

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

RNDC proudly celebrates Black History Month, a time to acknowledge the rich culture and achievements of Blacks/African Americans. We have an ongoing commitment to a culture of inclusion, where diversity is celebrated and where every person can be her or his authentic self. RNDC truly values the unique perspectives, experiences, and contributions of our diverse associates, communities, and business partners.

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## Why is Black History Month important to you?

Black History Month is important because it provides awareness of the past and the opportunity to place the spotlight on the best of African American history and culture.

## What would you like our RNDC/YMCO family to know about you? Briefly, tell us your story – personal and/or professional. What makes you uniquely you?

I'm a strong Black American Woman that has a nurturing heart. I'm a dependable, dedicated working mother, grandmother, and wife. My purpose is to live, love, and laugh through my pains and struggles along with my accomplishments. My uniqueness is my ability to be strong and independent on the outside while having a great smile and an open heart.



## To tie in with our 2020 Black History Month theme, tell us about any family traditions or fond memories that involve music. Why is music important to the Black Experience?

Music is something that brings my family together no matter what the occasion. Music is important because it allows you to feel. My whole family, from the two-year-olds to the 90 year-olds, loves sing-a-longs and dancing!

## Tell us about your taste in music. What is your favorite music genre? Who are your favorite music artists, past or present? Why?

My taste in music is versatile, I like Blues, Hip Hop, Pop, and R&B. Whitney Houston is one of my favorite artists, I love the pureness in her voice. Michael Jackson is another favorite of mine. Michael's music can make you feel good, happy and sometimes sad.



**What is your favorite adult beverage?**

Stella Rosa Black  
D'asti Moscato  
(Repo) Tequila