



Nia Imani Family, Inc.

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**PROFESSIONAL DIMENSIONS ANNOUNCES 2021-2023 SIGNATURE PROJECT**

*PD's Charitable Fund pledges \$100,000 to nonprofit benefiting homeless women and their children*

**MILWAUKEE, October 27, 2021** — Milwaukee-based Professional Dimensions, a network of more than 400 local women leaders, announced Nia Imani as its signature Charitable Fund recipient, pledging to raise \$100,000 over two years. Funds will be collected from a mix of donations from individual members, corporate sponsors and via the proceeds from the PD Imprint Awards.

To date, the Professional Dimensions Charitable Fund (PDCF) has donated more than \$1.6 million to local projects and initiatives that advance the self-sufficiency of women and girls.

“Not only does Nia Imani’s mission align with PDCF’s, but they are a small, locally-based organization that will benefit significantly from our support,” said Lauren Feaster, Professional Dimensions CEO. “We are honored to contribute to Nia Imani’s important mission, which aligns with our mission to support women and girls and to help them become self-sufficient.”

Nia Imani, a 501c3 nonprofit serving the Milwaukee area, supports independent living for mothers and their children recovering from homelessness, violence and traumatic life experiences. The agency provides homeless young, pregnant or first-time mothers with safe, orderly housing in a family-like setting. Families stay up to two years, during which they can come to terms with and manage childhood trauma and learn critical life skills including accountability, self-examination, goal setting and parenting so they can become self-sufficient parents who foster healthy relationships. Funding from the Professional Dimensions Charitable Fund will support Nia Imani’s Muhindi parenting program.

Professional Dimensions’ women will engage with Nia Imani through mentoring, small groups, life skills workshops, donation drives and financial support.

“Nia Imani was born out of a desire to shine a spotlight on a population of marginalized women and children that are often invisible,” said Dr. Belinda Pittman, CEO of Nia Imani. “We are extremely grateful that Professional Dimensions and its members have chosen to support Nia Imani, and we look forward to their help in further elevating this important issue.”

**About Professional Dimensions**

Founded in 1978, Professional Dimensions is a leading women’s professional association in the Milwaukee area whose mission is to unite women leaders in the relentless pursuit of better. The association creates opportunities for members to network, collaborate, learn and lead while inspiring women to reach for more in all aspects of their lives. The organization is intentionally inclusive across career experiences and personal identities, maximizing its ability to innovate and elevate the community it serves. Professional Dimensions challenges leaders to blaze trails in their companies and communities. Our driving ambition is to expand what is possible for women and the world they influence. Professional Dimensions is inclusive of business, non-profit, academic, government and entrepreneurial leaders, representing over 300 companies in more than 30 industries. 30% of its members are women of color and half of our board seats are held by women of color. The membership body spans four generations, from Millennials to The Silent Generation.



### **About Professional Dimensions Charitable Fund**

The Professional Dimensions Charitable Fund was formed as a 501(c)(3) organization in 1985 to serve as the charitable, tax-exempt arm of the organization. The biennial selection of a Charitable Fund project was developed to support local organizations that foster the self-sufficiency of women and girls and by infusing both volunteer time and financial support over a two-year period. At the same time, it gives members an opportunity to work together toward helping individuals and organizations in Milwaukee.

### **About Nia Imani**

Founded in 1994, Nia Imani has served more than 400 Milwaukee area women recovering from homelessness, violence and traumatic life experiences. As Milwaukee's only long-term transitional housing facility for women and children, Nia Imani provides comprehensive services and a holistic approach to supporting homeless young and pregnant mothers and their children. Throughout their time at Nia Imani, women learn independent living skills including parenting skills, life planning, job training, nutrition and meal preparation, computer training, financial management and trauma-informed care training. For more information visit <https://www.niainfamily.org/>.