Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis Welcomes new Grants and Programs Manager

The Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis (WFGM) is pleased to announce Patria Johnson as the new Grants and Programs Manager. In her new role, Johnson will manage grants and programs funded and supported by WFGM. She has 20 years of experience helping non-profit and government organizations manage multi-year grant funded participatory research projects and programs.

“I like working with people and organizations who run programs that are designed to improve the well-being of individuals,” Johnson said. “I am so excited about my role to ensure that the programs we fund have the capacity to help WFGM deliver the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, which is to reduce poverty by five percent over five years in the 38126 zip code.”

Johnson, a resident of Memphis for 20 years, was born and raised in Hayti, Missouri. She earned a Bachelor of Art degree in Gerontology from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and a Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Before joining the WFGM family, she worked 10 years as the Program Manager of Outreach at Christ Community Health Services.

When she’s not cooking, watching romantic comedies or globetrotting, Johnson volunteers on the Community Health Team for the American Cancer Society in the Mid-South Region. She’s also a member of the Memphis chapter of the American Diabetes Association, a sustainer of the Junior League of Memphis and a graduate of the Leadership Memphis Fast Track Program.

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Founded in 1995, The Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis (WFGM) is a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization focused on improving the wellbeing of more than 17,000 economically vulnerable women and their families annually through philanthropy and grant making initiatives. The mission of the Women’s Foundation for a Greater Memphis is to encourage philanthropy, foster leadership among women, and support programs that enable women and children to reach their full potential. For more information please visit wfgm.org.