



## **Bio for Debbie Thomas-Brown**

Debbie Thomas-Brown is a Jamaican born community advocate from the parish of Westmoreland. She was a teacher before migrating to Florida where she now lives. She works as a nurse at the Miami VA Hospital. Debbie provides community outreach, supporting marginalized and underserved immigrant and minority communities in South Florida.

In 2009 she founded South Florida Connects, Inc. (SFC) a faith based, outreach and advocacy organization that provides straight spouse awareness education and support to South Florida immigrant & minority straight spouses. The organization has been providing awareness support to women and men from all over the world via their website at [www.southfloridaconnects.com](http://www.southfloridaconnects.com).

Debbie hosts several radio shows to provide seminar type, educational outreach and awareness support monthly, on WAVS1170am radio, and weekly via [www.blogtalkradio.com/straightspouseawareness](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/straightspouseawareness).

Her non-profit organization (SFC) offers a bi-monthly face-face support group for straight spouse men and women, and also to their families and friends who support them.

Debbie earned numerous community service awards for her volunteer work in the South Florida community and was named A Daily Point of Light by the Points of Light Institute on October 3, 2012 for demonstrating exemplary citizenship through volunteering as an advocate for straight spouses.

She also received the President's Volunteer Service Award, a national honor from President Obama, given in recognition for her outstanding volunteer service advocating for straight spouses.

The City of Miramar and Family & Friends Connection, Inc. also conferred several outstanding community volunteer awards to recognize her outstanding achievements in her community and she was recently nominated as a L'Oreal Woman of Worth for her work with straight spouses.

Debbie provides telephone and email peer support to immigrant men and women of every nationality who reach out to her. As an immigrant straight spouse herself, she understands the challenges that immigrant straight spouses face and how to reach them with the necessary support and outreach based on their own cultural awareness.

Debbie implemented an academic scholarship to help academically outstanding but financially needy students in Florida and Jamaica, through SFC's Annual Self Actualization & Academic Scholarship Award.

She can be reached via SFC's support hotline at 954-983-9751 and via email at [sfconnects@gmail.com](mailto:sfconnects@gmail.com) or via the website's contact page at [South Florida Connects, Inc.](http://SouthFloridaConnects.com)



**"No Straight Spouse Left Behind, Straight Spouse Awareness."**

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**"Life Was Not Meant to Be This Complicated and Difficult...Period!"**

