

Meet the Divine Core Transformation Board



Dr. Rhonda Smith, President

Dr. Rhonda Smith, a Certified Adult Nurse Practitioner, a Doctor of Naturopathy, a Certified Life Coach, and a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional, brings a wealth of expertise to her roles. She is the Owner & CEO of both Renewed Health Care Services and Divine Core Transformation. Dr. Rhonda's professional journey is marked by her authorship of six books, four of which she also published, a testament to her commitment to knowledge and learning.

As a dedicated community servant, known affectionately as 'Dr. Rhonda', she invests her skills and energy to improve the lives of others. Her commitment is evident through her volunteer work at the Dayton Correctional Institution and her active roles on several boards. She has served as a member of the Women in Reentry Subcommittee of the Montgomery County Reentry Council, as well as the boards of Women in Christian Leadership and the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. She is also a proud member of the Dayton, Ohio, chapter of The Links, Incorporated. Her contributions have been recognized with the WBIN Powerful Women of Impact award in 2022 and the Heart of Gold award by ETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED in 2023.

Dr. Rhonda's passion lies in helping individuals in toxic relationships find their way back to wholeness. To better understand the pathology of toxic relationships, she underwent special training on the Human Magnet Syndrome Model with renowned psychotherapist Ross Rosenberg. In her current practice, she coaches men and women who are or have been involved in abusive and toxic relationships. Through her online school, The Academy of Hope Foundation, she provides education and prevention programs that help men and women survive and thrive.

Dr. Rhonda's personal motto, "I don't look like what I've been through, and I have GOD to thank for that!", reflects her resilience and faith. It is a testament to her ability to overcome challenges and her belief in the power of faith. This motto guides her in her professional and personal life, inspiring those around her.



A'Maria Carter, Vice President

A'Maria Carter serves as the Program Coordinator for Prevention and Early Intervention at the Montgomery County ADAMHS Board. She holds a Master of Arts in Applied Behavioral Science from Wright State University and is a certified Ohio Prevention Specialist Assistant (OCPSA). In her role, A'Maria supports a range of initiatives designed to promote mental wellness and holistic health across Montgomery County. She works closely with the ADAMHS prevention provider network and school-based programs to enhance services and outreach. Through education, community engagement, and strategic planning, she is dedicated to reducing stigma, raising awareness, and expanding access to vital resources for individuals and families.

In addition to her work at ADAMHS, A'Maria has served as an Adjunct Professor at Wright State University for over two years and recently began teaching at Sinclair Community College. In 2025, she was honored as the Adjunct of the Year for the College of Liberal Arts at Wright State University—a testament to her dedication to student success and impactful instruction.

A'Maria also serves as the Graduate Advisor for Black Women Striving Forward, a student-led organization focused on empowerment, leadership, and community among Black women in higher education. She is an active member of the Wright State University Alumni Board, where she continues to give back to the institution that helped shape her professional journey.



Clarissa Foster, Treasurer

Clarissa Foster is a dedicated finance and business professional serving as Staff Accountant for N-Ovation Technology Group in Dayton, Ohio. She holds an Associate of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. In her current role, Clarissa supports both the Finance Controller and CFO, contributing to the organization's financial success and operational excellence.

Clarissa brings a wealth of expertise as a tax professional, entrepreneur, and community leader.

