

Black Phoenix Investment Group was founded by Ajeh Agbese, Leah Clark, Consuela Cooper, and Roberta Gary in a response to lack of housing options available for rent or purchase in the Waterloo East Side neighborhoods. The goal of Black Phoenix is to provide low-cost, high class rentals and properties for purchase in neighborhoods generally overlooked in Waterloo.

Ajeh Agbese wears many hats including being a mom, volunteering with the youth, running a transportation business which provides timely and affordable service to people who are usually reentering society to get to and from work. By day Ajeh work at QPS as a job recruiter helping people find long term permanent employment. She majored in social work at UNI and graduated in 08. Some of Ajeh's hobbies include watching and playing basketball, celebrating national holidays, baking and doing crafts!

Leah Clark is a Waterloo native and East High class of 2000 graduate. She graduated from UNI in 2004 with a BA in Psychology, and 2006 with her MSW; she currently attends Iowa State where she is pursuing a Ph. D in Educational Leadership. Leah is currently living in Ankeny, Iowa, and working as a social worker for Des Moines Public Schools. In addition to working for the schools, Leah also does individual and group therapy and has founded her own organization, Ujima Community Services as she has a passion for helping others. Leah is a mother to four amazing children: Treionna (17), Jayden (12), Savannah (1) and Asir (9 months). In her free time she enjoys growing her business, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

Dr. Consuela Cooper is a graduate of East High School, University of Northern Iowa, and Walden University and is employed with Iowa State University as Special Assistant to the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management. Consuela is passionate about serving the Waterloo community through assisting others with resume writing, business planning, and enrolling into college and trade programs. She is a proud single mother of her 14 year old son, Khire and enjoys cooking, traveling, and online shopping.

Roberta Gary is graduate from East High School and received her AA in Liberal Arts from Hawkeye Community College. She was formerly a Caseworker for 12 years focusing people with Special Needs and Disabilities. She now currently works in guest services for Kwik Trip. Roberta's hobbies include traveling, cars, and YouTube videos. Roberta is a proud single mother to son Divion who turns 18 in March.

