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# LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER OF THE DYNAMIC DIVA'S OF VIRGINIA, INC.

Welcome to the Ribbons in the Sky Gala. Your being here this evening gives us inspiration.

**Connect / Communication / Collaboration** is the approach that the Dynamic DIVA's take when reaching out to other organizations. Organizational Recognition – The simple things are sometimes the most respected and this holds true for outstanding work that each of the recognized nonprofits organizations do in and for the community, the impact and enrichment that the directors, staff and volunteers have given to the public at large and the individuals they meet.

Even though the work can be sometimes cumbersome, labor intensive and mentally draining. Driven by faith and knowing our purpose – the labor is not in vain and often times a little goes along way. Remember: even the smallest gesture is one that can make a nonprofit leaders see the value of in their organization, the work accomplished and the people who support them.

There are times the road to success is oftentimes difficult when your attempts to empower others are unheard and the support that you need falls by the wayside or those do not see the opportunity to be a voice to make change. However, tonight's honorees have shown that persistence, patience and pray have kept them focused. We are all blessed to have the love and encouragement from family and friends, mentors and the respect from other nonprofit leaders.

As one of the recognized nonprofits, I can testify that your life's journey is a destination. To walk in your truth and testimony, to attempt the difficult, be transparent while walking in the path. We all must do our work no matter how big or small, difficult or easy. A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step towards embracing, engaging, educating and empowering someone in need in our communities.

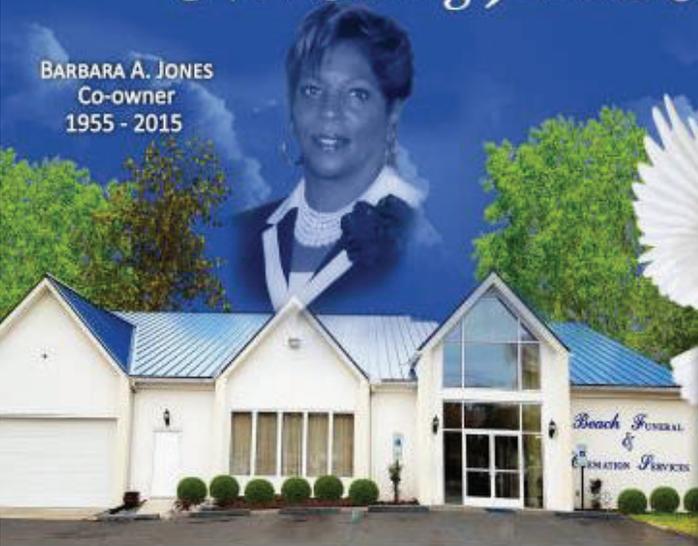
In closing, I hope that you continue to support the recognized nonprofits this evening. Our success is due to our partnerships with community leaders, organizations, businesses and board members who act according to these core values. It is about whom we affect and if the outcomes have benefited individuals from our unwavering work. For every ribbon in the sky, there is a rainbow, which shows that you cannot see the beauty without going through the rain.

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## MR. BRIAN HILL



is a Reporter/MMJ with WTKR – News 3 in Norfolk joined the team in February 2016. Brian has covered a range of stories in the area since 2016.

Brian became a journalist as a way to get involved in the community, give a voice to the voiceless, and keep people informed. A Virginia native, Brian grew up in Sussex County and before joining the News 3 team, Brian was the Jackson County Bureau Reporter for WJHG-TV News Channel 7 in Panama City Beach, Florida. He spent two years providing coverage and insight to the five counties he covered. Exemplifying their motto “What Matters to You Matters to Us!” In addition, he also worked behind the camera working in Richmond at WRIC-TV8 as a Video Editor

Brian is a proud 2012 graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, majoring in Mass Communications. During his college years, he anchored, produced and reported for the university’s newscast, VCU InSight. He also minored in African American Studies.

Currently, Brian is a member of the National Association of Black Journalist and Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals.

In his free time, Brian enjoys music, film, traveling and exploring Hampton Roads!

