



Schenectady Business & Professional Women's Club, Inc.

2017 Woman of the Year

Sherain Rivera **Founder/President of Raindrops Closet**



Sherain Rivera moved to Schenectady in 1989 with her Mother, Laverne. She attended elementary school in Schenectady, before attending St. Anne's in Albany for high school. At St. Anne's Sherain attended a BOCES program and successfully graduated from both in 1997. She had her first son in 1998 and worked in home care from 1990 to 2007.

In 2008, Sherain married her husband Jacob. In 2014, Sherain's life was turned upside down when she and six children became homeless. Through hard work and dedication, Sherain persevered. The experience cultivated her passion for community service and inspired her to begin Raindrop's Closet. Raindrop's Closet is a nonprofit 501c3 that supports struggling families through donations of clothing and household items. The Schenectady - based program helps families transition out of homelessness so they can rebuild their lives and create a better future for themselves, much like Sherain did for her family.

More about Raindrops Closet

Raindrops Closet is a non-profit 501 3 C organization that is changing the way families impacted by homelessness are assisted in the community. The mission of Raindrops Closet is to give families that are or have been homeless the gift of a second chance. We aim to provide families with supportive resources, including but not limited to, clothing, household items, and emergency contacts in the community. Raindrops Closet is supporting families in their transition out of homelessness without the hassle of needing a community or agency referral. The founder, Mrs. Sherain Fonder was once homeless herself with six children to take care of. With the mindset of a true entrepreneur, she managed to find a way to generate income for herself and also help others who are struggling like she once did.