



Dear Sojourn Family,

I am honored to join you as your Director of Development or as I like to think of it, community investment. A little about me: I was born in apartheid South Africa, and my parents decided that they could not live or raise a family anymore in a country that was not equal for all. Their sacrifices have defined my life and perspective. We emigrated to Philadelphia, where I treasure the memory of my Dad hoisting me up on his shoulders so I could touch the crack in the Liberty Bell. We eventually made our way to the more African adjacent climate of South Florida where I currently reside. I am a 20-year nonprofit marketing and development professional and have been privileged to work for national and international organizations like Dress For Success, Feeding America, Breast Cancer Network of Strength and the JCC movement amongst others. For the last 8 years I've been consulting with philanthropies and small businesses to increase their bottom lines through impacting the world.

I've always lived my life through "acts of kindness, gemilut hasadim" and through THE foundational Jewish tenet of Tikkun Olam. I'm an activist, advocate and an ally across many philanthropic landscapes focusing on marginalized communities. I feel privileged to have found my way to Rebecca and your awesome community! I look forward to expanding our good work and reach throughout the South, so everyone can embrace and celebrate who they are, as we are all equal and created in God's image. Kindness is inclusion, it is pride, it is empathy, it is compassion, it is self-respect, and it is the guiding light to love. Kindness saves lives and builds community. Kindness is always transformational, and its never-ending ripples result in even more kind acts that can change our lives, our communities, and our world.

I was fortunate to have spent time with the indomitable and inspirational Coretta Scott King. The King family have always and will always be a guiding force in my life, my North Star. I live by the great MLK's principle that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." It is with this spirit and promise that I humbly step into my purpose with y'all. So don't be stranger! I can be reached via call/text 305.985.1576 and lisa@sojourngsd.org

We are ardently working on throwing the best party in Atlanta, POP, celebrating our community and our fearless, kind, dedicated and loving leader, Rebecca!! It's an auspicious & exciting time here at SOJOURN! I hope you'll buckle up and enjoy the next part of our journey together-SOJOURN 2.0! POP tickets and sponsor opportunities are live now. If you're looking to make an end of year impact gift, now is the time to secure your POP tickets/sponsorships.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." -Anne Frank

Together, we will continue to improve the world and spread kindness throughout The South! ***B'shalom, Lisa***