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President, Narissa Building Company

Narissa Building Company is a commercial carpentry company that was founded by Assiran in 2015. As a teenager Assiran's interest in her father's work as a carpenter drew her into the construction industry. When she got older, she migrated from Trinidad & Tobago to the United States taking up her first position as a CAD Operator for a structural company in NJ.

She would go on to get married and have two children. Assiran made the decision to put her career on hold and stay home to raise her children while registering for a few college classes. By the time, her kids Mat & Kim were ready for school she had earned bachelor's degree and returned to the work force. Her husband then registered for college and went on to earn his bachelor's in mechanical engineering.

During the fallout of the Great Recession both she and her husband lost their jobs. After some time an opportunity at DuPont had opened up for her husband so they made the decision to leave New Jersey for Delaware. With two kids in college and still unable to find employment something had to change, it was here that Narissa Building Company was born.

Assiran found the State of Delaware to be business friendly. The SBA, SBDC office and the City of Wilmington offered all the resources to start her business. She went from no experience in business operations and low credit score to a successful business owner with a line of credit, bonding and workman's compensation insurance.

Narissa's largest project to date is 1.2 million dollars, today she can bond single aggregate of 2.5 million dollars.

Presently her husband Goutham and son Mat work beside her, growing the business. Her daughter Kim went on to study biomedical engineering but followed the family footsteps and now works as an APM for a construction company in NJ.