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***Biographical Sketch***

I, Gregory W. Vernon (48 yrs. Old) , was born on November 21, 1971 in Independence, Louisiana to Ms. Eleanor C. Vernon-Self. I am a native of Amite, Louisiana and current resident of the city of Hammond, Louisiana for the past 9 ½ years. I am the second eldest of six children. My educational matriculation began in Tangipahoa Parish School System since elementary. I am a graduate of Amite High School (1990) and a two time graduate of the Southern University A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I received by B. S. Degree in Psychology in 1990 and a M. A. Degree in Mental Health Counseling in Mental Health Counseling. During my tenure at Southern, I attended Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana in 1991. Moreover, I attended Southeastern Louisiana University in 2001 where I began additional studies in Special Education. I've worked for the field of mental health and vocational counseling for a considerable length of time and from there progressed to working in the Tangipahoa Parish School System until I relocated to Baton Rouge, Louisiana until 2010. Due to Medicaid layoff, I moved back to Tangipahoa Parish where I reside at present. From thence, I worked as a Payroll Supervisor and Data Entry & Statistical Analyst until April of this year, 2020.

Some of my hobbies include traveling, music, walking and taking long drives to enjoy nature. I am surrogate father to two beautiful, smart and intuitive little girls, Charlie and Chloe. My greatest accomplish by far has been defeating CANCER! Even though the disease has left some lasting impediments, I continue to advocate for Cancer awareness and enhancements for better quality of life.