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APRIL DAY WOMENS BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ALLIANCE (WBEA)

For more than 16 years, **APRIL DAY** has brought her unique passion, intellect, and “sheer willingness” to her mission to develop communities and improve lives through education and economic sustainability. Her body of work demonstrates that she has always been on the front end of active service, challenging the status quo in order to create, deliver and preserve programs that achieve her personal goal to change the world.

Armed with postgraduate non-profit training and valuable internships, April started her results driven career as a program director for a 15-branch youth mentorship program involving 800 youth and 200 volunteers. She raised \$25,000 in grant money. Since then, April has strengthened the administrative and fiscal operations of several organizations; helped to prepare thousands of young people for college and life responsibilities; launched a women’s business center in 30 days to eventually support 500-plus small business owners and entrepreneurs; managed a total of eight million in annual budget dollars; and raised in excess of \$3.5 million in grant funding.

Today, April applies her seasoned communications, collaboration, team building and strategic thinking abilities to her role as president of the Women’s Business Enterprise Alliance (WBEA). The WBEA is a leading third-party certifying organization that serves 750 women-owned business enterprises representing nine billion dollars in revenue and more than 40,000 jobs in 94 Texas counties. April’s primary role is to increase opportunities for women-owned businesses and corporate members through education programs and professional networking.

Under April’s leadership, the WBEA has enjoyed increased membership, efficiency and revenues; received more than half a million media impressions; and will soon participate in its first global trade mission to China. Additionally, she developed a Giving Tree scholarship and mentoring program for start-ups; a non-profit management and business ownership college internship program; and partnered with the City of Houston to launch the Kauffman New Venture and Growth Venture business development initiatives.

April gives back to the community by serving on several boards including the WBEA’s Business Enterprise National Council’s Leadership Council, the Government Procurement Connection, Port of Houston Authority, Will’s Kids, the Parris Foundation and the University of Houston Non-profit Leadership Alliance. She is a business trainer for the Houston Community College’s Center for Entrepreneurship, guest lecturer for the University of Houston’s School of Social Work and a mentor for the Me to We Foundation. A native of Springfield, Massachusetts, April earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Houston and an MBA from Our Lady of the Lake University. She is a proud UH Cougar and Nonprofit Leadership Alliance alum and member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, inc.

INDRANI GORADIA INDRANI’S LIGHT FOUNDATION

INDRANI GORADIA is a philanthropist and advocate for women’s health and empowerment. She is the founder and visionary behind Indrani’s Light Foundation, a nonprofit foundation dedicated to providing solutions to Gender Based Violence.

In 2004, Indrani decided to compete for the first time in an Olympic distance triathlon. While it was extremely difficult, she completed the triathlon as a way to celebrate her 50th birthday. With a similar determination, Indrani is a determined advocate for girls and women.

An acclaimed speaker, author, trainer, coach and activist, Indrani recently addressed the World Women’s High Level Development Forum on Women’s Health & Development, at the United Nations, New York City, and spoke at the United Way in London, England. However, she is most proud of her roles of wife and mother. She is a tireless and fearless leader of the mission.

Indrani’s Light Foundation (ILF) is a non-profit family foundation that helps women and families take steps to live empowered lives. We believe the tools to eradicate gender violence are already available. Our job is to disseminate them thoroughly and responsibly.

We seek to create change through partnerships, pooling resources with for-profit businesses, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations such as Population Services International (PSI.) Through PSI, we’re focused on measurable change in New Delhi, India, and Trinidad and Tobago.

The heart of the Foundation’s work is an evidence-based behaviour-change curriculum called ‘Live a Brighter Life: An Empowerment Course for Living.’ Using a coaching approach to empowerment, the course has been delivered to hundreds of men and women who have experienced abuse, or have loved ones who have.

The Train-the-Trainer program for the Live a Brighter Life Course is now also available

MISSION & VISION

At Indrani’s Light Foundation (ILF) our vision is that one day soon, a girl will ask her mother, ‘Mom, what is gender violence? What about the phrase - domestic violence - what does it mean?’ And the mother will reply, ‘Those are horrible things that used to happen, honey, but they’re history now. You don’t have to worry.’

ILF also has a vision for a new approach to philanthropy - bold entrepreneurial philanthropy. Like Bill Gates, we consider ourselves impatient optimists on both counts. To learn more about Indrani’s Light Foundation visit <http://indranislight.org/about/>

