME WITH GILLIAN & JAMES" ON SUPAJAMZ RADIO. CURRENTLY, SHE LEADS "THE BRIDGE WITH LADY G" ON CANERADIO.COM AND PRODUCES "PRIME TIME WITH SPINE." A VETERAN EDUCATOR WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOLS, GILLIAN HOLDS ADVANCED DEGREES AND CERTIFICATIONS. FORMERLY AN NYC ENTREPRENEUR, SHE NOW FOCUSES ON EXPANDING CANETV & CANE RADIO



COACH ROBERT MOORE IS A PLANT-BASED HEALTH COACH, SPEAKER, AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATE. AFTER ADOPTING A VEGAN LIFESTYLE IN 2014 TO COMBAT FAMILY HEALTH ISSUES, HE TRANSFORMED HIS OWN HEALTH, REVERSING CONDITIONS LIKE IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME. INSPIRED BY HIS SUCCESS AND THAT OF HIS CLIENTS, ROBERT FOUNDED YOU TRANSFORM FIT LLC. HE'S SINCE HELPED OVER 150 PEOPLE IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH THROUGH HOLISTIC, PLANT-BASED COACHING. A SOUGHT-AFTER SPEAKER, ROBERT IS DEDICATED TO MAKING HEALTHY LIVING ACCESSIBLE TO ALL.



SATURNIE IS A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL EXECUTIVE & RELATIONSHIP COACH, MENTOR, SPEAKER, AND WOMAN OF FAITH. WITH 15+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, SHE EMPOWERS WOMEN THROUGH HER FEMININE WITHIN ACCELERATOR, HELPING THEM ACHIEVE LASTING SUCCESS IN THEIR CAREERS, LEADERSHIP ROLES, AND LOVE LIVES. SHE HOLDS A BACHELOR'S FROM FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY AND A COACHING CERTIFICATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI. SATURNIE HAS IMPACTED OVER 12,000 WOMEN THROUGH HER FLOWING LOVE TRIBE, FOCUSING ON DEEP, TRANSFORMATIVE WORK. HER MOTTO, "YOU'RE NEVER STUCK IN LIFE," REFLECTS HER COMMITMENT TO HELPING WOMEN OVERCOME OBSTACLES AND ACHIEVE FULFILLMENT.



# WORKSHOP 1: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

11AM - MULTI PURPOSE ROOM

MANY FAMILIES STRUGGLE TO FIND AFFORDABLE AND SAFE HOUSING, LEADING TO HOUSING INSTABILITY AND HOMELESSNESS.



THE SALVATION ARMY OF BROWARD COUNTY IS A BEACON OF HOPE, OFFERING VITAL SUPPORT TO VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THROUGH DIVERSE, IMPACTFUL PROGRAMS. OUR CORE MISSION IS TO PROMOTE INCLUSION AND EQUITY, EXTENDING SERVICES WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION TO EMPOWER ALL INDIVIDUALS. WE FOCUS ON MEETING DIVERSE NEEDS WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT, CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BRIGHTER FUTURES. BEYOND BEING AN ORGANIZATION, WE ARE A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO SERVING THOSE IN NEED.



LINDA JOYCE HUGLEY, FROM FORT LAUDERDALE, IS THE 12TH OF 16 CHILDREN. AFTER STUDYING AT BROWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SHE JOINED THE ARMY IN 1979, TRAINING AT FORT JACKSON AND FORT GORDON AND WORKING IN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AT FORT HOOD. A TOP PLAYER ON THE ALL-ARMY BASKETBALL TEAM, SHE EARNED THE NICKNAME "STAR LITE."

AFTER LEAVING THE ARMY IN 1982, SHE WORKED AS A JUVENILE CORRECTION OFFICER, PRESCHOOL TEACHER, AND NOW SERVES AS AN ARMED SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER. LINDA FOUNDED THE WOMEN OF VETERAN AFFAIRS INC., DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH EDUCATION, RESOURCES, AND COUNSELING.



AT ARC EDUCATES, WE'RE DEDICATED TO EDUCATING AND SUPPORTING PEOPLE BY PROVIDING QUALITY, AFFORDABLE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. WE WANT TO PREPARE INDIVIDUALS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS AS THEY DEVELOP INTO LIFELONG LEARNERS. OUR COURSES COVER A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS, INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY, APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS, PROFESSIONAL CRISIS MANAGEMENT, AND MORE. OUR INSTRUCTORS ARE EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS, AND OUR TRAINING PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INDUSTRY.



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DR. SHANADA MONESTIME  
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NANCY FONG  
PRESIDENT & NURSE PRACTITIONER  
SUNSHINE WOMEN'S MEDICAL CENTER



ANDREA HALL  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SHAK'S HOPE FOUNDATION



DR. EZSA ALLEN  
FOUNDER  
THE MIND OVER YOU INC.



SATURIE L. ANTOINE  
CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL EXECUTIVE &  
RELATIONSHIP (FEMININITY) COACH  
MENTOR & SPEAKER



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THE SALVATION ARMY  
OF BROWARD COUNTY



HYVRILLE FERGUSON DAVIS  
FOUNDER  
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PLANT-BASED HEALTH COACH & COMMUNITY ADVOCATE  
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TRAINING MANAGER  
CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY



SYLVIA SERRANO, ACQUISITION  
TYRELL LEE, MCO  
DOMINO'S PIZZA



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**DR. JOANNETTE BROOKES-GEORGE**  
FOUNDER  
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**TANIEKA CLARKE**  
BUSINESS OWNER & ACTRESS  
THE MUST BELIEVE FOUNDATIONS, INC.



