The Legacy Foundation of SC is proud to celebrate our Executive Director, Maurice Lawyer, for successfully completing the 2024–2025 Class of the Nonprofit Leadership Program at the Francis Marion University Fred R. Sheheen Non-Profit Leadership Institute.

Maurice's commitment to leadership, growth, and service continues to inspire our mission and strengthen our impact. Congratulations on this well-deserved achievement!

Below – Read his lovely letter and dedication to his beloved Mother.

Dear Momma,

Not a day goes by that I don't think about you. Not a day goes by that my heart doesn't long for you - to hear your voice, to feel your loving embrace, to know that you're only a phone call away (even if you hung up on me).

Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined that I'd live through the nightmare of you being taken from us on Oct. 31, 2007. Since that day, we've lived a life of loss, grief, depression, and unimaginable pain. But through it all, God Kept Us!

Dad charged me with finding a way for us to honor the life you lived and your devotion to every child you encountered. I answered that call by creating **The Legacy Foundation Of South Carolina**. I knew nothing about running a nonprofit. I never even knew Black leaders in this sector existed, but I was/I am committed to learning everything I can to be a mirror of your heart as I do this work.

So today, I send this note to Heaven, hoping that you are proud of the man I am becoming, proud of the leader I'm growing to be, proud of the life challenges I've overcome.

Today, this one is for you!

Look, Momma! I Did It!

I AM now a Certified Nonprofit Leader. A graduate of the Fred R. Sheheen Non-profit Leadership Institute at <u>Francis Marion University</u>!!

Forever In My Heart,

Your Son