A South Carolina native, Joy McElveen is a commercial model actress, child play specialist. Determined courage, perseverance, overcome and doing the impossible

are all attributes that Joy knows well. Growing up she always had a love for the entertainment world even though when she was younger, her dreams were to play in the

WNBA. Joy attended the University of South Carolina Aiken and Lehman Performing Arts College where she fell in love with the stage. Her first play, "How I learned to Drive," earned her an Irene Ryan Nomination.

Whether she is bringing to life memorable characters or photographing with a fierce style/fashion of attitude, Joy has always found a way to empower her next “doing the impossible!” Working with clients including Wells Fargo, Verizon Wireless, Wal-Mart, McDonalds, Disney, and project runway’s Johnathan Kayne.

She is a producer of the 6-time award-winning short film "Hands to the Sky," directed by Kim Townes. This award-winning short film is about overcoming the impossible (an African American family overcomes tragedy and obstacles stemming from society’s misconceptions about autism). Which aired on Aspire TV Network. Joy has appeared on the OWN’s hit drama Queen Sugar, ABC’s Single Parents, Netflix’s Comedy Friends from College, Amazon’s Bosch, and the hit YouTube Series Poz Roz and Giants, which earned 11 Daytime Emmy Nominations and an 2 Indie Series Award for Best Supporting Actress and Best Guest Star. In 2020 she launched Joy Is Everywhere Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization to enrich a child’s life through sustainable joyful experiences that nurture mindfulness and empathy. She believes in creating a future in which everyone is connected to and inspired by Joy through the values of creativity, joy, compassion, and fun. Limitless Possibilities Says, Joy!

I am very happy to be joining the Actors Play Family.