

Biography of Charles E. Renfroe

Charles Renfroe was born in Tuskegee Alabama on June 16, 1944. He is the second of six children. His grandmother, the late Leola Renfroe of Tuskegee Alabama, influenced his early education. Charles maintains strong religious convictions that he learned in his early years. He was baptized at an early age at the Macedonia Baptist Church in Alabama. He is currently a Deacon at the Judea United Baptist Church in Hempstead. He has five children, four of which are graduates of the Hempstead Public School system and have successfully entered college. Two have graduated. He has four grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Charles is married to his lovely wife Leslie Lewis – Renfroe. His formal education began at Macedonia and Washington Public Elementary School, in Tuskegee Alabama. Charles came to New York in 1959 and attended Hempstead High School from 1959 to 1961. He returned to Alabama and completed his high school education in Tuskegee. He also attended Tuskegee Institute.

Charles' professional career began in 1964 at Diamond International Printing & Lithographing Co. Inc. While at Diamond International, he attended Local 119-43B Printing School in New York City. He remained at Diamond International until he was transferred to Grinnell Lithographing in Islip, New York. He remained at Grinnell from 1978 – 1988. From there he attended State University at Farmingdale. He then perused distant learning courses from the University of Palmers Green, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Resource. He then went on to earn a Master Degree in Facilities Management.

Before Charles started his career with the Hempstead Public Schools, he was a volunteer parent for many years. His professional career started in 1980, until his retirement in 2006. He was elected to the position of School Board Trustee in 2006 and has held the seat of President of the Board for all three years of his three-year term. Charles has always been an advocate for all children from the time his own children were attending elementary school. He was a PTA parent during the years his children attended school and has not only actively championed for academic excellence for the children of this community, but for the Hempstead Community at large. The list of his charitable offerings is endless, all of which is volunteer work. Many times, he has utilized his personal resources to make a difference in an individual's life.

His professional certification, accomplishments, and experience are also endless, as we try to name a few. He was Supervisor: Security, Printing, Private & Parochial Textbook, Attendance, Truancy, and Registration.

Certifications & Experience: Crises Intervention, Peer Mediation, Child Abuse Identification, Truancy, Asbestos Compliance Officer, School Resource Officer through New York State Juvenile Officers Association, School Safety Training form John J College of Criminal Justice/CUNY. Assistant Director of Facilities, and a member of New York State Association for Superintendent of Schools Buildings & Grounds Along with all the time he donates to the school district, he still finds time to operate his own business, Redeana Maintenance Service, Inc. since 1985.

He has been the recipient of many prestigious awards; the most important to him was the Father of the Year Award, which he received in 1979 from Marshall School.

Charles' philosophy is **“God 1st, family 2nd, career 3rd and the rest will follow if you truly believe in the word of the Lord.”**