

Temwa Wright

Executive Director



Temwa Wright serves as Executive Director of Pamoza International, a non-profit Christian organization working in Malawi, Africa. Pamoza's mission is to spread the Gospel and unite people in alleviating poverty and suffering by providing health care, improving education, supporting entrepreneurship, and addressing food security in rural areas.

As a native of Malawi and a long-time resident of the United States, Mrs. Wright's focus is on creating cross-cultural connections that enable people to work together to improve quality of life – physically, spiritually, and emotionally. Under her leadership, Pamoza has expanded its support-base and increased its programming in Malawi, which is among the poorest nations in

the world. The organization's programs impact more than 6,000 people each year. Mrs. Wright travels annually to Malawi to work with local chiefs and community members on how to implement ideas they have for improving their own quality of life. Her success motto is "if we are successful, then we are no longer needed in a community." To that end, Mrs. Wright's focus is on developing indigenous leadership so work is sustainable.

Prior to Pamoza International, Mrs. Wright worked with the Philadelphia Youth Network, a youth workforce development intermediary organization. During her seven years at PYN, Mrs. Wright managed contractual relationships, representing a \$4M investment; supported the Board of Directors; leveraged new funding; and developed a collaborative approach to supporting agency sub-contractors and partners working to teach Philadelphia youth how to be successful in the workplace.

Earlier in her career, Mrs. Wright worked at the Achieving Independence Center, helping foster care youth obtain self-sufficiency. At the AIC, Mrs. Wright developed a mentoring program for girls aging out of the foster care system and personally mentored many of them.

Mrs. Wright is known in the Philadelphia education community for providing leadership to a public movement that helped save E.M. Stanton Elementary School from closure. She currently serves as Chair of Stanton's School Advisory Council.

Mrs. Wright attends church at Freedom Christian Bible Fellowship in West Philadelphia where she has been a member for over ten years. Her passion in the church is exposing people to missions.

Mrs. Wright obtained her Bachelors of Social Work from Eastern University and her Masters from Bryn Mawr Graduate School for Social Work and Social Research.

She resides in West Philadelphia with her husband, James Wright, and three children.