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Dear Rising Voices Honorees,

It is with deep joy and pride that we extend heartfelt congratulations to each of you on being named Rising Voices honorees for 2025. Your selection is no small achievement—it is a recognition of your faithfulness, resilience, and the impact you continue to make in the lives of others.

This year, as we gather to celebrate your journeys, the word that echoes throughout this moment is legacy. Not just what you've accomplished, but what you are leaving behind. It challenges us to ask ourselves, *"What will remain because I lived?"*

Each of you has already begun to answer that question through your service, your leadership, and your sacrifice. Whether in education, business, ministry, media, medicine, or community development, your efforts are planting seeds that will bear fruit for generations to come.

Legacy is not always loud—it is often the quiet, consistent choices to love well, lead with integrity, and live with purpose. It's in the lives you've touched, the burdens you've lifted, and the truth you've spoken, even when it was hard. And make no mistake: you are leaving a mark. Your lives are already telling a powerful story.

As you reflect on your journey, my prayer is that God will continue to establish and strengthen you in every season. May you leave behind more than accolades—may you leave behind light.

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven."* – Matthew 5:16

Thank you for saying yes to purpose. Thank you for showing up for your community. And thank you for reminding us that when we live with intention, we leave a legacy that heaven and earth will remember.

**WITH HONOR AND GRATITUDE,  
BISHOP GODFREY & MIN. IRIS WILLIAMS**





## RISING VOICES *Award*

Established in 2022 by The Godfrey R. Williams Foundation, the Rising Voices Award shines a spotlight on unsung, everyday champions who are making an impact in our community. In an effort to honor individuals whose contributions sometimes go unnoticed, we seek to remind them that their dedication and hard work are far from in vain.

This year, 37 honorees across 10 key categories—Community & Civic Leadership, Rising Voices Youth (Under 30), Education & Mentorship, Arts, Media, Sports & Culture, Justice & Advocacy, Religion, Business & Innovation, Health & Wellness, Environmental & Sustainability, and Philanthropy & Social Impact—are recognized for their leadership, service, and commitment to positive change.

These individuals embody the spirit of resilience, community, and legacy, each leaving a lasting imprint through their unwavering efforts.

## CHAMPIONS OF *Legacy*

This year, we are proud to introduce a new distinction within the Rising Voices Awards—the Champion of Legacy honor. This special recognition is reserved for individuals whose enduring impact, visionary leadership, and unwavering dedication to community and national advancement have set them apart as true trailblazers.

These six honorees embody the very essence of legacy—shaping lives, transforming spaces, and inspiring generations to come. We are privileged to celebrate their extraordinary contributions and the indelible mark they continue to leave on The Bahamas.



## CHAMPIONS OF LEGACY HONOREES



BETTY *Kemp*

With over 35 years of experience in clinical nutrition, food safety, and public health, **Mrs. Betty Kemp** has devoted her life to transforming lives through the power of nutrition. Her career has taken her across the U.S., the Middle East, and The Bahamas, bringing global and compassionate leadership to every role.

A seasoned dietitian and educator, she has led hospital nutrition programs, trained healthcare professionals, and designed community-based health initiatives. Her work blends clinical excellence with a deep commitment to improving public health through education and access.

She is the author of *Making Nutrition Easy for a Healthy Bahamas*, a practical guide tailored to local needs, and a lasting testament to her passion for accessible wellness. From underserved communities to national platforms, she's helped countless individuals make healthier choices.

Mrs. Kemp's legacy is one of service, education, and advocacy. She continues to inspire a healthier Bahamas—one message, one meal, and one life at a time.



CHERYL *Bain*

A lifelong servant-leader, **Ms. Cheryl Bain's** legacy is defined by her unwavering commitment to community, faith, and nation-building. Born in the quiet settlement of High Rock, South Andros, she rose to become the youngest Principal Nursing Officer in the Bahamas, serving with distinction for 21 years until her retirement in 2023. Her four-decade nursing career—spanning from bedside care to shaping national health strategies—cemented her as a pillar of public health.

