

House News

Empowering Female Leaders of Tomorrow

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Break- PG County

March 29 - April 5

Easter

April 4

Memorial Day

May 31

Last School Day for students

June 15

Meet Our Internal Affairs Team!



Kaila C. Randolph is the Vice President of Internal Affairs. She is a senior Immigration Officer with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security where her subject matter expertise is national security concerning humanitarian migrants. Kaila is the daughter of a retired educator and has always sought opportunities to partake in community service geared toward the youth. As Vice President of Internal Affairs, she oversees program strategizing and planning of all internal programs, staffing and recruitment of volunteers, and membership sales. Kaila has a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Central Florida, a J.D. from Florida A&M University College of Law, and an LL.M. in international human rights and humanitarian law from Viadrina European University.

Shavona Potter is our Membership Committee Board Member. Shavona is the Recreation Enterprise Facility Manager and Program Specialist at Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation Laurel-Beltville Senior Activity Center. Shavona has significant experience in supervising, training, and developing team members. Shavona also has program planning, policy, and marketing experience for non-profit organizations. Shavona supervises all Committee Chair Members and our two interns. Shavona has a B.S. in Psychology and a minor in Child and Adolescent Studies from Bowie State University, and an M.A. in Business Administration from Johnson and Wale University.

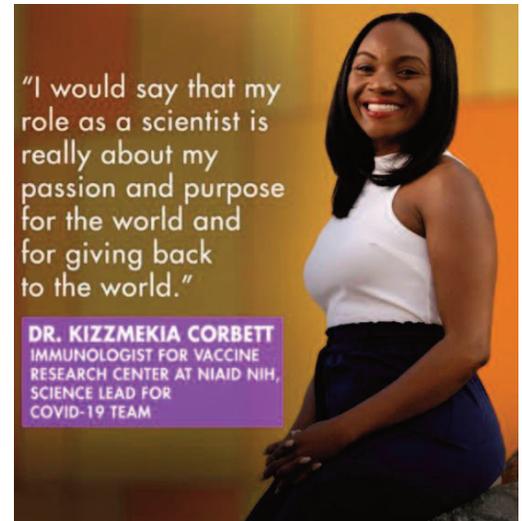
Cynthia Burke is our Curriculum and Development Chair. Cynthia is a Branch Chief at the Office of Naval Intelligence. Cynthia has years of experience in drafting training policies, standard operating procedures, training presentations and materials, and curriculum. Cynthia will supervise volunteer tutors, develop curriculum for the Remote Learning Center, and manage the tutoring schedule for the Virtual After School Tutoring Program. Cynthia has a B.S. in Criminal Justice from John Jay College.

Ebonie Pritchett is our Mentoring Chair. Ebonie is a Police Officer with the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia. Ebonie has years of supervisory experience and mentoring new Officers. She also assists as a Mobile Teacher for C3 Cyber Club, assisting young children ages 8 to 12. Ebonie will supervise volunteer mentors, develop curriculum for the Mentoring Program, and match mentors / mentees. The Mentoring Program is a 52-week mentoring program where registered mentees will be matched with volunteer mentors. Each week, all mentors and mentees will meet to discuss weekly assigned topics related to female empowerment and education. Ebonie has a B.A. in Sociology from Norfolk State University, and an M.S. in Cyber Security from Saint Leo University.

Cadedra Burks is our Youth Programs Chair ("Girls Rising"). Cadedra has more than seven years experience in program development and working with the youth. She is currently the Independent Living Caseworker at Youth Zone and previously coordinated events for the youth at her organization. Cadedra will coordinate monthly webinars for our girls as part of our "Girls Rising" webinar series, organizing monthly topics and guest speakers for each online event. Cadedra has a B.S. in Psychology from Central State University.

Sophie Rogers, is our Communications / Public Relations intern. She is a senior at Towson University, and is majoring in Communications. She assists with our communications outreach, such as e-mail marketing campaigns, press releases, op-eds, and a BH blog that recaps our radio podcast.

