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**UJAA'S MARCH 2023 FEATURE ON WOMEN IN THE UJAA FAMILY
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2023**

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Please provide the following information of Interest

Job or Interest or Hobby: **Engineer**

Why this choice: **Followed in my Mom's footsteps who was an Industrial Engineer and one of a very few Black Women in her field of Fashion.**

How long have you been doing this: **Since I graduated from college, I've been working in telecommunications. Rose from engineer to Director (middle management); now a Technical Writer responding to Federal Proposals – this combines my technical knowledge of the business with my love of writing and affords to flexibility to do from anywhere – coffee shop to beach.**

How did this interest come about: **Loved mathematics as a child; exposed to computer science (programming) while in high school; scholarship to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute – had relatively few Black students (and even fewer faculty and staff).**

What is great about it: **Afforded me a perspective of what it means to be unique – a privilege, and a challenge; led to my desire to be a role model for other Black girls and to give forward.**

What is not so great about it: **Not many role models.**

Additional remarks or information: **I've been blessed – my life steps have been guided. My life, my work is His. I have no worries, no fears. I proceed as if success is inevitable and I need to just Live and Love Simply.**

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We appreciate you.