

**Ms. Cheryl Walker, BROKER,
CPM, CMCA, AMS, TCS, COS**

Cheryl Walker is an acknowledged authority on multi-family housing operations, management, and related community impacts. She brings years of hands-on proficiency to an arena where from her earliest years she demonstrated an uncanny blend of professionalism and commitment that have made her a tough yet well-informed proponent of sustainable community-based living. Her skillful achievements are reflected in her leadership as Chief Executive Officer of the Phoenix Group-MD, and Director of Operations for Each One Teach One. The Phoenix Group-MD is a first of its kind housing resource company headquartered in southern Prince George's County, MD and offers a diverse array of special services to landlords, tenants, home owner associations, mortgage lenders and debtors. Each One Teach One is a tax-exempt 501, (c), 3 community-focused service and counseling group offering compatible personal growth strategies for deserving participants.

Ms. Walker recognizes that experience is one of life's greatest teachers. She has been involved in promoting sustainability principles within active and, sometimes, transitional communities for more than two decades. Her contributions are evident throughout Prince George's County where her firm's motto "***Bringing Resources to the Community That Perpetuate Sustainable Living***", originated. In 1989, she founded Peace Productions, a promotions company emphasizing non-violence by way of entertainment alternatives for young people. Ms. Walker also promoted a teen talk radio show with Radio One, under the direction of Michael Jones, former Promotions Director and Ron Thompson, Program Director. Peace Productions went on to promote "*Stop the Violence*" and "*Stay in School*" campaigns. These programs proved to be very popular when introduced at Oxon Hill High School with the support of leaders in the Prince George's County Public School System.

In 1995, Ms. Walker joined Southern Management Corporation where she continued her persistent efforts to bring communities and educators together. Operating primarily within the most challenging apartment communities in Landover, MD, Ms. Walker met State Senator Joanne C. Benson with whom she became a founding member of the innovative *Route 202 Coalition* in Landover, Maryland. The coalition became one of the first multi-disciplinary confederations in Prince George's County history, ultimately hosting a working group of decision makers in county government and civic organizations as well.

Ms. Walker remains active in numerous affordable housing and community oriented service/advocacy organizations. These include, but are not limited to, the Property Management Association, Community Association Institute and National Center of Housing Management. She

also collaborate through partnerships with the NAACP Prince George's Chapter, Prince George's County Fire Chief's Citizens Advisory Council, the Prince George's County Police Department's Advisory Council and the newly formed South County Alliance for Social Equality, and Education.

As a resourceful organizer, Ms. Walker has collaborated with community stalwarts and elected leaders like Delegate Darren Swain, County Councilman Derrick L. Davis, and public affairs experts like Kenneth Battle Jr. to further efforts to bring communities together. In addition, by earning the support of corporate benefactors like Nike, she has been a leader in planning and hosting *Almost Home*, *Toys for Tots*, *Feed the Less Fortunate*, and *National Night Out* programs. She also created *Peace in the Street Jams* with WPGC and *Street Jams* with WKYS to showcase national talent in local communities. Ms. Walker has been and continues to be a "go to" person for organizations seeking to bring communities together.

Ms. Walker's formal credentials also support the work she is so passionate and dedicated to continuing. She is a Certified Property Manager with a Property Managers Diploma and Maintenance Technician certification from Southern Management University, a Certified Manager of Community Associations, a Maryland Real Estate Broker, a Certified Occupancy Specialist, a Certified Tax Credit Specialist and has completed additional management courses, including; Sales Skills and Strategies; High Impact Presentations; Customer Service; Leadership Development; and Perspectives in Non-profit Management program.

In 2010, Ms. Walker worked closely with the executive leadership of Edgewood Management to create partnerships to invigorate multi-family communities in their Prince George's County portfolio. With the help of members from Prince George's County Council and Prince George's Community College, Ms. Walker led an initiative to assist 54 unemployed residents in Oxon Hill, Maryland in obtaining meaningful training through the *Team Builders Academy*. She also established a partnership with the National Coalition for the Homeless to create *Edgewood Management's Healthy Homes for the Homeless* campaign and a partnership with Prince George's County Schools to launch after-school tutorial programs with the help of Prince George's County teachers.

Throughout her career, Ms. Walker has lead teams ranging in size from five to twenty-eight that have leveraged many resources to create and maintain thriving communities in Prince George's County. She now proudly represents the Phoenix Group-MD, her own management advisory and advocacy firm, addressing the needs of the less fortunate in areas of education, homelessness prevention, affordable housing, financial literacy, and character building. Together, these five core components create the perfect foundation for sustainable, thriving communities.

As a mother of two, Ms. Walker takes great pride in serving the community and helping families build stronger foundations. Ms. Walker is often quoted saying ***“I will never acknowledge a person’s hunger, homelessness or hopelessness and not do everything I can to change it.”***