Beyond her professional impact, Ms. Bain is deeply rooted in faith and mentorship. Since 1986, she has served faithfully in the Christian Education Ministry at Jubilee Cathedral, mentoring generations through leadership training, youth development, and spiritual growth. She has championed community health, represented The Bahamas at regional health forums, and inspired others through a life steeped in service.

Ms. Bain's influence endures through the countless lives she has touched—as a nurse, minister, mentor, and leader. Her commitment to excellence and empowerment truly exemplifies what it means to be a Champion of Legacy.



EMRICK *Seymour*

A visionary leader, servant of the people, and nation-builder, **Mr. Emrick Kevin Seymour Sr.** embodies what it means to be a Champion of Legacy. From his distinguished service as Deputy Commissioner of Police to his current role as Director of The Bahamas Financial Intelligence Unit, his life's work has left an enduring mark on public safety, leadership, and community transformation.

As Commanding Officer for the Northern Bahamas District, he championed bold initiatives—leading to a 73% reduction in crime—and helped shape the future of policing with the development of two landmark facilities: the Gerald Bartlett Police Headquarters and the Sir Albert J. Miller Police & Fire Complex.

Beyond enforcement, his heart for people has defined his legacy. He has mentored generations of officers, uplifted the vulnerable through service to the disabled and displaced, and responded with compassion in moments of national crisis.

A man of faith, purpose, and principle, Mr. Seymour continues to inspire through action.



## RIISING VOICES HONOREES



ANDREW *Williams*

**Andrew Tremain Williams** is a devoted family man, community leader, and advocate for youth development through sports and service. A proud product of the Bahamian public school system, his leadership journey began early as Interact Club President, School Prefect, and basketball captain at Jack Hayward High School. His guiding principle, “We are always being interviewed,” reflects the integrity he brings to all areas of his life. Professionally, Andrew has worked at Buckeye Bahamas Hub since 2003, continually growing through further education and personal excellence.

Andrew’s passion for sports and community is evident in his leadership as President of the Air It Out Flag Football League, Vice President of the Grand Bahama Basketball Association, and founder of the Oilers Flag Football Team. He also hosts the Off the Bench Sports Podcast, using the platform to uplift and inspire. Grounded in his Christian faith, Andrew is an active member of Community at Heart Tabernacle Church and attributes much of his strength to the love and values instilled by his family. Andrew’s life exemplifies purpose, perseverance, and faith, making him a true Rising Voice.



ANISHKA *Wildgoose*

**Anishka Wildgoose** is a gifted chef, generous community member, and loving mother whose passion for food and people has made her a cherished presence in her community. With years of culinary experience, Anishka brings heart and skill to every dish she creates, blending diverse cuisines with a dedication to flavor and excellence. Her talents extend beyond the kitchen—she is also a soulful singer who brings harmony and joy wherever she goes.

But it’s Anishka’s generosity that truly sets her apart. She regularly donates meals and clothing to those in need, using her culinary gifts to nourish not just bodies but spirits. Guided by her favorite quote—“Never look down on anybody unless you’re helping him up”—she lives a life rooted in compassion and service. A devoted mother, Anishka balances entrepreneurship and creativity with raising her daughter, passing on values of resilience, kindness, and purpose.

Anishka Wildgoose is more than a chef—she’s a nurturer, an artist, and a community pillar. We proudly honor her as a Rising Voice for her unwavering dedication to uplifting others through food, music, and love.



DR. ANTHIA FORBES *Carey*

**Dr. Anthia Forbes-Carey** is a dedicated pediatrician, humanitarian, and advocate for child health in The Bahamas. She earned her medical degree and Spanish Language certification in Cuba, followed by her Doctor of Medicine in Pediatrics from the University of the West Indies. Her research on the prevalence of adverse childhood experiences in urban communities highlights her commitment to improving the lives of children.

Board-certified by the Caribbean Association of Medical Councils and the Medical Council of Canada, Dr. Forbes-Carey is the founder of Hunt For Care Medical and Pediatrics, where she provides exceptional care to young patients. Beyond her medical practice, she is an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and The Pilot Club of Lucaya, organizations that focus on community service.