# MEET OUR EMCEE ON THE RED CARPET

## ALEAH HORDGES



is native of Loma Linda, California and relocated to Atlanta, Georgia where she was raised. Aleah was accepted into Savannah State University and earned a four year track and field/cross country scholarship in 2009. She was team captain and still holds the women's cross country 5k school record. Aleah later became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and graduated Cum Laude in 2013. She studied Mass Communications in television to become a news reporter.

While trying to land her first gig in the business, Aleah worked odd jobs for nearly two years until, she started as a freelance writer for an online publication called FAME Magazine and interned at CBS Radio in Atlanta. In 2015, Aleah stepped out on faith and accepted a news reporter position in Houghton, Michigan. While bearing the cold temperatures and snow in the Upper Peninsula, she won Investigative Story of the year from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters in 2016. The report was about what to do if you get stopped by police and have a concealed pistol license with a firearm in your vehicle.

Aleah eventually joined the WTKR News 3 team in 2017, where she has had conversations with Omarosa Rosa, Jim Cantore, Tamron Hall, Kevin Frazier, Sunny Hostin and Jussie Smolett. Aleah aspires to learn Spanish and become an entertainment reporter, host or local news anchor someday. Aleah is a foodie and probably the least pickiest eater you'll ever meet. You can find her checking out a new place to dine, burning a sweat at the gym or riding her bike near the beach.

# MEET THE ORGANIZATION AND FOUNDER



**Neisha C. Himes, Founder**

G.R.O.W. Foundation, *Inc.* (aka *Girls Recognizing Our Worth*) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the founder's native home of New Jersey. Our mission is to connect individuals and families affected by domestic violence with the resources needed to lead a safe and productive life free from abuse. These resources are, but not limited to housing placement, financial assistance, daily living necessities and victim advocacy. In appreciation of our fellow community partners, G.R.O.W. Foundation also works to support local organizations in their efforts to eradicate domestic violence. At G.R.O.W. Foundation, we have embraced the commitment of advocacy through education, collaboration, and the empowerment of our community and beyond. Founder, Neisha Himes, is a survivor of domestic violence and devoted advocate. After leaving the toxic relationship in late 2012, she began telling her story years later via her gift of Spoken Word. Known to the poetry community as 'Beautiful Disaster', Neisha has featured on many stages and often uses her talent as a method for bringing awareness.

Her courageous transparency soon led to requests to share her story on platforms such as: radio interviews, high school and college awareness programs, community seminars, out of state conferences and more. Along with her speaking engagements, she began volunteering at a local shelter where she created a journaling group to encourage self-expression and healing through the art of writing. She later certified as a Human Trafficking Victim Advocate with the Virginia Beach Justice Initiative and remains an active volunteer with the organization. It was August 2016; when she founded G.R.O.W. Foundation and leads a team of board members and volunteers in carrying out the organization's mission. In July 2017, Neisha joined the Norfolk Commonwealth Attorney's Office and holds a position as their Domestic Violence Victim/Witness Advocate. Additionally, Neisha serves as an active member of the Hampton Roads Military & Civilian Family Violence Prevention Council, the 24th Judicial District Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the African American Leadership Task Force and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. In honor of her work, Neisha was recognized by Investigation Discovery (in collaboration with 'People') as their 'Inspire A Difference: Hero of the Month' and featured on PBS channel's 'Virginia Currents', along with a host of local accolades. Her unwavering dedication and passion to help others is the driving force behind the mission of G.R.O.W. Foundation.

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# MEET THE ORGANIZATION AND FOUNDER



**Lucien "Bowlegged Lou" George, Founder**

Lucien "Bowlegged Lou" George is a part of the dynamic, six-member, award-winning, music-producing and musically talented group known as Full Force. Bowlegged Lou, as he is commonly known, was a theater major in college and in addition to performing with Full Force, also co-starred in the legendary classic urban movies House Party 1 and 2. He also also-starred in the movie, "Who's The Man", which starred Bernie Mack, Ice-T, Queen Latifah, Bill Bellamy with Doctor Dre & Ed Lover with a host of other Hip Hop stars.

