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Marseille Allen is a community activist and political consultant who serves as the president of The Warriors Trust Fund, a nonprofit she established to assist combat veterans under active felony supervision in the criminal justice system.

Impassioned to empower communities and serve as an advocate for others, Marseille created the *WaterForFlint-WFF* GoFundMe campaign in wake of the ongoing Flint Water Crisis. The campaign raised more than \$60,000 in just over a month through donations from around the globe. Marseille mobilized her network to purchase and deliver more than 300,000 bottles of water and other essential supplies to Flint residents. Her efforts received national and international recognition, including from then-Democratic Presidential Nominee Hillary Clinton and Huggies®, which donated more than two million baby wipes to Marseille's campaign for distribution.

In 2013, while supervising U.S. military veterans on felony probation, Marseille co-founded the Oakland County Combat Veterans Treatment Court, one of two combat-only courts in the country. Marseille simultaneously established The Warriors Trust Fund and has collaborated with community stakeholders such as the International United Auto Workers, UPS, Uber and local businesses to better support military veterans in the criminal justice system. Marseille previously served as the assistant to the Majority General Counsel for the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (H.E.L.P.) Committee under the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy, then followed her immediate supervisor and mentor to the Center for Community Change. Later, Marseille relocated to Korea to teach English. Upon returning to the States, she assisted troubled youth as a truancy officer until joining the Michigan Department of Corrections in November of 2006, where she is now a Master Trainer.

From January 2017 through January 2019 while on union leave from state employment, Marseille was a registered lobbyist for UAW Local 6000, the International UAW's largest local at more than 14,000 State of Michigan employees. In this role, Marseille worked closely with legislators and policy staff on behalf of the local and represented the union as a consultant to the Democratic nominees during the 2018 election cycle. After a sweep at the top of the ticket, Marseille was appointed to the Attorney General-elect's transition team.

Marseille was presented the 2017 Philanthropic Award by the Greater Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners was nominated in 2018 as Labor Leader of the Year by the African American Leadership Institute. As well, she is the recipient of Wellesley College's Black Excellence Award (2016), and the Department of Corrections' Citizenship Award (2016) and Leadership Challenge Coin (2015).

In addition to her advocacy on behalf of veterans, Marseille is a member of the Boards of Directors for RemixEducation, the Veterans Support Foundation and the Pretty Hearts Foundation. Marseille serves as the Michigan Legislative Liaison Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Great Lakes Region, and is the vice-president of the Morris Peterson Jr. Foundation.

Marseille is strongly committed to her adopted Native family, the Lakota of the Standing Rock, Cheyenne River and Pine Ridge Reservations in South Dakota. Each year, she joins the two-week, 300-mile Big Foot Memorial Ride to commemorate the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre.

Marseille received a BA in Sociology and Africana Studies from Wellesley College, and an MA in Sociology from Wayne State University.

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