

Steph's World

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Greetings readers!

March 2004 marked the rebirth of Gay Black Female (GBF) Magazine after a two year hiatus. I know there are probably a lot of new GBF readers checking out our magazine and website for the first time who are unfamiliar with GBF and Steph's World. So let me re-introduce who I am and my purpose and plan for GBF Magazine.



I'm Stephanie "Dakara" Wynne and when I started GBF in September 1990 the whole purpose was to meet a special woman and that was it! The plan was to create a brochure that would entail community information and personals ads. Most of the first personal ads were mine, and when I got a response after dropping 400 around town, I knew I had something. I knew then the GBF brochure would be my vehicle to meeting the special love the Creator had set aside just for me.

As time went on GBF grew. It became four pages, then ten and then forty. I've stayed consistent at forty pages for postal reasons and it seemed like a good solid number for the size of GBF. It's still forty pages but all that will change as more time goes on. I've seen magazines come and go and it felt good to go from weekly to monthly. I pretty much published the magazine from my apartment and prior to the Internet, I had to totally depend on content that was sent to me via snail mail.

In 2002, I was already sweating about other things going on in my life. Then my computer backup hard drive tripped out on me. My frustration of having to do the magazine from scratch when it was due the next day was too much, so I said #@! It! After twelve years (with a few little breaks here and there) I went on vacation. I straight dropped the magazine and contacted my subscribers. In the end I felt like I had made a good decision and GBF wasn't totally gone because of the website.

So, here we are two years later and you're reading Steph's World once again. I call it that because I feel like I have something to say. Whether or not everyone likes it can't be my concern. I wanted folks who read the magazine to know that they are not dealing with an average magazine and to not box me or GBF in. I wanted to express what was happening in my world and document the path of GBF. I wanted the readers to know what I was going through to make the magazine happen and other things tied to it. I feel that I am an intelligent person and I felt that maybe I could pass on empowering information to help others.

The main thing I wanted to express was my plight to find that special one because I knew/know that a lot of us are/were in the same boat -trying to find that special person you could love and bond with. Well after fourteen years of GBF, I have finally found that special person, and it was via GBF. I knew with all the fiber of my being that I would find my soulmate, partner, lover or wifey through the magazine. And like countless others who've found a mate through GBF, GBF has lived up to its purpose of "connecting Gay Black Females worldwide" and I've finally been connected.

Dedicated to Leslie

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