

## ***Rose Grant-Robinson***

### **Executive Director, Coastal Children's Advocacy Center**

Rose Grant-Robinson is the Executive Director for the Coastal Children's Advocacy Center in Savannah, GA. Her primary focus is the day-to-day operation of the agency that works with children who have reported that they have been physically and/or sexually abused. Rose joined CCAC in October 2016. In the seven years that she has been with CCAC, she has increased revenue, added support groups, and has added additional staff to see to the entire needs of the family and not just to the victims who need service.

Ms. Grant-Robinson feels her strong background in the domestic violence and child abuse fields led her to be appointed to the 2020-2022 Children Advocacy Centers of Georgia Board of Directors and is still currently on the board.

Her professional experience includes being a current member of the Eastern Judicial Child Fatality Review Team, Chatham County MDT Protocol Team, and the Chatham County Family Violence Task Force.

## ***Sheila Roemeling***

### **Founder/Executive Director, Fresh Start Healing Heart**

Sheila Roemeling has been working with Survivors of human trafficking since 2015. As founder of fresh start healing heart her passion is to help survivors through their healing process and needs. Sheila is a victim advocate and certified as a victim service provider. Sheila has over 20 years domestic violence and sexual assault experience. As a survivor herself of childhood molestation, domestic violence and sexual assault Sheila brings with her expertise and knowledge of the trails and struggles associated with the healing process, which drives her passion for helping others. Sheila, has been active with the SC State Human Trafficking Task Force since 2016 and started the Low Country Human Trafficking Task Force, which she is still a part of. As of 2019 Sheila is part of the SART (sexual assault response team) in the 14th judicial circuit.

Sheila has hands on training in business, public speaking, case management, marketing, equine therapy, team building, community outreach, health and nutrition. She also held a certification in sports nutrition. Sheila created the "I STAND" conference to begin the education and break the silence of youth domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking among our middle and high schooler's, which now has began to serve ages 4-10 on "good touch, bad touch" and boundaries. Through this she has educated over 640 youth so far. Sheila works hard to prevent by speaking in the community and media outlets as much as her time allows. To date Sheila and Fresh Start Healing Heart have educated over 9000 community members including law enforcement, medical professionals, teachers, business owners and more. Sheila and Fresh Start Healing Heart have walked beside 43 survivors ages 13-60+ and housed 18+ and recently added two second hand stores to help support the community, bring another out lit of education and provide apprenticeship for survivors. She is just getting started.

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## **LaToya Scott**

### **Residential Director, Tharros Place**

LaToya Scott is the Residential Director of Tharros Place, bringing 12 years of experience in human and social services. She is a TBRI Practitioner and certified in Trauma-Informed Care, Mental Health First Aid, Mindset, and CSEC Prevention. A graduate of Armstrong Atlantic State University with a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies and a minor in Criminal Justice, LaToya is currently pursuing her Master of Social Work (MSW) at Savannah State University. She has led shelter operations, strengthened policies and procedures, guided accreditation processes, and developed staff training focused on safety, emotional intelligence, cultural competency, and person-centered care.

Deeply passionate about serving vulnerable youth—particularly those who have experienced abuse, neglect, developmental disabilities, or trauma—LaToya is guided by the belief that *healing from trauma is a journey with no expiration date*.

## **Doris L. Williams**

### **Executive Director, Mary's Place**

Doris L. Williams leads Mary's Place: Sexual Assault Center of the Coastal Empire in Savannah, Georgia, as its Executive Director—a role she has held since being named interim director in 2018 and officially assuming the position thereafter.

A Savannah native and 1990 graduate of Beach High School, Doris joined the center shortly after earning her undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Savannah State University in 2008. She also holds master's degrees in Human Resource Management and in Management and Leadership from Webster University.

Since stepping into leadership, Doris has guided the organization through a transformative rebranding from the Rape Crisis Center to Mary's Place, expanded service offerings, and launched community-centered prevention programs. Under her direction, the agency unveiled its Forensic Medical Exam Unit—an essential on-site resource for survivors of sexual assault.

In 2022, Doris completed **Leadership Savannah** and received the **Local Hero Award** from Step One Automotive Group, honoring her unwavering support of survivors and the broader community. She brings strong business acumen, lived experience as a survivor, and a deep sense of purpose to her role—transforming Mary's Place into a regional leader in sexual assault advocacy, care, and prevention.