Malaysia Scott is our Digital (Social Media) Marketing intern. She is a senior at American University, majoring in International Business Marketing, and has previous experience in assisting organizations with their digital marketing development. Ms. Scott creates weekly social media content planning and strategizing and development for all of our social media platforms, so that we are increasing our marketing outreach to parents, mentees, volunteers and stakeholders.



Bernadette's House Reopening



Thank you to everyone that supported us financially and in other ways! Yes, the money was important, and we thank our VP of external affairs (Andie Cohen) and her fundraising team of awesome ladies that bought in the funds to keep us going. But we also thank everyone for the phone calls of encouragement, the newsletters that never stopped thanks to Margo, those that came to clean the house, those that helped us take our programs on-line, including bible study, Mone't Clements and John Finney who are responsible for reaching our youth by creating House Talk for Teens, and so many others who were critical to our survival! TGBTG!

Yes, Bernadette's House is reopening, but it couldn't happen without all of those who worked hard during the year to keep us open. Now, using CDC guidelines, BH will safely open today. Space is limited, so you must register on-line for our Remote Learning Assistance program or our Home After School mentoring program. Visit us@www.Bernadetteshouse.org for more information.

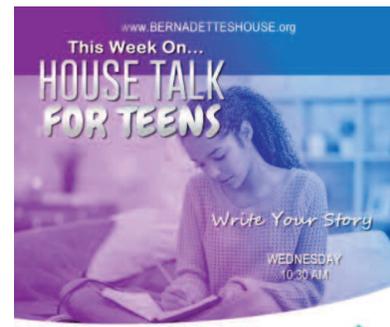
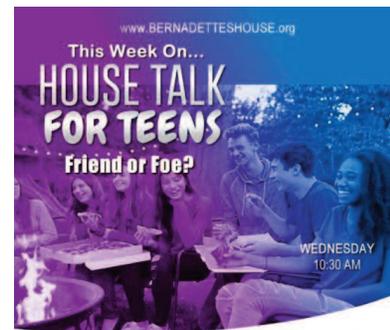
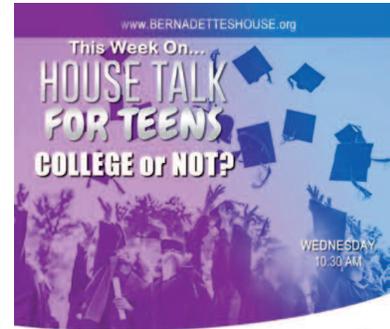


House Talk For Teens - Don't Miss Out!

A friendly reminder to join us on Facebook where we continue to feature various beneficial topics. At the end of February, we hosted a discussion on "Harnessing Your Emotions" covering how to cope and manage your emotions. In March, we discussed "Write Your Story", where we explored the importance of writing and sharing **Carols** experience writing her recent book. The feature "Why Politics?" emphasizes the importance of being engaged in daily politics. We also discussed the topic of "Friend or Foe?" in March, which is an important lesson discussing how to tell the intentions of others. The month of April featured the topics of "College or Not?" where we talked about planning for life after high school, and "Do You Have a Mentor?" covered the benefits of having a mentor as you progress through your education.



Carol and Monet delivering their House Talk for Teens message via WBGR Networks cable station.



Mentors



Some relationships are just meant to be. Bernadette's House is excited to continue our mentoring program virtually. If you know of a young lady wanting to connect to our mentoring program, visit our website at www.Bernadette's.house.org and contact us for an interview. Meanwhile, please stay safe!

Malica, responsible for mentoring so many of our young ladies, has relocated from the area but will remain with us virtually. We wish her well as she transitions to Atlanta, Georgia.

