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Gaining Empowerment through Morals & Support

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Our Mission

To unite women and promote exchanges of wisdom that will contribute to the quality of life in our homes, communities, and society.

I Dare You...

To make a commitment to *make history not just be a part of it.*

Pioneer, achieve, build a legacy, and let the world see you shine.

Email us at

contact_gems@ymail.com and let us know how you answered this challenge.

We may feature you in our next newsletter.

Her Story

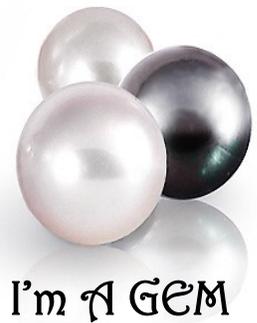
What would His story be without Her?

by Founding Visionary, Felicia R. Roach

March is National Women's History Month. Women have fortified the backdrop of our history since the beginning of time. History highlights icons like Booker T. Washington and Martin Luther King, Jr.,. How often do we hear about Margaret Murray Washington and Olivia Davidson Washington, Booker T. Washington's 2nd and 3rd wives? Olivia co-founded Tuskegee Institute with her husband. In addition to being a student advisor, Margaret was the 1st female professor at Tuskegee Institute. What about Coretta Scott's work in the Civil Rights before she became Mrs. King and after her husband's death? Not to mention the necessary strength, patience, and support these women and many like them provided for their husbands that enabled them to make a history.

I am a survivor. I am a victim of the worst kind of abuse, molestation! I've been abused in relationships and friendships... Strange to some I wouldn't change ME for nothing in the world! Its made me the strong woman I am today!... My name is Nikki and I'm a GEM.

~Nicole Buchanan Brown



Affirm Yourself

Your challenges will lead you to your championship... Never give up!

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About Her Business

A female who is pioneering, exceeding, and/or excelling in (her) business/career. Especially if she is involved in a male dominated or innovative business.

Lynae Turner is a product of the Baltimore City Public School system who graduated from the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute in 1989. In addition, she is a proud graduate of Howard University having obtained her Bachelor's of Business Administration in Marketing in 1993 and her Juris Doctor degree in 1996. She has been a practicing attorney in the State of Maryland for fourteen years. On October 25, 2010, she was sworn in as a Master-in-Chancery for the Baltimore City Juvenile Court. There are a total of 14 Masters and Judges in the Juvenile Circuit Court. Lynae is one of 6 females to serve in this capacity. She is an objective ear and impartial authority for the young people of Baltimore City involved in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice system where they aren't always listened to and treated equitably. Lynae strongly believes that "The path to success is harder for some than it is for others, but it's not easy for anyone. Don't let the amount of work or time required, or unforeseen roadblocks, keep you from achieving your goals".



I'm A GEM

I am a survivor of the worst abuse self harm I have been labeled mentally ill and despite this I have an Associate's Degree and that's why

I am a Gem!!!

~ Felicia Walton

I Dare You (December 2010)

To give a gift this holiday season that isn't materially based and impacts a life beyond Christmas Day.

I Dared by Nicole I'm a GEM Brown-Buchanan

Five years ago I decided to celebrate Kwanzaa with my then 8 year old daughter because I wanted her to be more connected with who we are and also to learn that Christmas rituals now a days take way too much attention from Christ. This past year, we celebrated Christmas day by honoring Christ. No exchanging of any gifts besides love. This year for Kwanzaa we didn't give one another gifts rather we gave to others following the Ujoma (unity) principle. We made amends with anyone we felt that we had hurt or hurt us. We focused on uniting with OUR own people. Kugichagulia (self-determination) was the principle behind this. We focused more on being (self) determined to do better for others as well as ourselves. We visited a local shelter so I could share my testimony. In honor of Ujima (collective work and responsibility), we worked with an outreach agency that deals with those formerly incarcerated as it's OUR OWN who are most affected by the injustice of the justice system. As a part of Ujamaa (cooperative economics) we patronized several black owned businesses to purchase gifts for family and friends and also for the homeless. In recognition of the Nia (purpose) principle, we spent the day at home and did some praying in an effort to better understand OUR purpose and how God wants to use us. Kuumba (creativity) was mommy-daughter day. We borrowed a sewing machine and made scarves for babies in need. I used Imani (faith) as an opportunity to teach my daughter how important it is to have faith. We invited family over for a meal and to show our love. We handed out gifts and shared our experiences on how our faith got us through 2010.

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Upcoming Events

Big Hat, Pearls, &

White Glove Brunch

March 26, 2011

11am-1pm

For more info call:

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