



**PROFILES OF HOPE: Meet Cynthia DeBerry Flowers, an IOH advocate, donor and board member:**

I've known the Executive Director of IOH, Deborah Walker-Little, for 25+ years. After she started working at IOH and every time we spoke, I would look forward to hearing about her work, the families and the organization. I fell in awe and in love with IOH long before joining the Board.

Why? I had never heard of an organization so uniquely committed to serving and developing the "whole" person, and to providing families with affordable housing, tools, life skills and hope to build and sustain NEW lives. The IOH methodology is not a "band-aid" approach to helping impoverished people. The IOH mission is about providing families with an opportunity to live their lives more abundantly. How cool is that?!

As a mom, daughter, sister and friend who strives to demonstrate compassion, understanding, and giving back in all areas of my life, it is a privilege to have the opportunity to experience IOH up close and personally, and to advocate for the organization and the families. My heart and my support for IOH will extend way past my board tenure and into forever.

In closing, I cannot think of a better scripture to embody the spirit of IOH than Matthew 25:40: "...I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."