



### **JOYCE REYNOLDS**

#### **OWNER – REYNOLDS WELDING AND FABRICATION LLC**

Joyce Reynolds was born in Portland, Jamaica West Indies and migrated to America in 1988. In Jamaica she worked in the marketing department for a distribution company called Grace Kennedy & Company Limited yet starting a marketing career in America proved to be difficult. She had two young children (a one year old and two-year-old) at home and a husband that was still in Jamaica so she had to take whatever opportunity she could get. That opportunity came as a cashier at a fast food restaurant called Nathan's Famous Inc. in Hicksville, New York and within four months she was promoted to assistant manager. In 1995, Joyce became a manager for Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) in New York and worked there until 1998, when her husband decided to pursue a quieter life nearer to family in Connecticut. Moving to Hartford, Connecticut forced Joyce to start her career path once again but nevertheless she persisted and decided, now with three children, to complete the Certified Nursing Assistant Program at Capitol Community College in 1999. She later went on to become a LPN (License Practical Nurse) in 2000 and worked as a charged nurse. In 2010, with the support of her husband and family, Joyce went on to become a registered nurse and work as the Assistant Director of Nursing at Alexander Manor in Bloomfield, CT.

Reynolds Welding and Fabrication LLC was started in 2005. While working as a nurse or attending school Joyce would work part-time at the company. In 2015, she and her husband decided that it was time for the company to grow and in order to do so that she would be needed on a full-time She resigned my position as an Assistant Director of Nursing, started working full time at Reynolds Welding and part-time as a nurse.

Since then Reynolds Welding has grown tremendously and today is now DAS prequalified, DOT/BED certified, SBA certified, MA minority certified, Hartford Minority certified. Joyce is proud of her, her husband, and their family's accomplishment. She is still learning and growing along with the company.