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Karen Renae Owens is an accomplished, results-driven and global professional with 15 years of leadership experience within the nonprofit, telecommunications, and financial services industries in North America and Africa. A leading international thinker, Karen has several years of nonprofit experience specializing in health systems strengthening, international health policy advocacy, program management and collaborative partnership development in Africa. She is a creative problem solver who reflects on her diverse professional and personal global experiences to inspire, inform and ignite audiences as a keynote speaker. In 2011, she launched her own consulting firm – Karen Renae Owens Consulting LLC – and currently offers a suite of advisory services to her clients. Within the first six months of launching her firm, Karen has already written and won successful grants for her first client, Harvard University.

With fifteen years of professional experience, she has worked for multinational Fortune 500 Corporations such as Verizon, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Wachovia Bank and as a contractor for Lehman Brothers. More recently, she was the Deputy Director for Domestic Policy for the William J. Clinton Foundation in New York. Then, for two years, she served in Africa as a pediatric HIV/AIDS program manager for President Clinton's Health Access Initiative. She managed the national Pediatric Global Health Program for Lesotho that supported over 11,000 HIV positive children.

Born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, Karen is affectionately known as the “globetrotting adventurer” of her family because she has lived in 4 African countries, 10 US cities and has visited over 20 nations worldwide. A graduate of Howard University in Washington, DC, Karen also earned a graduate degree in Urban Planning in Economic Development from New York University and a Master of Divinity from Duke University.

**Expertise:** Leadership Development Teambuilding and Team Synergy, Program Management Data Analysis, Business Systems Streamlining, Organizational Behavior Strategy, Composing Fundraising Proposals and Inspiring Audiences (Keynote Speaker)

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