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Sharonee Delevante is a dedicated and accomplished mother and professional. Though originally from Kingston, Jamaica, she has called Miami home since the age of four. Her lived experience is her strength. Like her favorite quote, "turn your wounds into wisdom" by Oprah Winfrey, she has used challenging moments as growth opportunities.

After years experiencing homelessness since the age of 18, she moved into the Lotus House Women's Shelter. She not only successfully exited the program into her own home, but grew into her current role as Operations Director for the Foundation, where she now helps sheltered guests professionally grow into who they can be too.

During her stay at Lotus House, Sharonee gave birth to her son Jonathan. She wasted no time and participated fully in the program, including completing therapy programs with her son and enrolling him in the onsite United Way child care opportunity as she pursued work.

In December 2018, just three months after giving birth, she was hired as an Assistant Operations Manager. Her employment supported her exit from the shelter into her own apartment just two months later. She was quickly promoted to shift supervisor and again to Operations Director in 2020.

Sharonee was also elected President of United Way's Parent Committee in 2019 up to the end of the 2021 school year. In her role as Operations Director, Sharonee supervises over 20 team members on three shifts, which cover the shelter's operations 24/7/365. The Operations Team is composed entirely of Lotus House alumni. Her combination of relatability, professionalism, easeful communication and positive attitude help her best support the team.

As Operations Director, she oversees the department's staffing, facility's housekeeping, guest's supplies, the transportation program, quality of guest's rooms, emergency response, and so much more.

She helped create and currently leads the Operations Internship program, which provides professional development and paid internship opportunities to current guests, while supporting the shelter's operations.

Sharonee obtained her Certified Behavioral Health Technician (CBHT) certification in 2021 and completed a 40-hour Registered Behavioral Technician (RBT) course in 2023. She continues to complete additional training as she works toward obtaining her RBT in 2024.

With her blend of resilience, leadership, and commitment to excellence, Sharonee Delevante is poised to make a meaningful impact as an Advisory Board Member for the National Women's Shelter Network.

Sharonee is excited about what the future has in store, and proclaims Lotus House has played a major role in where she is today.