



Rhonda R. Neal

Rhonda R. Neal is the new Executive Director of Saint Joseph Parenting Center and will be responsible for leading the strategic direction of the organization's mission. Saint Joseph Parenting Center's mission is to strengthen families that are at risk of child abuse and neglect by providing parenting education and support.

Rhonda possesses an unparalleled mix of business acumen and passion for empowering people. With over 20 years of business and nonprofit leadership experience, Rhonda has developed and placed minority youth in corporate internships and prepared them for business and community leadership. She has also built an outreach department within a publishing organization by creating an infrastructure, producing content, designing programs, tracking key indicators and developing partners, all to help millions of people from all walks of life achieve their maximum spiritual and personal potential. In 2006, Rhonda and her team embarked on a journey to help soften a child's experience in the hospital. She created a business plan, solicited donor funding, and piloted the Guideposts for Kids Comfort Kits program. Comfort kits contain items to provide comfort like a 'Sparkle the Caring Star' pillow, a journal to document and express what may be difficult for children to articulate and stickers to empower a child in a powerless situation to say thank you to a doctor or nurse. Comfort Kits have replaced tears with smiles for over 220,000 children across the US.

Rhonda also teaches and preaches at the Danbury Federal Correctional Institution, facilitates New Member training at her church, New Hope Baptist Church in Danbury, and has volunteered with organizations like Special Olympics, Young Life, Girl Scouts and Habitat for Humanity.

Married to Ronnie Lee Neal, a retired CT correctional officer, Rhonda also has a daughter, Niema Riley who recently graduated with honors from Virginia State University and is pursuing a career in social work. Rhonda earned an MBA from the University of Bridgeport and graduated summa cum laude from Clarks Summit University in 2015 with a Master's of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies. She enjoys playing tennis, running, cooking, stock options investing and reading.

Rhonda is excited to join the Saint Joseph Parenting Center team and looks forward to continued growth and impact.

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