

Mavis A. Creagh

**Advocate for Individuals with social, economic, housing, and educational challenges.
Over 20 years of dedication to service throughout Mississippi and beyond.**

ASSOCIATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Associations

- National VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster) Housing Committee
- Disaster Leadership Team Board of Directors-(2023)
- National Community Reinvestment Coalition Member (R3SM, Inc.)
- Mississippi VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster) Board of Directors-Vice President (2022-Present)
- NAMI MS (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Board of Directors (2020-Present)
- Women's Business Owners of the Pine Belt Board of Directors-President (2023)
- NAMI Pine Belt (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Board of Directors-President (2020-Present)
- Purple Heart Homes Pine Belt MS Chapter Board of Directors-President: Serves Veteran Housing Construction Needs
- Pine Belt MS Veteran's Task Force Board of Directors-Treasurer (2019-Present): Serves over 40 agencies assisting Veterans and Military Personnel
- Mississippi State NAACP Housing Committee Chair (2022-Present)
- Keesler Federal Credit Union Advisory Panel (2022-Present)
- NAACP Forrest County Housing & Economic Committee Chair (2021-2022)
- Rotary Club of Hattiesburg
- Pine Belt Homeless Coalition
- NAMI MS State Conference Chair (2021-2023)
- Mississippi NAACP State Conference Planning Committee (2022-2023)
- Hattiesburg Downtown Association-Promotions Committee (2022-2023)
- Mississippi VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster) Board of Directors Treasurer (2020-2021)/ Secretary (2017-2021)
- Pine Belt News Community Advisory Board (2020-2021)
- Keesler Federal Credit Union Advisory Panel (2018-2021)
- MS Alliance of Nonprofits (R3SM, Inc.)
- Business Empowered Mississippi Chamber of Commerce
- Renaissance Community Loan Company Advisory Board Member (2019-2021)

Recognitions

- Area Development Partnership Leadership Pine Belt (2023)
- Mississippi State NAACP 74th Convention Jerry Mauldin Corporate Award (2021)
- Mississippi Business Journal-Top 10 Business Woman of the Year (2022)
- Rotary Club of Hattiesburg-The Bill Gwyn "Non-Rotarian" of the Year (2022)
- Lighthouse Business and Professional Women-Women of Achievement Nonprofit Award Finalist (2022)
- Hattiesburg Jaycees-100 Awesome People of Hattiesburg (2022)
- Women's Business Owners of the Pine Belt-Top Recruiter Award (2021)

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- Sister Leaders Conference-National Nonprofit Leader Award (2021)
- Business Empowered Mississippi-Honorary Ambassadors Award (2021)
- Business Empowered Mississippi-Nominated Top Nonprofit (2021)
- Mississippi Business Journal-50 Leading Business Women (2021)
- Women's Business Owners of the Pine Belt-Lifetime Membership Award (2019)
- Lifetime Achievement Award-Hall of Fame, Black History Celebrations Executive Committee 20th Year Celebration (2018)
- Mississippi Business Journal-Top 50 Under 40 (2020)
- Mississippi Business Journal-Mississippi's Nonprofit Awards: R3SM, Inc. (2019)
- DKG International Society of Key Women Educators-Red Rose Award (2020)
- Success Women's Conference-National Nominee Top Influencer & Rising STAR (2020)
- Community Engagement Award-Forrest County Branch of the NAACP (2019)

