

JENNIFER D. KING

Jennifer King was born in Florida, raised in New Jersey and moved to Oakland some 42 years ago.

She is currently the Director of the City of Oakland's Downtown Oakland Senior Center where she is responsible for program planning and development for the city's largest senior center of more than 1,300 members.

Jennifer is also an adjunct professor of English with the Peralta Community Colleges where she teaches Literature and Composition. She also teaches Public Speaking at the Allen Temple Leadership Institute in Oakland.

Jennifer is a prolific writer. She has edited nine anthologies of creative writing and published two books of her own poetry and short stories. Her essays and creative writings have appeared in several publications both locally and nationally.

She is also a Christian Education writer for Urban Ministries, Inc. **Jennifer** has written Sunday School Teachers lessons and essays for Urban Ministries for the past 11 years.

Jennifer is a proud member of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. /East Oakland-Hayward Section where she has served as Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and President. She is currently the Recording Secretary and Assistant Trainer for the Northern California Region of NCNW.

Jennifer is a graduate of Mills College, where she earned a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in English. She is the very proud mother of one daughter, Lauren Justine.





Wilma R. Batiste, CRC, NCPT

Wilma R. Batiste is a member of the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center Community Advisory Board (CAB) and Chair of the Faith Communities Committee of the CAB. Mrs. Batiste serves as Regional Technical Assistant Coordinator for San Francisco County and Alameda County for the UCSF Abundant Life Health Ministries Program 2016 - current. Since 1998, Wilma has been a teacher in Children's Church at Neighborhood Baptist Church in San Francisco, serving 41 years in the Youth Department. In 2007, she served as Trustee, Secretary of the Trustee Board and 2009 Co-Chair of Trustee Board. Mrs. Batiste presently serves as Neighborhood Baptist Church's Health Ministry Coordinator/Leader and has facilitated many health events and activities in this capacity.

Wilma is a California Legislative Ambassador for American Cancer Society, Liaison Ambassador for American Diabetes Association and Facilitator for Family History Project (Breast Cancer). Also, she is the current President of the Gospel Choir at UCSF of which she has been a member since 1994. Before her retirement she served as a Clinical Research Coordinator at UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center in the Department of Urology Oncology and was responsible for coordinating eight clinical trials in prostate and kidney cancer.

Mrs. Batiste was a Clinical Research Coordinator and Phlebotomist in the UCSF Cardiovascular Research Institute, School of Medicine coordinating numerous clinical trials and responsible for the Lipid Clinic Lab, of 10 years, and a Grant Reviewer for UCSF University Community Partnerships 2011 large grants and the San Francisco Affiliate Susan G. Komen 2015 - 2017 Grants. Wilma is a member of the San Francisco Department of Elections Network. She has served as an Ambassador for the BCAA Women's Conference, Stanford Cancer Institute for four years and currently a Multi Mini Interview Rater for Stanford University School of Medicine 2015 - 2018 MD Program.

Mrs. Batiste currently is a member of the SF CAN Task Force for the Prostate Cancer Initiative, SF Men's Health Committee for Prostate Education, SFHIP Faith-Based Community Liaisons, a member of San Francisco Foundation Leadership Council and a member of the San Francisco Interfaith Council Board.



YOLANDA THOMAS



I was born in San Francisco and graduated when I was 16 years old as the Salutatorian of my senior class. Since I was raised to be independent, I moved to Oakland, worked two jobs and remained in the East Bay because it was more affordable than the city.

God bless me with four children, but in the year 2000 I lost my daughter, Donielle, at the tender age of two and a half years old. This left me heartbroken and sad. I went back to school where I ended up with an Associate degree in Health Science, Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and a Master of Arts degree in Humanities Leadership. Going to school help me keep my sanity as I did not know how to cope and deal with my daughter passing away.

I have been a Christian my entire life and love helping others. My motto is, "treat others as you would like to be treated." My heart is big, and I use it to spread love into the world. In other words, I walk it like I talk it. My love is genuine and pure. So, when tragedy, illness, and the pains of this life arises for me, it is my belief that the seeds I have sown along the way I am able to overcome them all.

In 2017, I was diagnosed with Stage 2 Triple Negative Breast Cancer. When I first felt the lump, I did nothing for two weeks thinking it would go away. When I rechecked it and felt it was still there, I prayed and ask God is this cancer? I did not get a confirmation that I did not have it, but rather you will be ok, and I ran with that and kept that mindset.

There were hiccups, but my treatment from UCSF resulting in a remarkable outcome. I am a CANCER SURVIVOR, and no one will ever know how humble and grateful I am. The countless prayers and encouragement I received from family, friends and total strangers will forever remain in my heart. God left me here for a reason and as I begin my journey of being a Cancer Coach, my prayer is that I encourage others that they can make it, to keep the faith, renew their minds every single day and begin thanking the universe for healing and so it shall be.

Thank you for allowing me to share my story. It is so much more and when my book come out "Pain2Purpose" at the end of the year, be sure to grab your copy.