Summer Arts Program



Bernadette's House in collaboration with The VENUS THEATRE, is excited to offer Summer Acting Classes & Drama Lessons for Tweens & Teens (8-17). These classes are designed to help build confidence, self-esteem and challenge BHGirls to explore their dreams. Our workshops purposefully introduce young actors to deeper and more challenging roles and life skills, scene work, and preparation for the Performing Arts environment, while in a safe and caring setting.

Open each day from 9:00-4pm, Acting Class time will range each day (Mon-Fri) from 11-2. Each week will be filled with acting exercises and theatre games.

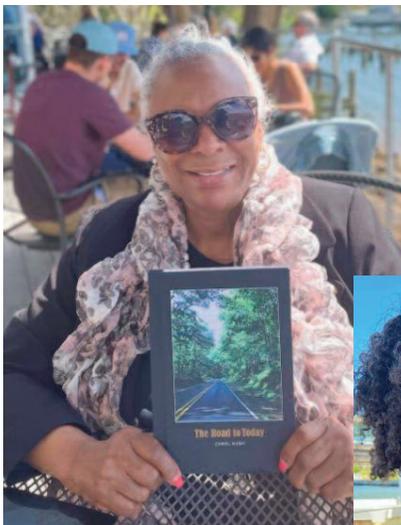
Details

Date: July 5, 2021 thru August 6, 2021

Open: to tweens and teens age 8-17

Price: Registration Fee \$25.00 - Weekly fee \$75.00
Apply now! Due to COVID, space is limited

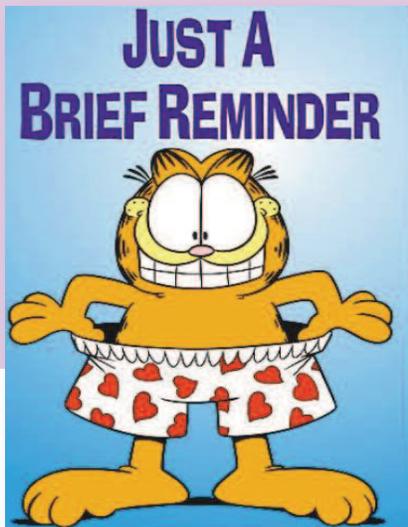
The Road to Today- Carol's Story



I spent a great afternoon having brunch with my good friend Dr. Yaphet Bryant, who was kind enough to write the foreword for my new book. Everyone has a story to tell, and Dr. Bryant firmly believes in the mission of Bernadette's House, the unique value of my account and all of our stories! Thank you, my friend, for your encouragement.



I would like to say goodbye and thank Nancy Lilly (JEM), who has supported us financially and emotionally. For the past seven years, JEM has given Bernadette's House 800/monthly and made other significant financial contributions. Their consistent belief in our mission and vision has allowed us to get to this point in our road today. They have stood by us, endured our pains, and celebrated our successes. They will always be a part of our story!



A few friendly reminders:

- Visit our BH website
- Follow our BH Facebook page
- Follow us on Instagram
- Be sure to check in for our weekly Teen Talk sessions



We have work to do!

By making a tax-deductible donation now, you can help us to continue our most critical programs in the upcoming year. Please visit our website www.bernadetteshouse.org, and click the "Donate Now" button.



Speaking at the U. S. Capitol and sharing my passion for keeping our youth safe, was an honor. Never in my wildest dreams, would I believe that just one year later, a deadly insurrection would take place, and that very building would come under attack by those who call themselves patriots. I am more determined than ever, to do my part to help keep our youth safe by providing a safe haven to empower our leaders of tomorrow. Let us continue to pray for the leaders of our government, and for peace in the world.



A note of appreciation to all of our anonymous donations through facebook.

The mental health issues related to our lockdown and the pandemic are especially hard for people with depression. NAMI, The National Alliance on Mental Health, has a 24 hour helpline: 800-950-6264.

Please could any two of my Facebook friends just copy and repost to share the helpline far and wide?

Just two. Any two. Say done.