Michelle's Why

I am Michelle Williams, the Executive Director of WFIA, and I have to say that my favorite part of being at WFIA is the people we meet and hearing their life stories. One of my favorite things to do is to be a driver for a Care Receiver and to get to meet them, hear their story--their jobs, their travels, their families, their successes. It's like reading a chapter out of a gripping novel. You meet someone and see how their life unfolded as they talk about their past or what their future may hold. Often, they are happy to tell their story to a new audience, and it underscores the social connection we all have as humans.

I was excited to join the staff because I had seen first -hand how important the services were to families. When my own father had become ill and my mother needed occasional help managing his needs, I knew that resources in the community made a difference to our family. When the opportunity arose to work with this organization, I felt it was a great fit for me to use my non-profit skills and my community connections to help advance their mission.

I feel truly blessed to be part of this organization, its amazing staff, and volunteers. Helping local seniors, our neighbors and friends thrive, is fulfilling for me and I look forward to continuing to advance Williamsburg Faith In Action's mission.

Latifah's Why

I was interested in joining Williamsburg Faith In Action because of the important services it provides to older adults in our community. Having seen the needs of loved ones firsthand, I understand how vital organizations like WFIA are. I was also excited to grow my skills and learn more about serving seniors through the nonprofit sector.

My favorite part of the job is creating marketing materials and connecting with our care receivers. I enjoy knowing that I make a difference every day, whether it's arranging transportation to a doctor's appointment, helping someone meet a therapy dog, or simply providing a friendly conversation and support.

I have also enjoyed working with our amazing volunteers, whose dedication helps make our programs possible. This position has taught me so much, both professionally and personally, and I look forward to continuing to grow while serving our community.

Patti's Why

Faith In Action has been part of my life for over 18 years. The reason I'm still here is the same reason I was delighted to join the staff in 2008. I thoroughly enjoy being part of a non-profit organization that is totally dedicated to helping people in our community. Meaningful work is important to me and very fulfilling. Over the years I've come to know so many wonderful people to include volunteers, care receivers, and staff members. Each and every one of these special people have had an impact on my life that I will always be grateful for.

Marni's Why

I originally became involved with WFIA because I believed in what the organization was doing in our community, but it has grown to mean so much more to me. I truly enjoy being part of something where you can see the difference you are making in people's lives. I especially love bringing people together—whether it's through the golf tournament, working with our sponsors, or spending time with our volunteers—and seeing how willing people are to step up and help others. For me, the best part is the people. I have met so many wonderful, caring people through WFIA, and I'm constantly reminded that even the smallest thing we do can make a big difference for someone. I'm very grateful to be a part of an organization that takes care of people in our community and allows me to give back in a way that feels meaningful.

Lauren's Why

My why starts with my love for working with seniors, something that grew from watching my mom in her career and growing up spending time caring for my grandparents. I have always loved the opportunity to brighten someone's day and make a meaningful difference, no matter how small. Working with seniors specifically is so special to me. Since first joining Williamsburg Faith In Action as an intern, I've had the opportunity to grow with this organization and build genuine relationships with our volunteers, care receivers, donors, and community partners. Over the years, I've seen firsthand how a simple connection, a helping hand, or a volunteer showing up can have such a meaningful impact on someone's life. Being able to play a part in creating those moments, and connecting people to a mission they care about, is what makes this work so special to me. I feel incredibly lucky to do what I love every day and to be part of a community that reminds me why this work matters.