A devoted wife and mother of three, Dr. Forbes-Carey balances her professional and personal life with grace. In her free time, she enjoys reading, boating, and cultivating her love for Phalaenopsis Orchids. Dr. Forbes-Carey’s dedication to pediatric health, service, and community make her a true inspiration.



# *Congratulations* **ANDREW**

*on your well deserved recognition!*

We are incredibly proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Your hard work, dedication, passion and unwavering commitment to making a difference serve as an inspiration to us each day.

We believe that this is just the beginning for you, and we have no doubt that you will continue to excel in the future.

May God richly bless you and we love you !

**UNCLE VERNON AND FAMILY**





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HONOREE  
SPOTLIGHT

**Q: Can you share a time when you felt especially moved by God's grace?**

"During Hurricane Dorian, as my family and I clung to the rafters of our home surrounded by rising waters, I felt God like never before. His grace didn't just carry me through—it called me into deeper purpose. I knew if I survived, it wasn't by chance. I was chosen to witness and tell the story of His mercy."

**Q: How has your faith shaped your view of life and purpose?**

"Faith has shown me that my worth isn't tied to titles or success—it's rooted in being a child of God. It's given me identity, purpose, and a lens through which I now see the world. I'm here not just to exist, but to reflect His love and live with intention."

**Q: What inspired your journey?**

"After becoming a wife and mother of four, I realized how deeply I needed God. I didn't choose this path—I responded to a divine call that had always been there. Every trial was part of His design to mold and prepare me."

**Q: What was one of your biggest challenges?**

"Facing unexpected opposition, especially from people close to me. But I stood firm in faith. My husband and I pressed forward with integrity and prayer. Today, our business stands as proof of God's faithfulness."

**Q: What legacy do you hope to leave?**

"A life rooted in faith, service, and love for family. I want to be remembered as someone who walked with God through every season and inspired others to do the same."

**Q: Are there any scriptures that deeply anchor you?**

"Yes. Proverbs 3:5–6 reminds me to trust God with all my heart. Romans 8:28 assures me that nothing is wasted. Isaiah 43:2 became real during Dorian, and Jeremiah 29:11 fuels my hope. These scriptures guide my daily walk."

**Q: What advice do you have for future generations?**

"Trust God fully. Compete only with yourself. Live with integrity and serve with excellence. Let your life be a light that points others to Him."

**Q: What life lesson do you carry daily?**

"Life is hard—but with Jesus, it's bearable and beautiful. I've learned the value of faith, financial stewardship, health, and resilience. These lessons shape how I lead, love, and live."

**Q: Do you have any proud moments?**

"I'm proud to be a mother—four times over. It's a privilege and a legacy. I'm also proud to be a virtuous wife, honoring my role with grace and integrity."

I've worked hard, published a book, and started a business—each showing me God's provision and the power of resilience.

But most of all, I'm proud of dedicating my life fully to the Lord. That commitment is the foundation of everything else."

KELDRA *Pinder*



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WE ARE HONORED TO CELEBRATE THIS OCCASION WITH YOU, GIVING GOD THANKS FOR THE INCREDIBLE GIFTS HE HAS PLACED WITHIN YOU. IN THIS, YOUR YEAR OF ULTIMATE GLORY, MAY YOU NEVER BE SILENT.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:7





# *Congratulations Shanice Pinder*

**OUR FAVORITE NURSE, WIFE AND MOM**

Your hard work has earned you this success.  
Enjoy every bit of the moment.

**LOVE GLINTON & GIANNA**

## Congratulations

From your family we love you and are proud of the nurse, wife and mother you have become. Continue to strive for excellence and remember nothing is off limits once you have God and your family's support on your side



**SHANICE PINDER**

BSN, RN, CDN





Know someone making a positive impact in Grand Bahama and beyond in one of more of the following categories?

- COMMUNITY & CIVIC LEADERSHIP
- RISING VOICES YOUTH (UNDER 30)
- EDUCATION & MENTORSHIP
- ARTS, MEDIA, SPOTS & CULTURE
- JUSTICE & ADVOCACY
- RELIGION
- BUSINESS & INNOVATION
- HEALTH & WELLNESS
- ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY
- PHILANTHROPY & SOCIAL IMPACT

*Help us honor those who lead with purpose and dedication.*

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