

“Life is a journey of people, places and perspectives.” – Raquel

MEET RAQUEL BENEBY HART, JP, a resourceful, driven and creative problem solver.

Raquel was born on the island of Nassau, New Providence in the Bahamas to the late Granville and Rose Beneby.

As the 5th of six children, Raquel was a sponge and absorbed much wisdom and knowledge from her elder siblings. Family and friends delighted in her curiosity to learn which never waned. Identifying Raquel’s giftedness, much sacrifice was made by her parents to ensure she had the best education. Raquel's educational pursuits were advanced at St. Augustine's College, College of the Bahamas where she majored in Psychology and minored in Sociology; The Bahamas Baptist College where her studies were in Supervisory Management, at the University of Miami she pursued an Executive MBA in Business Management in addition to studies with a number of other local, regional and international bodies including:

- 2020 Completion of The Peace University SDG and Conflict Resolution Course.
- 2014 Graduate of ProNet - A Business Management Training Programme for SMEs having studied Business Strategies, Cost & Financial Management and Export Marketing, sponsored by the Caribbean Export Development Agency,
- 2011 Graduate of Academy of International Business Officials in Beijing, China having studied ‘Trade and the Environment for Developing Countries’
- 2010 Certified International Trainer & Proctor for National Restaurant Association
- 2010 Certified Corporate Trainer with MAGIC for Customer Service

In 2004, Raquel’s journey brought her and daughter to the island of Grand Bahama. Raquel has held managerial positions in the public and private sector leaving an indelible mark of excellence. Notably, Raquel was the producer of the 2017 and 2018 Grand Bahama Technology Summit and provided administrative support and contributor to the digital transformation team for the Bahamas.

Raquel has been able to seamlessly integrate and balance her faith, work and passion for community development. Raquel is an active member of the Church of God Prophecy holding a number of leadership positions. In 2011 to 2013, Raquel served as a Board of Director for the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce with responsibility for Small Business development. She has served as Executive Director for the Downtown Freeport Business Association. Raquel is a member of the International Institute of Marketing Professionals. In 2018, Raquel was appointed mentor for the European Union sponsored PISCES project which supports nature based community micro enterprises. Raquel used this opportunity to assist fishermen in the East Grand Bahama community with Small Business Grants. As a small business advocate, in 2019 she represented the Bahamas at the Global Entrepreneurship Congress in Bahrain, the Middle East. In 2019, despite the ravages of Hurricane Dorian on Grand Bahama, Raquel humbly accepted the International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP) scholarship, sponsored by the US State Department which focused on the technical entrepreneurship and empowerment of women and girls.

In 2020, she was appointed Justice of the Peace. Raquel has utilized her adept skills in project management to serve as the Administrator for the Grand Bahama Food Distribution Program. She has also served as Assistant Area Governor for Public Relations for Toastmasters International District 47 and also on the Jack Hayward High School Board. Raquel is the founder of Bridge of Hope Bahamas NGO, which is an Agribusiness Hub. She is the Chair for Women United Northern Bahamas, served on the National Women's Advisory Council and Founder of the Grand Bahama Women's Investment Group. Raquel's face and voice has been seen on local TV networks, radio stations and print media. She has graced the halls and mounted podiums too numerous to mention. Her intent: transforming minds in her sphere of influence. She has produced content both digital and print to empower entrepreneurs and the wider community.

Following in her parent's footsteps, Raquel's entrepreneurial spirit has risen to the challenge. She is the CEO of RB Solutions Group, a multifaceted business management and service provider network. This network includes, Blue Marlin Executive Services, RBN Communications, The Gourmet Girl Gifting Boutique, C-Suite Concierge, Club Yes Mobile Meals and Corporate Catering.

Raquel has received a number of awards and accolades for her work

- 2022 We See You Award for Community Development
- 2022 Bahamas Education and Scholarship Award for Community Service
- 2022 Bishop Godfrey Williams Foundation Award for Community Building
- 2018 Top 25 Most Influential Women in Business in the Bahamas
- 2016 Award for Exemplary Leadership in Church and Community, COGOP Social Outreach
- 2006 Officer of the Year Award Toastmasters International
- 2006 Pastoral Award Church of God of Prophecy, Grand Bahama
- 1998 Woman of the Year Award Church of God of Prophecy, Meadow Street

These achievements pale in comparison to her growth and journey as a mother of a 24 year old daughter and her faith in God.

RAQUEL'S MANTRA: Thinking Big Transforming the World

RAQUEL'S MANDATE:

- To Create
- To Connect
- To Collaborate
- To be a Conversation Partner
- To be a Community Builder
- To be a Change Agent

RAQUEL'S MISSION: Building People, Building Communities