



JAMESE IVY

*Director of Community Initiatives*

Jamese Ivy joined the United Way of Greater Charlotte team in September 2021. In her current role, Jamese manages United Way's United Neighborhoods grant process as well as the Unite Charlotte grant process. Jamese is always thinking of strategic ways to integrate United Way's granting programs and works closely with the Neighborhood Relationship Managers and the Unite Charlotte Manager to support funded agencies.

Before her role changed to Director of Community Initiatives, Jamese was the Director of Neighborhood Initiatives at United Way and strictly managed the United Neighborhoods grant process. Jamese also contributed to the United Neighborhoods expansion and investment in 2023.

Prior to joining United Way, Jamese was a Senior Associate Program Officer at Renaissance West Community Initiative where she managed the strategic planning and implementation for the Renaissance West STEAM Academy. Jamese collected and analyzed educational data and coordinated extracurricular activities for the Academy as well.

Jamese is a member of the Junior League of Charlotte. She has also served as Board Member and Education Chair for the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., been President of her neighborhood's HOA and served as a member of the Renaissance West STEAM Academy PTSA.

A first generation college graduate, Jamese earned a bachelor's degree in political science from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a master's degree in geography with a concentration in community planning from The University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Jamese aspires to obtain a doctorate degree.

Jamese was born and raised in West Charlotte. She is married, has two dogs – Charlie and Bam – and she is a new mother, so she loves spending her downtime with her baby boy.

Jamese enjoys baking, so much so that she opened an online bakery during the pandemic. She also enjoys reading books by Black female authors and discussing them with her book club, and watching documentaries.