



### **Shuvonne Johnson**

Shuvonne is a Licensed Master Social Worker and a Clinically Certified Criminal Justice Specialist. She is a native of Little Rock, AR. She is currently employed at Affinity Hospice in Pine Bluff, AR. She recently transitioned employment from the AR Department of Corrections where she was a dedicated LMSW in the Mental Health Department for several years. Shuvonne also works as an adjunct professor for Shorter College for the National Second Chance Pell Program. Shuvonne is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. She attends St. Mark Baptist Church in LR, AR. In March 2020, she co-founded ACES (Alpha Chi Epsilon Sigma Social Work Sorority Inc.).

My interest in social work started when I was taking classes in Psychology at my beloved HBCU, Philander Smith College, in Little Rock, AR. It was not long that I knew it would be my passion to work and care for those in this field. I graduated with a Bachelor in Psychology in 2002 eager to work in my field. Although I graduated with honors I knew I needed to gain more experience in order to better serve my community. I applied for a position as a rehab counselor for the State but was told I needed more experience working with the Corrections population. I applied and started the academy for Deputy Sheriff for Pulaski County Detention Facility in Little Rock, AR. After a few years I became a Field Training Officer and knew I had to continue my education and applied for the School of Social Work Master's Program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Since my journey began I have worked with several populations ranging from working with children, developmentally delayed and challenged, veterans, inmates / corrections, inmates on death row, re-entry, substance abuse/addictions, dual diagnosed patients, marriage and family, sexual offenders /predators and /or victims (survivors), end of life care and /or patients and families that suffer from fatal illnesses, grief and loss, and patients requesting treatments with ECT.

My favorite borrowed motto is, "It ain't over until God says it's over". This reminds me not to quit! Life will be full of challenges but it's how we cope that will define us.