

JOY IN ACTION



Joy

A JOYFUL BEGINNING

Welcome to the inaugural issue of The Joy Oquendo Foundation Newsletter—a space where we share stories of impact, service, and hope. Founded in May 2021, the foundation was created by the Oquendo family, friends, and community leaders as a heartfelt tribute to their youngest daughter, Jorlaney M. “Joy” Oquendo, whose generous spirit and love for helping others continues to inspire everything we do.

With a mission to empower low-to-moderate income minority youth, we focus on expanding access to scholarships, microloans, and youth development opportunities. Thanks to a generous seed gift of \$10,000 from Michael José Román Oquendo—Joy’s big brother and a Be More Fund winner—we’ve already begun turning this vision into reality.

“This work is important to me because scholarships open doors for kids who might not otherwise have the same opportunities my family was able to provide. I feel so blessed and fortunate, and I want to help others feel that way too”. – Joy Oquendo

My siblings and I have been truly blessed to have had support that made a difference in our lives. Giving back through this foundation is our way of paying it forward—helping young people access the tools and opportunities they need to succeed.” – Michael Román Oquendo

IMPACT IN MOTION: WHAT WE’VE ACCOMPLISHED

Since our launch, we have awarded over \$6,500 in scholarships to deserving youth, empowering them to pursue their dreams. We’ve also built a strong Board of Directors and advisory team committed to guiding our mission with passion and expertise.

Through meaningful partnerships and collaborations with local nonprofits, we’re expanding our reach and strengthening community support.

One of our proudest moments? Supporting a dedicated FFA student from Klein ISD who became the first and only Black student named Harris County Fair King—an achievement made possible by a Joy Oquendo Foundation scholarship.

OUR MISSION, VISION, AND PURPOSE

Mission:

to help close the racial wealth gap by empowering low-to-moderate income (LMI) minority youth to engage in extracurricular activities. The objective is to provide LMI minority youth with the proper tools in efforts to increase and sustain positive engagement.

Vision:

Our vision is to share Joy by closing the racial wealth gap one child at a time.

Purpose:

Our purpose is to close the racial wealth gap by offering long-lasting solutions that enable low-to-moderate income minority youth to break the cycle of poverty and empower them to achieve positive engagement that leads to financial stability and better futures.

MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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LOOKING AHEAD: OUR GOAL FOR 2025

We're dreaming big—and working hard. This year, the Joy Oquendo Foundation is focused on:

- Raising \$15,000 to support youth programming and scholarships
- Awarding 10 scholarships to support low-to-moderate income youth in achieving their educational dreams
- Sharing quarterly newsletters to keep our supporters informed and inspired
- Expanding our partnerships and deepening our community impact through collaboration

Together, we can continue to create meaningful opportunities and build a brighter future for the next generation.

JOIN US IN SPREADING JOY

You can help us turn dreams into reality through our campaign:

Gift for Joy, A Future for Others

How you can help:

- Donate via:
 - PayPal: @GiveJoy21
 - Zelle: administration@give-joy.org
 - Check: Payable to Joy Oquendo Foundation
- Follow & Share our mission on social media
- Spread Joy by telling a friend

Together, we can empower the next generation to lead, thrive, and give back—just like Joy.

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