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Mr. Morris is a proud HBCU graduate that has spent the last ten years of his life dedicating himself to God, personal growth, defying odds, and being purpose-driven. He is passionate about invoking change and having a positive impact on the lives of others. His goal is to build a legacy of inspiring and assisting others to break free from the barriers controllable and uncontrollable circumstances have created. He works to accomplish this goal by demonstrating, motivating, and providing tools for others to strive toward excellence in their academic, personal, and professional lives.

Mr. Morris's greatest joys in life are the great works God has done in his life, his beautiful wife Alexandria and their three children, and being able to assist in the empowerment of others, especially the youth.

Helping others guide their engagement with Urban Youth and reposition themselves mentally to be more effective in their respective roles.

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