

## *Chaquita Goode*



### *Benefits Counselor*

### *N Street Village*

Chaquita Goode is the Benefits Counselor at N Street Village (NSV). Ms. Goode oversees the Social Security component of the Marj and Mak Vocational Center (MMVC) program. In this program, she assists the residents of NSV in navigating the Social Security process with the goal of obtaining benefits. The women here at the Village have little or no income and find it difficult to obtain benefits. Using tools gained from being Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Outreach and Recovery (SOAR) certified, Ms. Goode serves as a liaison between Social Security and the residents. This is to ensure that services are being rendered appropriately and that the residents are being heard and feel valued. In conjunction with the MMVC, she operates the Wellness Center. This Center offers classes that are focused around Health and Wellness, which are based on the wants and needs of the women at the Village.

Most of Ms. Goode's professional career has been aligned with working with children, adolescents, and adults that have experienced hardships and faced obstacles throughout their lives. Her love for helping others has brought her to NSV because of their focus on upholding their mission and offering good stewardship to the ladies that walk through the doors.

“Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.” -Dalai Lama