

My name is Gail Trotter and I am from Queens, New York. Growing up, I always knew that I wanted to help children grow into their full potential and find their meaning in life. Working with children from the time I was 15, I have seen how coming from different environments can affect not only a child's learning, but their self-esteem and outlook on life. I knew I had to make a difference for them. From then on, I set a mission, operation LEND. To always learn, empower, nurture, and dedicate my life to helping them. I left home to go to college in Dover, Delaware and I realized that it wasn't just a problem back home, but a problem everywhere that affects everyone. Joining my state association, I immediately was fulfilled with a leadership position that I continued to stay in for the past two years. I found other individuals that wanted to become teachers, passionate about helping children, just as I. It truly warmed my heart. Attending leadership developments, conferences, I've had the privilege and opportunity to meet more, and meet even those that have done it for years. As we continue to grow as the nation's