

ORESA L. NAPPER-WILLIAMS

A woman destined for greatness through her eyes and through the eyes of all she encounters, Oresa Napper-Williams, affectionately known as “Reese”, was born and raised on the mean streets of the Bedford Stuyvesant section in Brooklyn, NY. Although Oresa’s childhood years were predominantly influenced by her Christian background, there were still obstacles she faced in her adolescent years. These obstacles caused an unbalance in Oresa’s life and she ventured out into the streets. As God would have it, that time in Oresa’s life was for a reason and a season and would be used as the vehicle to fulfill her life's purpose. Oresa is a founding member (1985) of the 2x Grammy Award-winning, Love Fellowship Crusade Choir and currently an Elder at Love fellowship Tabernacle, The Kingdom Church under the leadership of Bishop Hezekiah Walker. Her passion for the community began through her personal experience as a struggling single parent. This gave her an expressed burden for the needs of the community at large. She established two entities to provide social resources through LFT: The Single Parents Resource & Support Group and the National Business Training Institute of NY, NJ and PA. This was just the beginning of her work.

Oresa, an innate leader and organizer is the Founder and Visionary of Not Another Child Inc. (NAC), an organization that supports and advocates for families and communities directly impacted by gun violence and creates a safe haven for families on both sides of the gun. NAC, whose accolades extend far

and wide was established in the memory of Oresa's eldest son, Andrell Napper, who was innocently gunned down on August 7, 2006. Oresa's continuous national work has made her an intricate part of the Black & Brown Gun Violence Prevention Consortium (BBGVPC) as well as the Fund Peace initiative who has helped shape talks of gun violence on the National level through the Biden Administration. When asked how this experience has changed her life, Oresa stated, "In my youth I lost a lot of friends due to gun violence yet never in any nightmare could I have imagined what their loved ones was going through! This journey, having one son who succumbed to gun violence and nurturing another son, has given me empathy for those on both sides of the gun and has strengthened me to create programs and advocate that justice be served in either situation."

Oresa's book, *"And Then I Awoke, Releasing Your Potential and Purpose in Life"* is dedicated to the memory of her son, Andrell Daron Napper. Her next work, "Good Grief - Strategies for Grieving in the 21st Century" is due to be released in the Summer of 2021. She influences and mentors others through her work as "Thee Recovery Coach" where she believes anyone can recover from life's traumas.

Her makeup is one of a kind, she is small in stature and mighty in power, yet her presence is delightful. Known for her encouraging words, ladylike mannerisms and straight forward demeanor. Yet, with all She has accomplished, she deems her greatest joy as being Russ' wife, Justin's mother and biggest fan and bonus Mom to Karon.

