



Welcome to the Team

RISE welcomes four new team members to its staff.



RISE Welcomes New Board Member

Dr. Christopher Davis, senior pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church. Dr. Davis has also served as assistant professor of pastoral ministry and preaching at Memphis Theological Seminary since 2007.

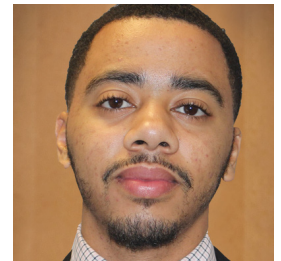


Tangela Morgan Director of Development

Tangela will lead the effort of developing meaningful donor relationships. She has more than 20 years of professional fundraising experience including working with higher education institutions, nonprofit foundations and agencies and health care systems.

Terry Hervery, Goal Card Program Coordinator

Terry is a recent graduate of Xavier University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance. He looks forward to helping young people of low-to-moderate income backgrounds in Memphis reach their potential.



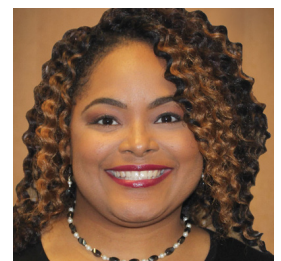
Kimberly Morgan-West Senior Goal Card Program Coordinator

Kimberly has years of experience overseeing programming for underserved students. She is responsible for the postsecondary placement of more than 400 students within the Memphis community and has served on many youth committees, including Youth United Way and TNAchieves.



Latonya Mister-Echols Goal Card Program Coordinator

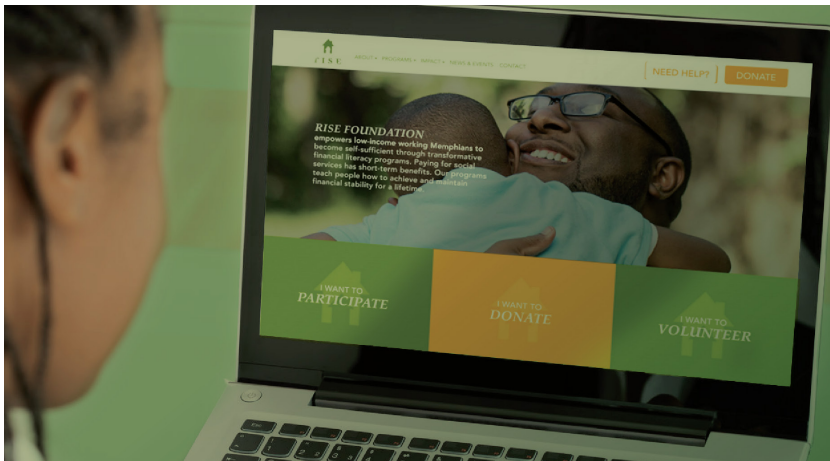
Latasha joins the RISE team as our elementary Goal Card Coordinator. She received her Bachelor of Science in Social Services from LeMoyné-Owen College and has worked in the nonprofit community for nearly ten years.



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New Website

We are excited to announce the launch of our new website. It features a fresh look with a new design and layout that will make it easy to learn more about our programs, highlight how our work transforms the lives of our low-income neighbors, offer opportunities to get involved and encourage continued support of RISE and its mission.

Save Up Program Orientation

Our next Save Up orientation will take place February 1. The program teaches participants how to create a budget based on their personal income and expenses, and how to obtain and improve their credit score and credit report. We also help participants establish bank accounts and purchase assets (eg., homes, micro enterprise businesses, computers, additional education).



To qualify, participants must be:

- A Shelby County resident
- Age 18 and older
- Employed
- Head of household
- Eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit and/or a recipient of an MHA Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher

Volunteer at RISE



Our committed volunteers play a vital role in changing the lives of our program participants. We welcome supporters of RISE to join the effort of giving our low-income neighbors a chance to transform their financial wellbeing by volunteering as mentors and coaches. For more information, contact stacey@risememphis.org.

New Partnerships



Photo: The RISE Team visiting the Nashville Financial Empowerment Center in December.

RISE, in partnership with the Shelby County Trustee's Office, recently received a planning grant through the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (CFE) in the interest of replicating the proven Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) model in Memphis and Shelby County. A \$20,000 grant was awarded for support and technical assistance to launch a local FEC program.