Accomplishments

- Oversight of **31** New Constructions and **200+** Repair Projects over the last Five Years
- Oversight of over **7 Million Dollars** in Community Development Resources over the last Five Years
- Facilitated 100% Ownership of 10,000 sq. ft. R3SM, Inc. Historic Volunteer House
- Responded to **10+** Natural Disasters (Declared and Undeclared) over 14 Years
- Expertise in Disaster Response, Grant Management, Community Development, Volunteer Management, Bookkeeping, and Case Management
- Established local Purple Heart Homes Pine Belt MS Chapter to assist Veteran Housing
- Gulf Coast Woman Magazine- May Day Mental Health Edition (2022)
- Columnist BE Mississippi Chamber of Commerce-Be Magazine (2021-2022)
- Shoutout LA.com (2020)
- Signature Magazine (2020)
- HubCity Spokes (2020 & 2021)
- Non-Profit: Created By-Laws, and Crafted/Developed Articles of Incorporation
- MS Secretary of State Reporting Experience
- Drafted Legal Documents (Deeds, Foreclosure Paperwork, Heirship Affidavits, and Bill of Sale)
- Researched and Assisted with Legal Issues such as Title Work, Tax Sales, Foreclosures, Heirship, and Life Estates
- Participation in Community Revitalization Planning for City
- Assisted with the Implementation of Statewide Housing and Social Service Resource Guide
- Statewide Organization of Allocation, Distribution, and Reporting of Funds
- Membership: Pine Belt Nonprofit Coalition & Pine Belt Homeless Coalition
- Parent and Teachers Association Treasurer (2017-2018)
- Energy Efficiency Training
- MS Centers for Non-Profits: Basic Grant Writing, Federal Grant Writing
- Completion of University of Southern MS SBDC Business Series 101
- Certified in CAN (Coordinated Access Network) database training
- Completed CERT Training (Community Emergency Response Team)
- Microsoft Office Systems
- President of the Year-Residence Hall Association

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- The Global Leadership Summit
- Military Resource Summit (MS National Guard Family Program)
- National Veteran's Intermediary Workshops and Trainings

EDUCATION

William Carey University, Hattiesburg, MS
Master of Science, Counseling 2021-Present

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS
Bachelor of Science, Psychology May 2005

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mavis A. Creagh Consulting, Mississippi

Founder/Owner

February 2021-Present

- Consulting, writing, editing, business development, marketing, branding. In addition, speaking, coaching, and content creation.

We Women Ministries, Inc., Mississippi

Founder

May 2021-Present

- Nonprofit offering services, resources, and development for women and families

Recover, Rebuild, Restore Southeast Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

Executive Director

March 2017-Present

- Responsible for overseeing the administrative programs and strategic plan of the Organization. Other key duties include fundraising, marketing, and community outreach. Reports directly to the Board of Directors.

Assisted with

- Provided oversight of over 2 Million Dollars in Funding
- Facilitated Free Volunteer Labor Worth Over 5 Million
- Oversight of Recovery Efforts Over 7 Million
- Managed the new construction of 31 Rebuilds.
- Managed rehabilitation work of 200+ Homes
- Established & Chaired Local Disaster Unmet Needs Committees
- Managed Weatherization Program
- Liaison between funders and community partners
- Managed 10,000 sq. Ft. fully renovated R3SM Volunteer House located in the Historic Downtown Hattiesburg Area
- Establishing New Purple Heart Homes Pine Belt Chapter

Recover, Rebuild, Restore Southeast Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

Interim Executive Director

Nov 2015 – March 2017

- Served as transitional management leader of R3SM, Inc. Responsible for overseeing administration, programs and strategic plan of organization. Oversight of fundraising, marketing, and community outreach.
- Program Director (AmeriCorps Planning Grant)
- Program Director (March 2016 Flood). Offered expertise with initial planning for recovery efforts in 7 Counties. Provided oversight for cases presented to Community Unmet Needs Committee for approval and funding. Submitted payment for completed projects.

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Case Management Supervisor

December 2014 – Nov 2015

- Jones County 2014 Tornado
- Affordable Housing Program
- Offered expertise with initial planning for recovery efforts. Assessed damages.
- Conducted home visits to complete releases, intakes, and assessments.
- Presented cases to Community Unmet Needs Committee for approval and funding.
- Requested estimates from contractors and reviewed bids.
- Coordinating Volunteers.
- Submitted funding applications for projects. Worked in conjunction with local lending agency to obtain funding. Responsible for monitoring projects to completion.

