



# Oma's Place Team Bios

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# Yolanda Parker

Founder

Yolanda is committed to the needs of our adolescents and youth. She is shaping and approving the foundation's strategies, for all youth. Yolanda has worked in the education field for over twenty-two years' experience in Elementary, Middle and High school.



She has seen first-hand that empowering of our youth and can bring transformational improvements in the health and prosperity of families, communities, and societies. Her work has led her to increasingly focus on gender equity as a path to meaningful change.

The first of two children, Yolanda grew up in Houston, Texas and attended school in Aldine I. S.D. She received a bachelor's degree Interdisciplinary Studies of Education from University of Houston in 2002 and a certification with behavior management from HISD. Working for Houston I.S.D. and Aldine I.S.D. for twenty -two years, she distinguished herself as a leader in the development of education and was later awarded Special Education Teacher of the Year in 2010 and 2014.

Yolanda loves to work with children providing them a choice for good decision making. Yolanda has two children Ashley, an RN, and Cameron, a United States Marine Veteran who lives with her in Houston, Texas. She also has one granddaughter, A'Myra who's in the 10th grade.

Yolanda loves to travel and experience education in other countries such as Dubai, Jamaica, Bahamas, and Ghana. Her grandmother, Oma Johnson, raised her and her brother taught them to help others in need and to strive to be a positive influence on society. She has named Oma's Place in remembrance of her grandmother.

# Tiffany Louis

## Board President

Tiffany Louis is proud to be an educator. She is a native Houstonian. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston in Interdisciplinary Studies specializing in Elementary Education and in 2006. She also earned a Masters in from Grand Canyon University in Education specializing in reading.



She has a true passion for helping all children reach their potential and loves to challenge students to be curious and take chances while learning. Helping each child progress in all areas of their development-academic, social, language, and motor-is a challenge that she is honored to accept daily. She strives to create a community of learners that nurture this growth in a positive, fun environment.

Personally, she is married and has two wonderful children who are 33 and 22. She enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, music, relaxing on the beach and spending time with family and friends.

She looks forward to working together with parents as partners in their child's growth and development.

# Alisa Daniels

Secretary

Alisa is a native Houstonian that attended the University of Houston. Go Coogs! She completed a Texas Teacher Certification in 2002 through the Houston Independent School District (H.I.S.D.) and the University of St. Thomas.

She has more than 20 years of experience in H.I.S.D. Through effective teaching and best practices, she strives to create an engaging learning environment for all students!



# Morine Green

Board Member

Morine is a native Houstonian and wife of 25 years with one son Craig Jr. She is an alumni of George Washington Carver High School, class of 1975.

She is a strong believer in Christ and a member of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. She has been employed at C.A. Walker Construction for the last 18 years.

Morine has a true passion for helping the youth by mentoring.

# Joy Love

## Counselor/Coordinator

Joy is a proud graduate of Southern University and A & M College in Baton Rouge, LA majoring in Elementary Education. She earned her Master's in School Counseling from Prairie View and A & M University. Ms. Love has worked for 23 years in the education field. She has been an elementary and middle school teacher for 10 years. The last 13 years, she has been a school counselor for elementary, middle, and high school students.

Ms. Love is the proud parent of one daughter who has earned her degree from Stephen F. Austin State University. Ms. Love has been a long-time advocate for children and their well-being. She has always educated and counseled her students as if they were her own children.

Ms. Love has learned that developing a positive and genuine rapport with all students is very important.

Ms. Love's professional quest is to continue to build a culture that nurtures and fosters positive relationships, so children are confident to walk in their purpose. Then they can grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

# Tanita Wright

License Therapist, LPC-A

Tanita graduated from Prairie View A&M University with a Master of Arts in Counseling. She has worked in education in Houston for over 28 years.

Tanita has served as a Guidance Director, Dyslexic Coordinator, 504 Coordinator, Character Education Coordinator, and Career Awareness Coordinator.

She promotes the welfare of students in diverse settings, including court-referred and at-risk populations. She delivers both individualized and small group instruction for students, ensuring social, mental health stability, communication, conflict resolution, and character development. She also identifies each student's needs and cooperates with support staff in assessing and assisting students to solve academic, attitude, and learning issues.