

**Torre M. Johnson Sr.**

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**Torre Johnson SR.,** or ToJo as he is known to many throughout the city of Milwaukee, is someone who inspires others by his passion, boundless energy and willingness to lead by example. Torre has been a member of the Wisconsin Community Services' staff for the past eight years. He currently splits his time between various programs at the Community Improvement and Job Training program which he is the Project Liaison and the Prison Reintegration Program where he is the lead Mentor ,as well as you can find Torre moving throughout the community offering his assistance to everyone from individual's, different organizations and politicians

He understands the needs and challenges of working with at-risk youth and adults, Growing up in Milwaukee's central city, and often times ending up on the opposite end of the law, Torre has done a remarkable job of turning his life around. In doing so he has placed himself in a position to share his gifts, talents and previous experiences with youth, adults and others.

Torre is the Founder and president of X-Men United Mentoring by Example, previously was on the advisory Board of the Milwaukee Fatherhood initiative, once on the Executive Board of Career Youth Development and has been the Site Manager of the Holton Youth Center, Project Excel and Milwaukee Excel charter school and Day Treatment- Torre has been recognized by the Milwaukee Common Council as well as the Milwaukee Community Journal & The Milwaukee journal Sentinel. Torre is also a freelance journalist for The Milwaukee Community Journal

Torre's leadership is clearly evident, Torre is often asked to serve on panels and various Task Forces to examine solutions to the problems plaguing central city. He worked closely with the Milwaukee County task force for Men of Color; he has worked with the City of Milwaukee and the Medical College of Wisconsin to develop strategies to reduce the incidence of violence. This work helped them with the creation of the Medical College of Wisconsin and the Healthy Wisconsin Partnership Program Youth Violence Prevention Initiative. In 2010, Torre led the effort to get WCS involved in the revitalization of the Holton Youth Center in the Harambee neighborhood. Thanks to Torre's vision WCS had took a leadership role in the Youth Violence Prevention Initiative and the re-opening of the Holton Youth and Family Center (HYFC). Both of these catalytic activities were not just random acts of caring, but were touched off by Torre's lifelong involvement in Harambee the list of acts exemplifying Torre's natural

leadership ability is too long to list here. There is no doubt that given his youthful energy, desire to make a difference, and share his experiences, that his involvement and leadership and will continue to grow over the years.

Torre is highly valued as a part of this community who works with many community based and faith organizations as well as politician's Torre's motto is Only We Can Save Us.. Torre has a strong belief in it's a must that we lift each other up.