While Lou plays many roles and known to be a comedian, generous giver, thoughtful person, and a notorious prankster, he is ultimately, known for just being a big kid at heart. In October 2012, after Lou began losing his peripheral vision due to Retinitis Pigmentosa, which is an eye disease that in most cases leads to blindness, he started the nonprofit organization, Hope With a Vizion. Though Lou's RP has no cure right now, he maintains that regardless of anything we all are armed with inner visions in our souls. Lou is also a motivational and uplifting speaker as one of his proud speeches was when he was honored in his own community as a commencement speaker to thousands of graduates at the Pennsylvania School of Business.

The purpose of Hope With A Vizion Organization is to provide assistance, motivation & prayer both directly and indirectly to a community of individuals who have impaired vision and also those who have experienced the loss of their vision or who are in the process of losing their vision. The primary goal is to help individuals by providing the resources necessary to help them deal with both the physical and psychological components of vision loss and vision impairment to help them maintain or regain their status as productive members of society while staying proactive, prayerful and optimistic.

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# MEET THE ORGANIZATION AND FOUNDER

## DYNAMIC DIVA's



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### Danielle White, Founder



Is a “New Yorker” at heart now resident of Virginia Beach. She fueled her passion for business development she received her degree in Contract Law, and Legal Administration and with this accomplishment she has developed strong presence in business relationships and has been placed in positions to direct, manage and train divisions for both private and public sectors within domestic and international corporations.

With over 20 years’ experience in business development with a concentration in proposal and project management - she utilized her training, experience and interpersonal skills to formalize and launch her passion with a purpose.

The Dynamic DIVA’s women’s groups have been Danielle’s passion and vision “her baby” for many years; she is always taken time to focus on the importance of faith, family and stewardship. She uses her life’s experiences as the blueprint and action plan to embrace, engage thru education towards empowering and enriching the lives of those she meet.

Danielle is a strong believer that the organic approach to continuous learning and communication will create an environment that values diverse points of view and life experiences. Her belief is when people connect / communicate / collaborate it engages a mindset that celebrates and honors r the contributions of people. Danielle affirms that women must welcome diversity in our personal and professional lives and the communities that we live, worship and interact in

Danielle has been known to say “there is a psychology to service and recognizes that we must embrace, engage, educate and empower our female youth and women alike.” Her favorite scripture is 1 Corinthians 15:58 “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not vain in the Lord.” Her motto is there are only challenges in life that have solutions.



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Gleaning from USMC military training, education, research, and her own trauma from abuse, Taniki developed life changing methods that increase personal and professional growth. Taniki and her husband, Brandon, founded JT Inspire LLC, an entertainment company committed to supporting non-profit organizations and people in need by providing event sponsorships, inspirational talks, personal growth seminars and public speaking workshops. Taniki advocates for survivors of abuse on her show "pursUance: Straight Out The Box!" airing on radio station Rejoice 101.3FM 990AM. Taniki's passion to mentor and serve earned her three volunteer service awards from various veteran and business organizations.

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I believe that this is an important piece to the puzzle that is photography. The pull is what creates a passion for this work that allows light to shine through me which creates moments that have to be captured. Photography is way more than a service I aim to provide ... it is an experience that I hope you leave feeling empowered, excited, and encouraged. I hope that each individual, family, and event is captured in a way that tells a story only photos can tell. My goal is always to provide excellent service and an even better experience because that is what life is ... a series of experiences, moments, and memories. I am excited to connect and create with you

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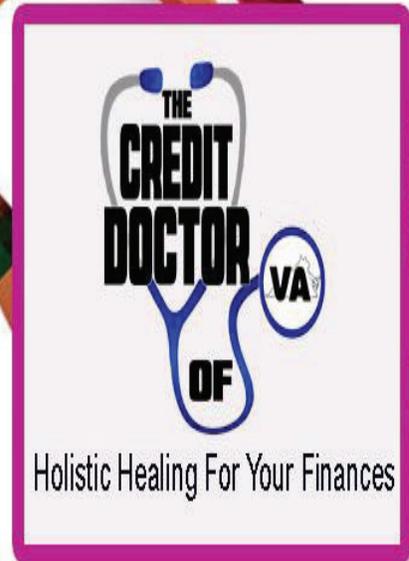
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