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Case Management Supervisor (MS Tornado 2013)

March 2013 – August 2015

- Managed over 50 employees who were assigned to 3 Disaster Counties. Trained newly hired case managers. Monitored case management services of approximately 2,000 applicants. Audited case files. Reviewed and approved time sheets.
- Facilitated and attended mandatory staff meetings. Created and implemented staff schedules.
- Worked local Disaster Recovery Center for Forrest and Lamar County. Liaison between FEMA, MEMA, Local Government Agencies, and Community Long Term Recovery Organization. Provided progress reports to FEMA and MEMA.
- Conducted initial intake/outreach for clients directly following the disaster. Assisted with data management on initial clients. Performed systematic qualification of clients based on established criteria. Provided technical guidance and strategic planning to the case management staff for cases being presented to the Unmet Needs Committee. Facilitated case presentations to the Unmet Needs Committee and provided technical guidance and socio-economic information about the applicants.
- Monitored case management services surrounding funding and execution of repairs to include funds tracking, documentation review, permitting. Maintained invoice spreadsheet for tornado program.
- Performed accounts payable and receivable duties for each individual client account. Provided direct case management services as needed. Established contact with contractors as needed and requested quotes for repairs.
- Assisted with submission of grant applications. Served as Project Manager for Construction. Created media releases for specialized events. Performed other duties as assigned; volunteered with agency.

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Case Management Supervisor (Hurricane ISAAC)

October 2012 - March 2013

- Managed over 20 employees working in 11 Disaster Counties. Trained newly hired

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- case managers. Reviewed and approved time sheets.
- Facilitated and attended mandatory staff meetings. Monitored case management services for over 5,000 applicants. Aided in creating initial intake forms for client's household. Provided personnel management as well as program management. Provided progress reports to Mississippi VOAD.
 - Provided progress reports to Volunteer Mississippi. Assisted with locating resources for clients throughout the state. Provided internal process control such as advising case managers on how to adequately access the needs of clients. Conducted on-site training in satellite offices.

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Case Manager (Hurricane Katrina)

August 2008 – August 2012

- Established alliance with Katrina survivors to assist with recovery process.
- Focused on linking clients to permanent, safe and decent housing, as well as access to resources needed to achieve self-sufficiency.
- Obtained necessary client consents to contact organizations to address needs. Researched community resources for potential client referrals through monitoring and documenting client progress.
- Advocated on behalf of clients to access resources. Maintenance of confidentiality regarding client information. Adequately entered data into live database portal to update client's information.
- Assisted clients with MEMA MHAP program in receiving MEMA Cottages. Assisted clients with Section 8 Housing Program. Aided clients with FEMA mobile home purchase program.
- Worked under the MCMC pilot program that covered 28 Counties. Directly monitored repairs and funding donated from Presbyterian Women's annual Thanksgiving Offering.
- Served as point of contact with non-profit agency, Gulf Coast Renaissance Corporation, to assist clients with repairs and replacement housing.
- Responsible for assistance in the administration of 1 Million Dollars in Housing Funding.
- Worked with individuals who are homeless, living in temporary/transitional housing, and uninhabitable conditions.
- Served as Acting Project Manager for construction labor of funded cases.

Boswell Regional Center, Magee, MS

Direct Care Worker

March 2007 - August 2008

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- Assisted individuals with developmental disabilities, mental illness, and physical handicaps with daily activities.
- Specialized in developing patients to be independent and self-sufficient.

Genesis Press/Parker Publishing, Columbus, MS/ New York, NY

Copy Editor

June 2005-April 2007

- Edited novels, editorials, and documentaries before books went to print, reviewed documentation, check validity of facts and overall coherence of works, added editorial marks that were missing in books before they were published, and graded future success of works.