

## **Living Legend of Cumberland**

### **Ms. Ja’Kita L. Harrison**



Ms. Ja’Kita L. Harrison, the youngest child and daughter of James and Marilyn “Huck” Harrison, was born in Florence, SC on April 1, 1982. She has three siblings, Joretta Kelly, James E. Harrison (Deceased), and her twin, SaKita Harrison. Ms. Harrison is a 2000 graduate of West Florence High School. While in high school, she participated in several organizations: Zeta Phi Beta Archonettes, West Florence Marching Band, West Florence Gospel Choir, TRI-HI-Y, Teen Institute, and the Track & Field Team. Ms. Harrison also volunteered her time with the City of Florence Parks & Recreation Department and the JTPA Youth Department.

After graduation, she continued her education at South Carolina State University. Ms. Harrison marched on South Carolina State’s Marching 101 Band, was crowned Miss Homecoming Freshman, was a member of the National Society of Black Engineers, and a member of the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers). She graduated

from South Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

Ms. Harrison furthered her education at Webster University and earned her Master's of Arts in Information Technology Management. She is currently employed at HopeHealth as a Systems Administrator. In this position she installs and repairs existing servers, manages several operating programs, performs daily systems monitoring, and plans and implements clinical related IT systems.

Ms. Harrison is a member of the Iota Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. She is an active volunteer in the community. She has assisted in getting Kimberly Johnson elected to the House of Representatives District 64 and volunteers annually at the Clarendon County's Striped Bass Festival. Ms. Harrison is noted for always willing to give a helping hand.

Ms. Harrison is a lifelong, dutiful, active, and faithful member of Cumberland United Methodist Church and has been involved in several church ministries. As a child, she sang on the Children's Choir, served as an acolyte, and was a member of the Girl Scouts. In her teen years, she was a member of the Youth Choir, Junior Usher Board, and a Vacation Bible School volunteer. In her adult years, she has served on the Trustee Board and held the position of secretary, chairperson of the Young Adult Ministry, chairperson of the Young Adult United Methodist Women, coordinator of the youth Praise Dance Team, and vice chairman of the Administrative Council. She sings on the Voices of Inspiration Choir and the Fifth Sunday Ensemble. Currently, Ms. Harrison is a member of the Finance Team, chairperson of the Children's ministry, and the chair of the Communication/Media Ministry.

“Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile.”