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

Name

Title – First Name – Last Name:

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Please provide the following information of Interest-

Job or Interest or Hobby: I am the business owner of Dirty Gloves Drain Services and the company operates in the plumbing and waste management industry.

Why this choice: This was a means to provide financial support to my family. In addition, I wanted to follow in my dad’s footsteps. I knew the plumbing and waste management industry was very challenging, but it was a passion I needed to fulfil to support my family. Nothing else I did challenged me until I helped my father with a contract.

How long have you been doing this? Nine Years (9)

How did this interest come about: This was a result of working for my dad as a plumber and in the industry. While working for the corporate job, I came across a bid and asked my dad about it. We discussed it and I advised my dad that we should put a bid in for the contract. I did not know how to put it together and I reached out to some resources I knew and asked how to write up the bid. After discussing the details of the bid information and advising me how to approach the bid, putting the bid was not complicated. I submitted the bid on behalf of my dad’s company and the contract was awarded. That was the most exhilarating feeling I had ever experienced besides having my children. I was instantly drawn to the industry more than ever.

The contract was the largest single award in my dad's company history, and I was the one that created the line of opportunity. The job I worked at while putting the bid together was of no interest to me anymore, I felt a deep passion in my gut, and I had to follow it. Thus, Dirty Gloves Drain Services LLC was created September 10, 2013.

What is great about it:

I can provide employment and aesthetic services to all our clients.

What is not so great about it:

The downside to this not having enough contracts to keep the team working. We operate in most hazardous environmental conditions, and it is not the best however, that is why our motto states "***Our gloves get dirty so yours stay clean***".

Additional remarks or information:

With our revamped business structure and expanded staff, Dirty Gloves is excited to bring in more customers from various sectors and markets, including federal and state agencies, while continuously finding ways to improve our customer service. I am committed to stay true to my mission to grow and expand the company, by furnishing training for the unskilled workforce, so they will be able to be promoted to the next level within the company. Lastly, I will continue to provide more employment for the community.

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