

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Renee J. Amooore

PERSON

Amooore, Renee J., 1953-2020

Alternative Names: Renee J. Amooore;

Life Dates: January 24, 1953-May 4, 2020

Place of Birth: Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, USA

Residence: King of Prussia, PA

Work: King of Prussia, PA

Occupations: Healthcare Executive

Biographical Note

Health care advocate Renee J. Amooore was born on January 24, 1953 in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania to Juanita Ramsey, a domestic worker and nurse, and John Ramsey, a school bus driver. Amooore has earned a reputation for her innovative approaches to treating mental illness and other disorders.

Amooore (then Ramsey) was trained at the Harlem School of Nursing and served as head emergency room nurse at New York's Harlem Hospital. While working as evening and night program coordinator at the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic, Amooore earned a bachelor's degree at Antioch College in 1979. Antioch University granted her a master's degree in administration in 1982. By that time, Amooore was already working as a supervisor of Wordsworth Academy's hospital program in Pennsylvania. In 1986, the Philadelphia Center for Developmental Services, Inc. hired her as a program director. Growth Horizons, Inc., an organization running group homes for people with mental illness and substance abuse problems, employed Amooore in 1988 where she worked until 1996, becoming its vice president and chief operating officer.

In 1995, Renee Amooore founded a health care management and consulting firm called the Amooore Group in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The company includes Amooore Health Systems, Inc., a local service provider and health care consultant; 521 Management Group, Inc., a public relations and governmental liaison business; and Ramsey Educational and Development Institute, Inc., which provides programs focusing on job creation and workplace diversity. Amooore's political connections serve her well. In 1992, she was elected to Pennsylvania's Republican State Committee and became the deputy chair in 1996.

Amoore has taught as an adjunct professor at Drexel University, Antioch University and Lincoln University. Her civic commitments include membership in the NAACP, the American Legion Auxiliary and the African American Museum of Philadelphia's Advisory Board. She serves as a deacon at Saints Memorial Baptist Church and a guest host on a WHAT-AM community talk show. Honors Amoore has received include the Artemis Award from the Euro-American Women's Council in Greece, the Evelyn McPhail Award for Republican Activist of the Year, the NAACP Award for Community Services in Education and the Madam C.J. Walker Award from the Coalition of 100 Black Women. She and her husband, Joseph Amoore, have one daughter, Cherie.

Renee J. Amoore was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on September 10, 2002.

Amoore passed away on May, 4, 2020.

Related Entries

Haverford High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Coopertown El Sch [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Wordsworth Academy [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Supervisor

Drexel University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Adjunt Professor

Antioch College [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Instructor

Lincoln University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Instructor

Philadelphia Center for Developmental Services [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1997 to ?]

Program Director

Growth Horizons [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1988 to 1996]

Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (COO)

Republican Party of Pennsylvania [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1992 to ?]

Deputy Chair

Amoore Group [EMPLOYEE OF]
[from 1995 to ?]

Founder