## Why Be a Volunteer Board member.

As a disabled African American woman who has experienced the harsh realities of homelessness and poverty, I am deeply committed to making a meaningful difference in the lives of those who face these challenges today." My personal path has given me a deep awareness of the problems and barriers that people from marginalized backgrounds frequently face. I feel that being a volunteer Board Member of CALIF would allow me to use my unique viewpoint to advocate for change and promote projects that address the core causes of these issues.

My experiences have taught me the value of resilience, determination, and community support. I am deeply committed to empowering others to overcome adversity and reach their greatest potential. I hope to share my advocacy skills, life experiences, and unshakable passion to improve the lives of underserved communities by serving on the board. I am dedicated to collaborating with the CALIF team to create and implement new solutions that promote equity, solve homelessness, and alleviate poverty.

I am a big believer in the need of diversity and inclusion in developing effective solutions, and I am pleased about the opportunity to be a voice for those who are frequently ignored. I am excited to actively participate in strategic decision-making, fundraising, and policy advocacy in order to achieve CALIF's purpose of achieving long-term change. We can work together to create a more just and equal society in which everyone, regardless of their background or circumstances, has the opportunity to prosper."