**COMMISSIONER KARLENE MAXWELL-WILLIAMS**  
CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES



**JOSEFA BENJAMIN**  
CEO & FOUNDER  
THE BORN ON PURPOSE PROJECT



# WORKSHOP 5: COMMUNITY SERVICES

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JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL FOCUS DISCUSSION CENTERED ON THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL. THIS SESSION IS DESIGNED TO BRING TOGETHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS, CITY OFFICIALS, AND LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS FOR AN IN-DEPTH CONVERSATION ABOUT THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN OUR CITY. WE WILL EXPLORE KEY AREAS SUCH AS PUBLIC SAFETY, HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR INSIGHTS, PROPOSE SOLUTIONS, AND COLLABORATE ON INITIATIVES THAT WILL ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN LAUDERHILL.

YOUR VOICE IS CRUCIAL IN HELPING US BUILD A MORE VIBRANT, RESILIENT, AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE A LASTING IMPACT ON OUR CITY'S FUTURE.





# WORKSHOP 6: BUILDING FOUNDATIONS

2PM - MULTI PURPOSE ROOM  
EDUCATION, SKILLS-BUILDING, AND CHILDCARE SUPPORT



**DR. NADIA ASSAD**  
A COMMUNITY LIAISON  
BROWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY



**KIMBERLY MCNAUGHT**  
POST-SECONDARY COORDINATOR/CASE MANAGER  
YOUTHBUILD



**KANDYSS TORRENCE, MBA**  
TRAINING MANAGER  
CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY



**CARLA SANOIR**  
MANAGER  
ARC EDUCATES



**BISHOP RYAN JOHNSON**  
AWAKEN CHURCH FORT LAUDERDALE  
ICARE SOUTH FLORIDA



# SURVEY

## DR. JOANETTE BROOKES-GEORGE



DR. JOANETTE BROOKES-GEORGE IS A DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT AT UNMUTE YOURSELF, INC., LEADING TRANSFORMATIVE INITIATIVES IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND TRAUMA INTERVENTION. HER LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN CRUCIAL IN TACKLING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND SYSTEMIC ISSUES AFFECTING MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES THROUGH INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH. WITH A PH.D. IN ETHICAL LEADERSHIP FOCUSED ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND MASTER'S DEGREES IN INTERNATIONAL AND INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, SHE BRINGS PROFOUND EXPERTISE IN VICTIMOLOGY AND TRAUMA. HER BACKGROUND AS A CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER AND REAL ESTATE INVESTOR, ALONGSIDE HER ROLE AS A FINANCIAL/BUSINESS COACH, ENRICHES HER ADVISORY SERVICES IN FINANCIAL LITERACY AND EMPOWERMENT. AS THE LEAD RESEARCHER FOR THE LAUDERHILL HEALTH & PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP, SHE INVESTIGATES ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACES) AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH (SDOH), CONTRIBUTING TO DATA-DRIVEN POLICIES AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING. AT THE HUMANITARIAN EXPO, SHE LEADS A STUDY ON COMMUNITY COLLABORATION TO ENHANCE ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY, DEMONSTRATING HER SKILL IN APPLYING RESEARCH TO IMPACTFUL PROJECTS. DR. BROOKES-GEORGE'S DEDICATION TO TRANSFORMING CHALLENGES INTO ADVOCACY UNDERSCORES HER COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH.

# THANK YOU!

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# CLOSING REMARKS SAMANTHA SOOKRAJ

3PM - MAIN HALL



SAMANTHA SOOKRAJ, FOUNDER OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE (SFCC), IS A GUYANA-BORN SOCIAL SERVICE EXPERT WITH OVER 18 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. HER UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO HEALTH EQUITY AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION HAS MADE HER A PIVOTAL FORCE IN THE COMMUNITY. WITH A RICH BACKGROUND IN SOCIAL SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING, AND EVENT ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH, MEN'S HEALTH, CANCER AWARENESS, TOY DRIVES, AND RESPONSES TO NATURAL DISASTERS, SAMANTHA EXCELS AT FORGING IMPACTFUL PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. SHE IS CELEBRATED FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP IN ADDRESSING THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. HER PASSION FOR MAKING A LASTING IMPACT CONTINUES TO INSPIRE AND UPLIFT THOSE SHE SERVES.



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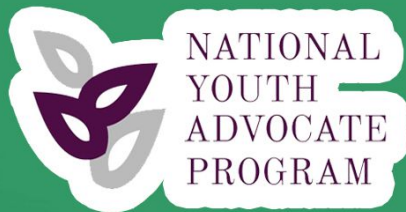


AIDING-AIDS, INC.

WINSOME ROBERTSON GREEN, A JAMAICAN PHILANTHROPIC LEADER, IS THE FOUNDER OF AIDING AIDS, INC. (AIDINGAIDS.COM). SHE IS DEDICATED TO UPLIFTING HER COMMUNITY THROUGH IMPACTFUL PROGRAMS, INCLUDING LITERACY INITIATIVES FOR YOUTH, FEEDING THE HOMELESS, AND THE QUEEN MODE WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT GALA, WHICH HONORS AND INSPIRES WOMEN SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES. WINSOME'S WORK EXEMPLIFIES THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF PHILANTHROPY AND THE PROFOUND IMPACT ONE PERSON CAN MAKE IN CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE.











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