



Nancy Rachel Rousseau

Nancy Rachel Rousseau, a Haitian-American, has lived in Massachusetts for twenty-four years. Focused on rebuilding community, Ms. Rousseau has committed her life to helping others advance their own lives and serving as a bridge to resources. She believes community will improve as each person – young and old – is empowered to do more.

Ms. Rousseau's commitment is evidenced by her civic engagement and professional endeavors. Nancy Rachel is Founder of Cultivate Womanhood, Inc. - home to the Boston's Next Top Model Summer Program, a confidence-building program for girls, which is currently under reorganization. She is a proud member of the Psi Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for which she serves as the Chairperson of the Connection Committee. Further, she serves as the Director of Development for the Pearls of Distinction Foundation, affiliated with the sorority. She also serves on the Advisory Board for the Mattapan Family Services Center. Formerly, she is a member of the WGBH Community Advisory Board; Chair for Mattapan Square Main Streets, Inc. Board of Directors; and a three-term President of the Young Professionals Network of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, to name a few.

Professionally aligning her passions and commitment to rebuilding community, Ms. Rousseau has achieved the "professional trifecta," having worked within the non-profit, corporate, and government sectors. She began her career in Finance. Deciding that it would be more gratifying to work in and for the community, she later transitioned into the nonprofit sector. Currently, she serves as the Director of Development for My Life My Choice, a survivor-led organization fighting child sex trafficking.

Ms. Rousseau is a two-time graduate of Northeastern University. She holds a Master of Science in both Nonprofit Management and Leadership and a Bachelor's degree in Finance and Management. Nancy Rachel has been featured in *Portraits of Purpose: A Tribute to Leadership*, a book which focuses on the leadership in Boston; the Boston Business Journal as an Emerging Leader; the Mattapan Reporter as a Woman on the Go; Ethnic Online as a Political Star; and the Boston Haitian Reporter for her work surrounding Haiti Relief. She is the recipient of awards – locally, regionally, and nationally – which include the NULYP Alumni Service Award; Angelic Humanitarian Award; Malcolm X African Achiever Award; Omega Citizen of the Year Award; the Sapphire Award; the NAACP Boston Branch Image Award; and the Mary McLeod Bethune Image Award.