

# 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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**Work Location:** Columbia, South Carolina



## Why is Black History Month important to you?

It's important to me because its history. It's a part of who we are as African Americans.

## 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 have 3 children Salea 17, Isis 15 and Issac 13. I graduated from Columbia College with degrees in Business Administration and Communications. I love to read. RNDC is one of the rare companies that actually promotes within which helped me get the position that I have now.



## 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?

There are two traditions that we have as a family; at every family reunion we take photos of each family separately because you never know if that family reunion might be someone's last. At our reunions' music is always playing. Music is a bridge between generations. Music can open up discussions about society and what

going on in the world. Music can express one's feelings and get us through some tough times as well as good times.

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

I like R&B however I listen to anything that catches my ear. I do not have a favorite artist.

**What is your favorite adult beverage?**

Crown Apple

