



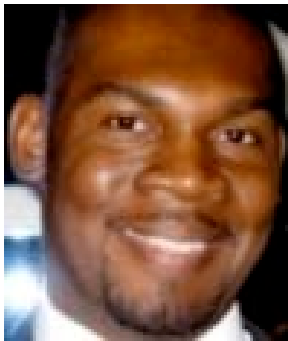
Shakira Clemetson, President & Founder A native of Jamaica living in South Florida for the past 12 years, set out with the goal to change the legacy of her life at age 12. Her commitment to define who she is and what the world had to offer led to her search of “self”. At age 25 she graduated from Nova Southeastern University with a Masters in Business Administration. In spite of her corporate experiences and accomplishments, a deeper desire continued to propel her to discover a more purposeful life. Guided by her personal motto “to whom much is given much is required” Shakira continued to study from the perspective that life is about serving each other as equals. In 2008 Torchbearers Foundation was formed. A

dedicated Metaphysical New Thought Student she pursued studies in Christian Metaphysics obtaining a Master’s Certificate in Metaphysical Studies. She is currently training to become a certified integrative life coach and shares daily that her love for the mysteries of life makes her forever a student.



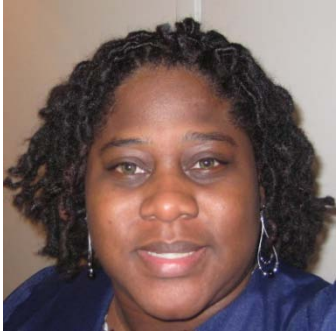
Aisha King, Board Member was born in Jamaica and attended Immaculate Conception High and the University of the West Indies, where she completed a Bachelors degree in Management Studies and Psychology. She earned her Masters degree in Applied Social and Market Research from the University of Westminster, in the United Kingdom. Aisha held several research positions in Jamaica and the UK before moving to the United States in 2008. She currently resides in South Florida and works as a business analyst in the financial sector. Ms. King serves as Chairperson for the Torchbearers Scholarship Committee. She is strongly committed to raising awareness of the educational needs of young people throughout the Caribbean region and building support amongst the

Caribbean Diaspora in South Florida and the rest of the US. For questions or comments about the Torchbearers Scholarship Fund, please email: aisha@torchbearersfoundation.com.



Richard Forbes, Board Member grew up in Kingston, Jamaica where he attended Wolmer’s Boys’ High School. Wolmer’s students came from all socio-economic backgrounds, and there he saw many deserving individuals handicapped by a lack of financial resources and opportunities. He migrated to the United States at 18 to pursue a Civil Engineering Degree at Florida International University. Richard also holds a Masters in Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University and has worked in the construction industry for the past 8 years. Richard has served his community in many ways through organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April and

the Martin County Grants and Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. It is impossible to ignore the plight of Jamaicans at home. Mr. Forbes believes that there needs to be a concerted effort to rebuild the infrastructure of Jamaica, and in doing his part, he would like to make educational opportunities available to the less fortunate.



Katharine Blackwood, Board Member was born and raised in St. Andrew Jamaica where she attended Immaculate Conception High School and the University of Technology. She received her Bachelors of Science degree in General Studies with a Minor in Business from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Katharine has several years experience providing executive level support for senior management of medium and large size companies in the financial, organizational consulting and tourism industries. As a member of the board of Torchbearers Foundation, she sits on the Scholarship

Committee and seeks to help promote the vision of the foundation and help make a difference in the lives of children in Jamaica, one school at a time. For questions or comments about the Torchbearers Scholarship Fund, please email: scholarship@torchbearersfoundation.com.



Marverlyn Souffrant, Board Member was born in Jamaica and has resided in Fort Lauderdale, FL for the past 8 years. Mrs. Souffrant is a graduate from St. Andrew Technical High School in Kingston, Jamaica. She worked as a News Anchor and an Account Executive for a Jamaican Based Radio Program in New York. At present, she is an Independent Contractor with a Healthcare Facility and volunteers her time in her community where she facilitates discussions about the issues of life and the ways in which to bring about change. A strong willed, motivated and committed mother she understands the dire need to help the plight of the children living in Jamaica and across the Caribbean, especially as it relates

to their growth and development. Mrs. Souffrant is adamant about addressing the issues and problems surrounding the lack of resources that are desperately needed to implement a well structured environment.



Hallam Sargeant, Board Member was born in Bridgetown, Barbados in 1972. He graduated from Christ Church Foundation High School and the Barbados Community College in 1988 and 2001 respectively. Hallam spent six years working for Barclays Bank plc holding numerous positions until he resigned in 1997 to pursue a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Personnel Management, International Business and Marketing at Florida International University. He graduated in December 2000 with honors. After graduation he moved to Kennesaw, Georgia and worked for First North American National Bank as a Decision Support Analyst. In 2001,

he relocated to Cincinnati, Ohio to work for Luxottica Retail as a Sr. Compensation & Benefits Analyst. Hallam completed his Master of Business Administration degree in 2004 at Xavier University and is now a Human Resources Manager at The Procter & Gamble Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. Hallam is married to Lisa who is a Global Finance Manager with Procter & Gamble and they have twin sons, Ethan & Isaiah.

