



Donna Butts has been the Executive Director of Generations United since 1997. Previously she served in leadership positions at the YWCA, National 4-H Council, and Covenant House. Butts is an internationally known speaker, author, and advocate. She has served on five United Nations expert panels and is a graduate of Stanford University's Executive Program for Nonprofit Leaders. *The Nonprofit Times* has recognized her three times as one of the Top 50 most powerful and influential nonprofit executives in the nation. In 2015 she was named one of the Top 50 Influencers in Aging by Next Avenue.



Jason B. Allen is the National Organizing Director for the National Parents Union. He has over fifteen years of experience in education as a teacher, administrator, and leader. Jason is a storyteller and shares his experiences through his company, educational entities, llc, which includes The Educators Voice Blog (TEVB), Students for Equity, i Win Morning Show, and Lillie's Foundation. He advocates for elevating Black male teachers' voices and hosts the podcast Speak Black Man. Additionally, he shares his experiences as an educator through the Indy K12 blog. Jason is a member of the Association of American Educators (AAE) and the AAE Foundation Advocacy Fellow. His work is centered on his family's foundation, Lillie's Foundation, supporting grandparents and seniors raising school-aged children.



Dr. Michael Robert, now in his eighth year as Superintendent of the Osborn School District, brings over 31 years of dedication to elementary education. His transformative leadership as Principal of Encanto School helped it achieve an 'A' rating and A+ School of Excellence™ status. With advanced degrees in Multicultural and Montessori Education, as well as Educational Administration, Dr. Robert's commitment to educational excellence is unwavering. His journey from a teacher to a visionary leader reflects his passion for nurturing the potential in every student. He and his wife, Siman Qaasim, reside in Phoenix, where their four children benefited from the same schools he is dedicated to improving.



Victoria Gray, a Generations United GRAND Voice Caregiver Advocate from Arizona, has dedicated her life to supporting kinship families. After she and her husband began raising seven grandchildren, including those with special needs, Victoria faced the challenges these families endure. Since 1992, she has navigated complex systems and led efforts to secure resources like Arizona's TANF program. As the founder of GreyNickel Inc., she continues to advocate for kinship families' rights and well-being.



Laurie Tapozada, a grandmother raising her 9-year-old grandson and 7-year-old granddaughter, is a dedicated advocate for kinship families and a Generations United GRAND Voice Caregiver Advocate from Rhode Island. After struggling in isolation for over a year with her grandson, Laurie's life transformed when she found a community organization offering peer support. This experience inspired her to redesign kinship training programs and establish a peer mentor program with the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. She now supports kinship families through The Village for Rhode Island Foster and Adoptive Families.