



Robyn Afrik is a life long resident of Holland. Growing up, she graduated from Holland Christian High school, obtained her BSM in Business from Cornerstone University, studied Social work at Valparaiso University and is a national certified Global Career Development Facilitator (G.C.D.F.) endorsed by the National Career Development Association, (NCDA) the National Employment Counseling Association (NECA) and the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals. (NAWDP).

Currently, she serves as the Program Director for AmeriCorps out of Good Samaritan Ministries. Previously she held position as Ottawa County's North American Free Trade Act-Trade Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) Specialist, dealing with foreign trade and policies.

Robyn is an active member on the Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance Board (LEDA); she has served as the Treasurer on the Executive board for 70 X 7 Life Recovery, is serving on the Board for the Holland Area Arts Council (HAAC) and co-serves with her husband as the Holland Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) for the Holland/Zeeland Community Foundation promoting philanthropy in the next generation.

Recently, Robyn became the 2008 City of Holland Human Relations Commission Government and Community Relations/Social Justice Award recipient in recognition for advancing the cause of Racial and Cultural acceptance among all of the Holland Community. She was featured as the 2007 keynote speaker for LEDA's lakeshore diversity youth program called, Calling all Colors (CAC); she is a host for *The Gathering*, a bi-annual event fostering inclusivity and diversity for the West Michigan community. Robyn has been a facilitator for the Lakeshore Summit on Racism, focusing on faith-based initiatives and leadership, she has appeared as a guest speaker for various inter-cultural / multi-cultural groups such as Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony (ACEH), Hope College's Encounters with Cultures class, Radio in Black and White; Harvard's implicit test, Ray Mc Millans 2009 Race to Unity Conference with Tony Evans and was featured on Achimadang, a national television show for adopted Koreans in Seoul, Korea.

Personally: Robyn is a Korean Adoptee, married to a West African but raised with in a Midwest Dutch family. She has traveled and lived in various places such as: Senegal, W. Africa, Mexico and Seoul, Korea. Robyn is currently raising a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic family in Holland and enjoys writing, all things multi-cultural; including foods, lively discourse and challenging status quo. She highly encourages civic engagement and has a passion for educating those in the community on how to empower themselves.

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