

## BIOGRAPHY

### OF JAMES MCCLOUD

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James McCloud was born in Manatee County, Florida and attended racially segregated Manatee Memorial Elementary School. He was in the historic first class of an integrated Palmetto High School where he graduated as a member of both the National Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America in 1971.

McCloud attended Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio from 1971-1974 where he completed the course requirements for a double-major in Political Science and Social Change through the Institute for the Solution of Social Problems (ISSP). His work-study assignments included working on a federal study of universal healthcare, employment as a Youth Coordinator through the federal Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and as an intern at the Institute for the Solution of Social Problems.

After college, McCloud moved with his future wife, Barbara, to Queens, NY where he was employed by a security sub-contractor at Kennedy and La Guardia Airports. In 1978 he relocated to Palmetto, Florida with his wife and two daughters, Ayisha and Kadidra and served as the Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator for Manatee County. In 1980, his third daughter, Georgie was born and he became self-employed by forming Savon Paralegal Services, an independent paralegal agency.

McCloud began his career in non-profit medical services delivery shortly after the death of his wife in 1992 by founding and serving as President/CEO of Genesis Health Services, Inc. Genesis is a provider of free or reduced-rate medical, dental and behavioral health services.

McCloud also is an active community volunteer, serving on such community entities as; the HIV-AIDS Network of Sarasota, the Regional HIV-AIDS Committee/District 8, the Leadership Council of the Community Health Improvement Partnership, and on Ad Hoc Committees of the Gulf Coast Medical Society, as well as co-chair of the Newtown Health Advisory Council and co-chair of the Newtown Community Health Action Team.