

Norman Mitchell

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Mitchell throughout his life, from working at the YWCA on MLK Blvd to volunteering and working for Neighborhood Centers, Inc, as a counselor in 1988. He relocated to Houston in 2000 from Los Angeles, California after a successful career in entertainment and established Bee Busy Inc., a non-profit organization with his wife, Darcy Padgett, writing and performing plays, spreading HIV prevention messages and counseling and testing to teach people about HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections.

Today, Mitchell is the co-founder and CEO of Bee Busy Wellness Center, founded a decade ago. During his tenure as CEO, Mitchell has acquired more than \$20,700,000.00 in grant funds, and has developed an array of community programs designed to reach the hardest to reach populations, African American and Latino men and women and MSM (men who have sex with men but do not identify themselves as gay or bisexual), as well as Transgender Women of Color. Mitchell has served in the capacity of Risk Reduction Specialist, Certified Health Education Specialist, Certified Community Health Worker, Community Outreach Specialist, Community Health Education Specialist, Funds Retrieval Officer, HIV Counselor, Phlebotomist and trainer of trainers.

Mitchell has received numerous awards and accolades for his services. He is a 33rd degree Freemason and a Shriner. He continues to volunteer his time as a youth counselor, coaching youth football, basketball, baseball, tennis and soccer. When he is not working or volunteering, you can find him mentoring youth and young adults and offering support and assistance wherever he is needed.

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Norman Mitchell is a graduate of Ross Sterling High School and Texas Southern University. Mitchell is a former comedian, actor, writer, director and producer. The Houston-area native was homeless and living in Central Park, then

found fame appearing on such TV shows as “It’s Showtime at the Apollo,” “Uptown Comedy Club,” “HBO’s Def Comedy Jam” and “Keenan & Kel.” How does he do it? “I keep the faith.”

That faith and determination has guided