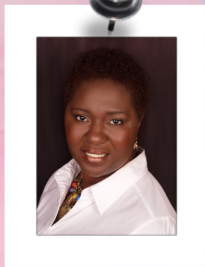


# POWER GIRL SOURCE

"Improving Our World, One Girl at a Time."





### *President's Message*

As I reflect back over the past year of triumphs and set-backs, I choose to concentrate on that which has made us stronger, greater and smarter. For the past 16 years Girl Power has worked tirelessly to ensure that young girls have access to quality social change programs that ensure their success in and out of school. We could not have done this work alone and will be forever indebted to many people that support us in this work.

I want to personally thank Hannah Gaylord, who interned at Girl Power this past summer during her college break and went on to help us launch our Power Source Newsletter. Hannah is a GIRL WHO ROCKS!

We welcome our new board members to the Girl Power family. We will work smart every day to honor the time, talent and resources you bring to our organization. We love the work we do at Girl Power on behalf of girls and their families in this community and invite you to join our family.

**Our doors are always open. Please join us.**

*Thema Campbell*  
President/CEO

“Think like a queen. A queen is not afraid to fail. Failure is another stepping stone to greatness.” - Oprah Winfrey

### **Upcoming Events & Fundraisers**

- ❖ **Student Holiday Party** - Saturday, December 17, 2016
- ❖ **Board and Staff Retreat** - January 2017
- ❖ **Girl Power Day of Service** - January 14, 2017
- ❖ **Day Party Fundraiser**, Saturday, March 25, 2017
- ❖ **Student College and Heritage Tour** (Washington, DC) - June 12 to 15, 2017
- ❖ **5th Annual Gospel Brunch Explosion** - Nov. 5, 2017

### **Special Thanks**

**Hannah Gaylord**, pursuing her BA Degree in Journalism from Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, FL is responsible for launching our very first newsletter. Thank you for taking the initiative! Success can never be achieved unless someone, like you, has the vision and desire to initiate it.



# Leading Tomorrow Today



Girl Power student, Tanarrea Jones, was selected as a 2016-2017 **United Way Youth Institute!** Through her application and interview, Tanarrea demonstrated her dedication to the community and her desire to learn and fully participate in the Youth Fellow Program. She will participate in 9-months of Career Explorations, College Visits, Service Learning projects with a trip to Windsong Peace and Leadership Center in Arizona and a Project Presentation and Graduation Ceremony.



## Did You Know?

The Parliament of Rwanda is the **only** governing body in the world where women outnumber men.  
Source: BBC



## Flashback

Throwing it a little back to our Gospel Brunch Explosion with the lovely Jamirah Gause!

## Welcome to The GPR Family!

### Board Members

❖ Syreeta Pinckney

### Staff Members

- ❖ Joy Washington- Outreach Coordinator
- ❖ Kim Lowery- Driver
- ❖ Dorshia Sellers- PAD Instructor
- ❖ Edris Canonier- Receptionist/Support Staff
- ❖ Luciana Wimbish- Therapist Director
- ❖ Angela Boyd- Case Manager



*Gospel Brunch Highlights*

Girl Power's Gospel Brunch Explosion took place on November 6, 2016, and once again the Girls' Choir of Miami Rocked the Temple to say the least. Along with the Girls' Choir, the event included amazing Miami's hometown talent: Maryel Epps, Shanita Hunt, LaVie, Karina Iglesias and Girl Power's singing alumni Jamirah Gause.

It was a day of lively music, laughter, bottomless mimosas and a finger licking brunch catered by Chef Irie Spice. Our host Rabbi Julie Jacobs, who also serves as Cantor at Beth David, welcomed us all in spirit and in song. The entire event was filled with beauty and inspiration. This year's Gospel Brunch exemplified a great plan coming together. Needless to say, this could not have happened without our treasured partners and supporters.

If you missed this year's gospel brunch, I urge you not to miss the next one. We look forward to seeing you at Girl Power's signature "Gospel Brunch Explosion" in November of 2017, at the Beth David. Have a blessed and safe holiday season! The Board members and entire staff of Girl Power wish you a healthy and prosperous new year!

Warmest Regards,  
*Victoria Worship*  
 Board Member

"Compassion becomes real when we recognize our shared humanity."  
 -Pema Chodron

## From The Editor's Desk



As I sit here reflecting at my desk on the year of 2016, my mind keeps circling back to our progress. The kind of realized progression that stems from an involved community that exercises the willingness to listen and the eagerness to understand. With many more boundless possibilities, I wish you all nothing but an abundance of peace, inspiration, and strength going into 2017.

Cheers to another year with purpose where the possibilities are simply endless!

Warmest regards and easy reading,

*Emely M. Rodriguez*  
Newsletter Editor



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