

## **Biographies of John Gordon Lowen and Sandra Scott Lowen**

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### **John Gordon Lowen, BSC, MSW, LCSW, BCE**

Mr. Lowen, who was born in Schenectady, NY, graduated with honors from the City College of New York program in Cinematography. He entered Hunter College in 1985 and received a Master's Degree in Social Work in 1987. His subsequent work for the next nineteen years was with the New York State Office of Mental Health as a direct care clinician, offering his services to a clientele that included perpetrators and the criminally insane, whose recovery he facilitated through programs of music, video and other forms of creative expression. In 2007, he began pursuing his cinematography career, and has completed two award-winning documentaries, *One Day in Clarksdale* (2009) and *Graveyard* (2011). Mr. Lowen also taught videography at a private school in New York City.

### **Sandra Scott Lowen, PhD, LCSW, MS, BS/BA**

Dr. Lowen, who was born in Washington, D.C., graduated magna *cum laude* from the District of Columbia Teachers College (now University of the District of Columbia) in 1968, and received a Master's Degree in Social Work from Columbia University's School of Social Work in 1990. Her specialties included Family and Children's Services, as well as Geriatric Care. For the next sixteen years she worked with various private and government programs delivering services to children and adults undergoing psychiatric care. Post-graduate work included specialties in trauma and other aspects of clinical treatment.

She completed her Doctorate work at Columbus University in Picayune, MS *summa cum laude*, with a GPA of 4.0. She is a certified K-12 public school teacher and a Distinguished Adjunct Professor at three colleges. She has written a number of articles on a variety of subjects, and in 2012 completed her first book, *Reflections of a Very Bad Girl*, an autobiographical novel that reviews her early life and those of significant ancestors against the background of the Civil Rights movement. Her second novel, *Chi-Chi's Song*, a historical fiction about the Trail of Tears, is in production and her third, *Ordinary Boys*, a fictionalized biography set against the background of the Holocaust, is scheduled for release later this year.

The Lowens, who are an 1800 Couple, have been giving marriage and family guidance to families and individuals for many years. They have one adult son, Aliso Emmanuel Lowen (1999 Blessing), who, with his wife, Andrea Trenbeath Lowen, made them first-time grandparents last year. The elder Lowens currently live in Albany, NY.