

THE GEMS UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTER



GEMs
GRANDPARENTS
EDUCATING MINDS

Trans4mationNow Inc.



Dr. Toni Kleckley, Founder of The GEMs University and Christian Girls Rock™ Ohio

Transformation Now Inc. is a 501c3 organization that has been established to support 2nd generational parents raising youth in the Columbus, Ohio area. It offers a **GEMs** University program (**Grandparents Educating Minds**) that will help strengthen grandparents' and grandchildren's relationships by providing activities and methods to close communication barriers.

In Ohio today, ~124,000 (5%) children live with a relative with no parent present, and ~228,000 (~9%) children live in homes where the householders are grandparents or other relatives. There almost 100,000 grandparents who are householders responsible for their grandchildren who live with them, out of which a significant portion is either in poverty, have a disability, or single parents.

Our goal is to identify "Intergenerational families" who will have a turbulent transition to their new life situation and offer a positive support system to avoid the pitfalls that can derail their lives.

Announcement!

Membership is now \$10!

Join today!

<https://trans4mationnow.com/gems-survey>

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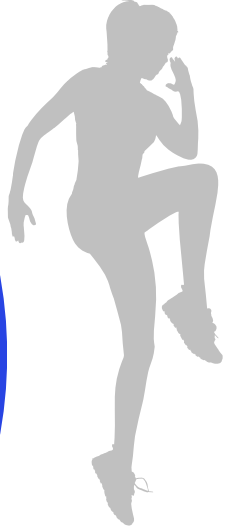
MARCH FITNESS CHALLENGE

For the month of March, challenge yourself to become a better version of you!

At the end of the month, post your picture on Facebook and tag us @thegemsniversity to share your progress

Look out for our weekly posts every Monday on our Facebook

Be Active, Live Healthy!



LET'S GET ACTIVE

start the new year with a fitness goal

JOIN OUR CHALLENGE



CHRISTIAN GIRLS ROCK™ OHIO

EXCITING VOLUNTEER NEWS!

We have a new volunteer team members that joined Christian Girls Rock™ Ohio. Let's welcome Brigitte Cobbs-Christmon to the CGR™ Ohio Family!



Brigitte Cobbs-Christmon is a Director at Lifewise Academy a program that enables public school students to be taught religious instruction during school hours. She has taught Communication courses at Capital University, and Columbus State Community College (where she was a nominated teacher of the year). She is also the co-author of the publication, "Every Breast Cancer is Different: Illness Narratives and the Management of Identity in Breast Cancer." (2005), and currently a contributing co author to the journal Family and Cultural Transformation : "Reawaken legacies of social freedom and hope." (2023).

Her current academic research interests include Organizational Communication, Interpersonal Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Spiritual Identity. She has delivered regional TEDx talk that discussed her identity, and she publicly acknowledged how God saved her life. While she hopes to present more. She has an activist heart and volunteers in grassroots movements and non-profits around the region. She has helped feed over 12,000 meals to homeless families within the last 14 years. She is enjoying being married to the man who makes her heart smile (Alvin for 20 years) and raising her wonderful daughter (Angel) and amazing son (A).

Nominate a Christian Girl who Rocks today!

Second Annual Christian Girls Rock Recognition Award Ceremony

We connect our vision into our mission-enabling youth between the ages of 13-17 to demonstrate their talents and develop their interest areas and the mature adults to share their years of wisdom and observation about potential nominees.

Nomination Categories & Awards

- **The Christian Girl Who Rocks Award:** \$500 check and a certificate
- **The Justice Leadership Service Award:** \$250 check and a certificate
- **The Humanitarian Award:** \$250 check and a certificate
- **The Innovator Award:** \$250 check and a certificate

The chosen recipient(s) from each category will receive money and a recognition certification from Christian Girls Rock™ .

Nominations must be received by CGR™ Ohio by 11:59 p.m. EST on Saturday, September 2, 2023.

To learn more about Christian Girls Rock™ Ohio and nominations, please go to:

www.christiangirlrocks.com/nominations

Apply here

<https://form.jotform.com/220731919525154>

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TODAY!

As our community grows, we need more people to help achieve our goals. Whether it's in fundraising or in our annual events, all work is needed.

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