

# The Greatness Gazette

Destination Greatness, PLLC

"Transcend Adversity. Achieve Greatness."

## "Everything is in Divine Order".

The Honorable **W.M.Jefferson** (08.10.1929-12.24.2014) recently conveyed these words of wisdom, encouragement, foresight, and greatness. **Destination Greatness** will continue to **Transcend Adversity and Achieve Greatness** in 2015.

Our newsletter will now be published monthly! Please subscribe to the newsletter as well as our social media outlets!

**Destination Greatness wishes you Peace, Prosperity, and Greatness in 2015!**

**Happy New Year!**

Sincerely,

Shanna A. Jefferson, MSW,LCSW,LISW-CP  
Chief Executive Officer



## Welcome to South Carolina!!!

On **December 15, 2014**, Destination Greatness obtained the keys to our Columbia, SC office! Effective **January 1**, the office is open for business! The Columbia office is located at 1612 Marion Street. Contact us at 803-743-2757 for referrals and/or to schedule an appointment.

## Welcome!!!

**LeWayde Johnson** will serve in the capacity of Chief Operating Officer effective January 1, 2015!

We also extend our warmest welcome to our therapists in Columbia, SC! **Jewel Taylor** and **Constants Adams** are dedicated and devoted to the mission of Destination Greatness!

## Destination Greatness Professional Services

Individual, Family, and Group Therapy  
Clinical Assessments  
Anger Management Skills Training  
Coping with Depression  
Behavioral Skills Training  
Workshops  
Seminars  
Clinical Supervision  
And more...

## Special Dedication

Destination Greatness celebrates the life of The Honorable Willie M. Jefferson. Mr. Jefferson is an Honorary Board of Advisors Member. More importantly, Mr. Jefferson, a good and faithful servant of God, is the twin brother of George M. Jefferson and beloved uncle of our CEO Shanna A. Jefferson.

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## Willie M. Jefferson



**Willie McKinley Jefferson**, husband of Jeanie Jefferson, was born Aug. 10, 1929, in Mayesville to the late William McKinley Jefferson and Julia Dix Jefferson. He departed this life on December 24, 2014, at Tuomey Regional Medical Center, Sumter.

He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his savior at an early age and became a lifelong member of Ebenezer AME Church, Mayesville. Willie served his church in several capacities, including steward pro-tem, Sunday School superintendent, bible class teacher, church secretary, director of Christian Education and the Lay Organization. He was also a dutiful servant of the Northeast Conference where he was president of the Lay Organization, Allen University recruiter, Director of Christian Education, finance committee member and a member of the General Conference of the AME Church since 1968.

Willie was a graduate of Mayesville Institute High School. He went on to earn a bachelor of science in chemistry from Allen University, Columbia, and a master's degree in education from South Carolina State, Orangeburg. He did further studies at University of North Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina, the University of

South Carolina, Columbia, and Francis Marion University, Florence.

He served a tour of duty in the United States Army.

During his career, Willie served as director of alumni affairs at Allen University, assistant superintendent for personnel and instruction for Lee County Schools, principal of Mount Pleasant High School, Elliott, and Dennis High School, Bishopville, and numerous other teaching and administrative positions in Trio and Sumter School District.

He worked tirelessly in the community as he served as a summary court judge, town councilman and mayor of Mayesville for many years. His unselfish dedication and love for his family extended to all mankind.

Willie was a member of the Do-Right Lodge No. 377 F.A.M., Lynchburg, the Gamma Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc, the Sumter County Greater Chamber of Commerce, the South Carolina Municipal Association and many other civic, social and professional organizations.

He was previously married to the late Wilhemenia Williams Jefferson and to this union two sons were born.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories: his loving wife, Jeanie L. Jefferson; five sons, William C. Jefferson of Fayetteville, John Fitzgerald Jefferson of Mayesville, Lee Ernest (Francena) Brown and Ronnie Brown of Gable, and Robert (Flora Mae) Brown of Pensacola, Florida; two daughters, Barbara B. Ragin of Gable and Melba (Ricky) G. Payne of Sumter; one sister, Pattie J. Gibson of Mayesville; one brother, Roy Jefferson, of Columbus, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law and other relatives and friends.

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**The Destination Greatness Foundation  
Presents  
The George M. Jefferson Agent of Change  
Scholarship  
\$500**

**Criteria**

1. High School Senior in Allendale County, SC; Sumter County, SC; or Durham County, NC enrolling in college in Fall 2015.
2. 3.3 GPA (4.0 Scale)
3. 1 Letter of Recommendation from school official (teacher, counselor, or administrator) and 1 Letter of Recommendation from non-relative (pastor, community member, employer, agency official) who can attest to your commitment to serving as an agent of change and public service endeavors.
4. Active involvement in an organization (school, community, church, etc) that fosters public service.
5. Essay of 500 words adhering to the following.
  - a. Self-introduction.
  - b. Define Agent of Change.
  - c. Explain why public service is important.
  - d. Identify your past and current efforts in serving as an agent of change in public service endeavors.
  - e. Conclude with your plans to affect positive social change as you transition to college and beyond.

**The George M. Jefferson Agent of Change Scholarship Committee** will accept applications from **January 15 through March 15**. The application link will be posted on our website effective January 15.

Two copies of the completed application packet should be **postmarked by March 15, 2015** and mailed to:

Destination Greatness  
Attn: Scholarships  
PO Box 12497  
Durham, NC 27709

If you have any questions, you may contact us as follows: [scholarships@destinationgreatnesspllc.org](mailto:scholarships@destinationgreatnesspllc.org).  
\*The Foundation will award 3 scholarships. One recipient will be selected from each county.\*

George M. Jefferson (08/10/29 - 10/13/08) was born in Mayesville, SC to the late William McKinley Jefferson and Julia Dix Jefferson.



Believing education is the key to unlocking doors, Mr. Jefferson was a lifelong learner and educator. From the cotton fields of Mayesville, SC to the classrooms of Allendale, SC and to the streets of injustice throughout our Nation, Mr. Jefferson lived a life of Public Service.

Mr. Jefferson was a Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Allendale Masonic Lodge No.53, and the NAACP. He was a Community Activist, Civil Rights Activist and Political Activist. He believed in justice and was always ready to fight for people who were unable to fight for themselves. He stood for what was right even if he had to stand alone.

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### 2015 Financial Resolutions

1. Stop wasting time
2. Get ultra organized
3. No automatic bill renewal
4. Multiply any monthly fee by 12 and see how you feel about the value of what you are getting
5. Do not agree to any sales presentation that demands an immediate decision
6. Say "No" to contracts whenever possible, and be prepared to walk away from them if necessary
7. Think about the impact of any decision six months, one to three years, or even five to 10 years into the future

(Courtesy of Lynnette Khalfani-Cox. Please visit [www.askthemoneycoach.com](http://www.askthemoneycoach.com) for additional information. )

### Upcoming Events

January 1-Happy New Year!!!!  
January 1-SC Office Opens  
January 15-Dr.Martin Luther King Birthday  
January 15-Scholarship Submission Begins  
January 19-Dr.King National Holiday

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