

SOUL *Purpose* & NADINE THOMPSON

Nadine Abraham Thompsom is the founder and CEO of Soul Purpose Beauty and Lifestyle Company, a natural beauty and personal care products company that markets its products through a network of independent consultants. Launched in January 2008, Soul Purpose redefines the meaning of beauty and empowerment with a multicultural aesthetic and recycles wealth and profits directly back into its participating households and communities.

This new venture embodies Thompson's vision of serving as a social entrepreneur. By combining her training as a social worker, family therapist and educator with her expertise in building successful businesses, she is able to fulfill her two passions: empowering women on a global basis and supporting socially responsible business practices.

Soul Purpose Beauty and Lifestyle Company comes on the heels of Thompson's first direct selling company. As co-founder of Warm Spirit in 1999, Thompson produced a comprehensive collection of nature-based beauty and wellness products and marketed them via a nationwide network of more than 30,000 consultants with annual sales of over \$16 million.

Born in Trinidad and raised in Toronto, Canada, Thompson received her master's degree in social work from Smith College in Northampton, MA. She served as dean of multicultural affairs at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and was responsible for melding the prep school's long tradition of education with a racially diverse and representative student body and faculty.

Thompson is a passionate advocate and speaker in the areas of racial equality, entrepreneurship, women's issues and empowerment. She has been a featured speaker at many events including The National Black MBA Association, Essence magazine's "Women Who Are Shaping the World Leadership Summit," the National Organization for Women, Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs conference, Columbia University School of Business, Women of Vision Alliance, The Wharton School of Business and National Coalition of 100 Black Women.

Thompson has also published essays on multiculturalism, diversity and psychology and is co-author of the book, *Values Sell: Transforming Purpose into Profit Through Creative Sales and Distribution Strategies*. She has received numerous awards, including: Black Enterprise magazine's Emerging Company of the Year (2006); Onyx Woman Economic Empowerment Award; the Global Diversity Network Trailblazer Award; The Los Angeles Black Expo, Madam CJ Walker Award for Leadership and Entrepreneurship; The Rhode Island House of Representatives Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the year (2006); and the African American Empowerment Weekend Legacy Award (2008). Continuing her support of education, she is a founding board member of Alliance of Public Academies and Sensible Taxes: The Seacoast Charter School and a 2009 graduate of the Tuck-Smith Executive Program for Global Leadership for Women.

Thompson's long-term vision is to establish the Nsoromma Foundation where successful Soul Purpose entrepreneurs will mentor and coach other women from the Native American and African diaspora around the ideas of business development and entrepreneurship using illumination, beauty and lifestyle as the paradigm for wealth creation and empowerment. Thompson lives in Exeter, New Hampshire with her husband, Rev. Robert H. Thompson, and their children, Camilla (15) and Isaiah (12).

