



DARREN LEACH

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Darren Leach is a native of Columbus, MS. He is married with 6 children. Darren is also the Pastor and Founder of Genesis Church. After graduating from Tennessee State University in Mechanical Engineering, he worked for Proctor and Gamble. During his corporate career, Darren specialized in reliability systems development and management, costs savings through process improvements and systems development and deployment.

Darren has a strong interest in improving the educational opportunities for young people in disadvantaged communities. He worked as a community partner for the LACE UP project. This was a 21st Century grant sponsored by the Columbus Municipal School District. He also partnered with Kirkland Group to sponsor the Marathon Educational Program, a Title funded summer education and enrichment program. The Crossroads program, another 21st Century Grant sponsored by the Mississippi University for Women, also allowed Darren to act as an Enrichment consultant and community partner.

In 2014, Darren developed and wrote a proposal for Inspire Charter School. He was responsible for developing the educational plan, the operational plan and the financial plan for a community sponsored school.