

**Sonja Slaton** is a resident of Ruston, Louisiana, and currently employed for the past 3 years as an accountant for a local construction company, B.A.S. Construction. Sonja graduated from Grambling State University with a B.S. in Accounting and a minor in Office Administration. She worked 18 years for PepsiCo/Frito-Lay in Plano, TX prior to moving back to Ruston to assist her brother, Derik in caring for their mother, Cordia Snowden, who was the original director of Kidz N Harmony Daycare. Sonja is the Financial Officer for Kidz N Harmony Daycare and Trinity Visions Community Development Corporation, and an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. She began part-time helping her mother with the books for the daycare, and eventually took on more responsibilities for both organizations. Sonja is a life-long member of Zion Traveler Baptist Church, where she participates in the Mass Choir, and she also sits on the Board of Directors of Lincoln Total Community Action Agency which is the governing body of the Paul E. Slaton Head Start Center in Ruston, started by and named in memory of her father.