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With a strong passion for aiding and empowering communities, Chantelle James has always believed in the importance of inspiring others to be their most authentic selves. Growing up in Louisville, Kentucky, James was the younger of two and the first college graduate in her family. Although raised in a single parent household, James was mentored by women in her community who stressed the importance of attending college and giving back. Because of these women, James was led to join organizations focused on enriching communities through acts of service.

While living in Atlanta, Georgia, James was a member of Junior League of DeKalb County, Inc., where she planned and conducted several fundraising events raising over \$10K for the League year. She also served as the Chapter Program Chair for the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, and was an active member of the National Black MBA Association and Leaders of Tomorrow where she increased donor loyalty 30% by creating stronger community awareness through media relations. Through these organizations, James gained experience in cultivating and soliciting foundation gifts, developing community partnerships, solidifying sponsorships, securing government grants and executing strategies for earning philanthropic dollars through community efforts. Her work in the community has been recognized by various organizations including Junior League of DeKalb County, GA where she was awarded the Spirit of the League Award, Recognizing Outstanding Commitment to Voluntarism in 2005.

Transitioning back to Louisville, Kentucky, James continued her volunteer and service work through Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., as Area V Sergeant-At-Arms, Top Teens Advisor, and First Vice President of her chapter, where she developed and implemented the chapter's annual community service program. Additionally, she served as Corresponding Secretary for Junior League of Louisville before becoming a Sustainer member; James has received numerous accolades for the development and coordination of national programs, events and initiatives benefiting communities around the country.

Currently, James resides in Aubrey, TX with her loving husband, Trevor James. James works in Information Technology as a Senior Manager, Business & Program Management for Raytheon. She's an entrepreneur, operating a mobile notary business, Simply Signing! and Bee Nourish'd™, specializing in all natural lotion bars. She's an adjunct professor with Collin College. She earned her BA from American InterContinental University and her MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management. She is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, where she has held positions at both the chapter and regional levels. She is a member of The Society, Incorporated, a former mentor for Light Up the World Foundation and a former Big Sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters DFW. She and her husband are members of Westside Baptist Church where she serves on the Greeter Ministry. She enjoys traveling, reading, and spending time with family and friends.