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# Portraits of Success



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**Darrell Carter** is Administrator Assistant/Counselor with Mt. Zion Assemblies. Darrell is a Member of the California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators (CAADE) and is a Licensed Certified Addiction Treatment Specialist. He has volunteered at the Salvation Army for the past eight years and has served on the West Fresno School District for a total of six years. Darrell is the Executive Director of United Front Ministries. He has his AA & BA in Bible and Christian Ministry/Primary Christian Teacher Certification from the California Christian College. He has also received his Masters Degree in Governance from the California Board Association, and his Certification of Achievement and Completion in Social Work from Fresno City College, and is currently working on obtaining his Masters Degree in Biblical Theology. Darrell participates in local outreaches, and anti-violence and drug rallies in collaboration with Feed My Sheep.



**Roxanne Foster** is a health educator working in the community to provide prevention and outreach to those members of our community who are at risk for HIV/AIDS. Roxanne has successfully implemented an African American Action Plan to address issues of HIV, she has completed community needs assessments, conducted outreach and education to active drug users, and has increased the number of persons who have gotten HIV testing. She also implemented a local prevention group called SISTAs to help empower and educate African American women on the risks of HIV. Roxanne is an example to her peers and co-workers of a person who truly cares about her work. She works to make sure that all those in our communities have a safer and healthier life. Her commitment to her work and to helping her fellow community members shows through in her always present smile and kind words.



**Gloria McAlister** is the founding member of Fresno Chapter Links Inc. and a charter member of Jack and Jill America Inc. In 1973, at the age of 25, Gloria became the first African American and youngest person to open a licensed facility for the mentally challenged. She served for 10 years as president for the California Advocate for Residential Care Homes. Gloria has received numerous certificates of appreciation for the services she provided for Fresno County Mental Health. In 1989 Gloria ventured into a new area of care when she became the first African American female to start a Non-Profit Payee Agency for Social Security Recipients. In 2003 she started another Non-Profit Agency providing shelter for adolescent boys ages 12-17. Gloria's passion for care has covered all areas of need in the community from Adult Mental Health, Aging Adults with Alzheimer, Children and Social Security recipients.



**Audrey Redmond** has been an activist in many community relations. She has served on committees, as chairman, as president (state & local) in the American Legion Auxiliary, League of Women Voters, National Women's Voters, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, among many others. She is currently the President of the Black Political Council, and Ambassador for the American Cancer Society. Audrey travelled to Washington D.C. to speak about cancer, expressing the needs of the greater San Joaquin Valley. She has impressed many with her enthusiasm, energy, and people skills. In her community she is highly respected from all walks of life. She has shown her enthusiasm and energy chairing the 2008 Santa's Village Program that began seven years ago with the Southwest Policing District for West Fresno residents, which has grown into a citywide event during the Christmas holidays. She is an advocate who meets the needs of the people who she comes in contact with above and beyond.