

“God Mother of Racial Equity”

Courtesy of Saffron Trust Women’s Foundation



Saffron Trust Founder & CEO Phyllis Everette (left) stands next to newly appointed City of Austin Interim Chief of Police Robin Henderson, and Joyce James, LMSW-AP, the Founder and CEO of Joyce James Consulting, following the Austin Police Department’s 148th Cadet Class Commencement ceremony. Photo courtesy of Saffron Trust

(AUSTIN, TX) - The demographics of Austin are diverse, spanning across various sectors of society. However, the disparities in access to quality education, health care, and community resources among different racial and ethnic groups are evident. Systemic barriers and unconscious biases often perpetuate these disparities, leading to resistance to addressing racial equity.

With my company Joyce James, LLC, I aim to expose and address these disparities. I remain steadfast and true to this mission by ensuring that the work is implemented within my company Joyce James LLC. For instance, in the education sector, we have developed programs that aim to provide quality education to underprivileged children, many of whom come from racial and ethnic minority backgrounds.

In the health and well-being sector, the organization has focused on serving communities that lack access to basic healthcare facilities, a problem that disproportionately affects racial and ethnic minorities. We have also been instrumental in fostering partnerships with other organizations that share the same vision, thereby amplifying the impact of our work.

In the area of community development, the mission is to empower individuals and groups who lack the resources or knowledge to bring about sustainable change in their communities. This includes many racial and ethnic minority groups who have been historically marginalized and disadvantaged.

In Austin, these efforts have earned me the title of “God Mother of Racial Equity”. People served in Austin and across the country come from diverse backgrounds and sectors of society. My work isn’t limited to a single area; instead, by helping institutions to understand their relationship with each other and their collective impact on poor communities of color, I strive to make a significant impact across various sectors.

In conclusion, I believe it is my God-given calling to promote racial justice and equity. I have witnessed and participated in the racial oppression of my own people. In the absence of a clear analysis and understanding of racism and the absence of a racial equity lens, I look back at the harm that was done. My eyes were opened over 25 years ago; they shall never again be closed to observations of racial discrimination or disparities.

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