

Raising Friends, Building Futures: A Message from Our New Development Manager



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Greetings Profound Gentlemen Family,

My name is Dontavius Williams, and I am honored to step into the role of Development Manager for Profound Gentlemen. This new chapter in my professional journey feels like the natural extension of the work I've been called to do my entire life: telling stories, building bridges, and creating spaces where people feel connected to something larger than themselves.

For nearly two decades, my work in education, community engagement, and public history has taught me one truth: relationships are the foundation of change. I've seen how one story can spark understanding, how one mentor can shift the trajectory of a young person's life, and how one friend can open the door to opportunities that would have never existed otherwise.

That's why my philosophy in this role is simple—I believe in raising friends, not just funds. Friends walk with you through challenges and victories. Friends share their networks, their time, their wisdom, and yes, sometimes their resources. But most importantly, friends believe in the work deeply enough to ensure it lasts beyond the moment.

Philanthropy today reflects this same idea. Donors aren't just looking to give; they're looking to belong. They want to know their contributions are part of a bigger story, one that changes lives and creates lasting impact. Increasingly, supporters are choosing recurring giving—making monthly commitments that help organizations like ours plan with confidence and sustain our mission.

At Profound Gentlemen, that mission is clear: to retain male educators of color in classrooms across the nation. Their presence matters. They inspire, mentor, and open doors of possibility for young people who might not otherwise see themselves reflected in positions of leadership and learning. Supporting our work means investing in futures—futures filled with hope, opportunity, and excellence.

I invite you to join us as a friend in this mission. Whether through a one-time gift or a recurring monthly contribution, your partnership ensures that this work not only continues, but thrives. Together, we can build a future where every student has the chance to be taught, mentored, and inspired by educators who believe in their potential.

I look forward to connecting with you, hearing your stories, and walking alongside you as we grow this important work together.

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With gratitude and expectation,

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