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In which locality do you reside?

Barton Heights, Northside, Richmond, Virginia.

What brought you here and/or what has kept you here?

I moved here from New Jersey in 1996. What kept me here was being blessed to find my divine life-path of advocacy and activism.

Who has inspired you along your leadership journey?

My parents, specifically [my] mother, Mamie Crews, who has always been my biggest cheerleader. My dear friend, Ms. Anita L. Johnson, recognized my passion and helped me to develop healthy relationships in my life. At present, my LMR family has been the most important connection in my life.

How has LMR helped you become a stronger and more impactful leader?

It exposed me to a whole new world of collaborative leadership and connected me to brilliant leaders, from different fields with years of educational and lived experiences. My LMR classmates mentored me, embracing my mission and my goals.

What project(s) are you currently working on?

As the Lead Organizer in Richmond with New Virginia Majority, I am tasked with organizing formerly-incarcerated members of our communities, and those directly-impacted by mass incarceration and voter disenfranchisement, in support of the Right-To-Vote for All Campaign for a Constitutional Amendment. This amendment will remove the felony clause from the state constitution which causes loss of voting rights for life!

What's the best piece of advice you ever received?

When I was at my lowest points in life and things seemed insurmountable, my mother would always encourage me to stay HOPEFUL! It was that loving guidance that helped me to never give up.

What is one piece of advice you wish to share with other community leaders as we address current challenges (COVID-19, social justice, and otherwise) in the Richmond Region?

We have to work to transition our governments and communities to a new way of life in which the basic necessities of food, clothing, shelter and the pursuit of happiness are afforded to all.

What is your vision for the future of the Richmond Region?

While I've seen tremendous growth in social justice circles, gentrification and health disparities must be addressed. We must continue to bring in leaders working in true service to their communities. LMR is making an awesome contribution to making this happen, and I hope and pray to see a little more of this change before I transition over.



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