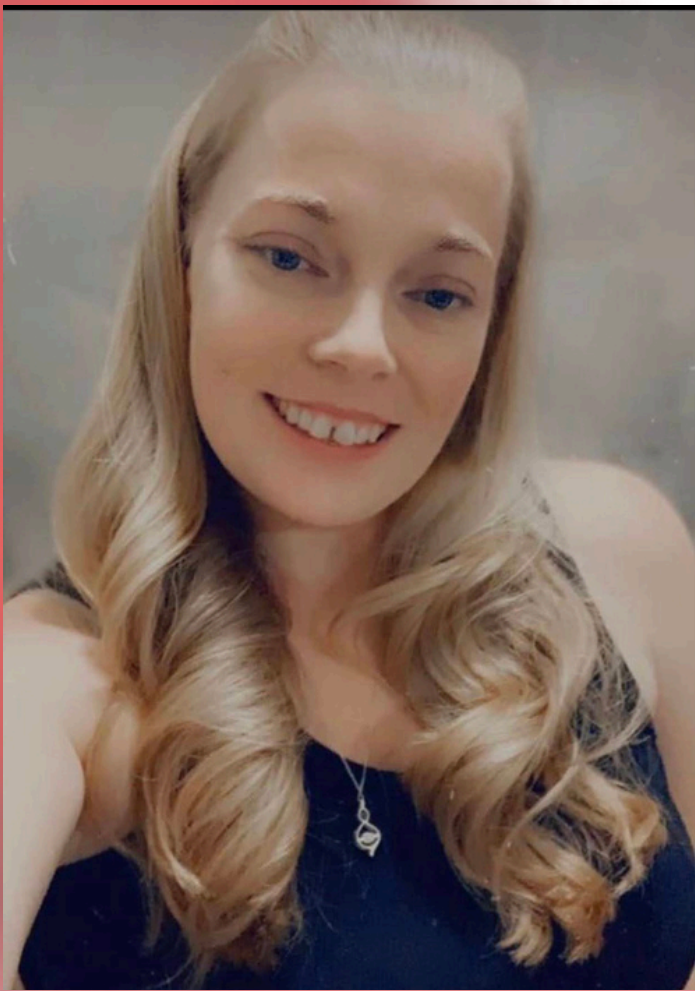
In addition to her corporate and nonprofit work, Clarissa is the founder of Clarissa's Services and Charmed by Riss LLC. She empowers individuals and small businesses to achieve financial freedom through bookkeeping, tax preparation, virtual assistant services, and business coaching. Her creative spirit shines through her handcrafted jewelry designs, offering clients a unique way to express their personal style.

Clarissa is passionate about helping others streamline their finances, grow their businesses, and embrace their creativity. She offers coaching services in financial planning, business development, operational strategies, and accountability for entrepreneurs seeking sustainable growth and success.



Terrance Auster Jr., Marketing

Dayton native Terrance Auster Jr., owner & operator of TajMahal Designs, is a passionate and committed creative with 5 plus years of experience in graphic design, videography, and photography. He prides himself on being a consistent professional, determined to add value and bring visions to life!



Casey Hall, AAS, LPN, Secretary

Casey Hall is a Licensed Practical Nurse with more than ten years of experience specializing in psychiatric and addiction nursing. She holds an Associate of Applied Science degree and has dedicated her career to supporting individuals through medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in both residential and outpatient settings. Known for her compassionate and client-centered approach, Casey is committed to holistic, trauma-informed care. She believes in addressing the deep connections between mental health, past trauma, and substance use to foster lasting recovery and meaningful transformation. Her work reflects a deep passion for helping others heal, grow, and reclaim their lives.

She lives by the words:

“Don’t strive to make your presence noticed, just make your absence felt.”



Ellisa Ann Pearson, MSW, Board Member

Ellisa Ann Pearson is a passionate volunteer and dedicated trauma-centric behavioral health care professional. With a Master of Social Work from the University of Kentucky, she holds certificates in Clinical Mental Health, Trauma Responsive Care, and Substance Use Disorders. Her work centers around trauma-informed behavioral health care, case management, and social advocacy, where she strives to create spaces of healing and empowerment for those navigating crisis.

Before transitioning to the field of social work, Ellisa built a successful 20-year career in the consumer goods industry, specializing in Marketing, Sales, and Strategic Business Development after earning a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. This unique blend of business acumen and clinical expertise allows her to approach challenges with both strategic insight and deep empathy.

Her volunteer leadership includes serving on the Women’s Board for Dayton Children’s Hospital, acting as a Hospital and Court Advocate with Women Helping Women, and chairing the University of Dayton’s Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Advisory Committee.

Ellisa is especially committed to supporting women during moments of vulnerability, using her lived experience, education, and professional journey to advocate for trauma-informed systemic change. Guided by the belief that “To heal is to touch with love that which was previously touched by fear” (Levine), Ellisa brings compassion, clarity, and unwavering commitment to every initiative she supports.
