



When People Touch, Lives *Change.*

Winter Edition

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- Spring Conference for Girls "You Are the Gift"
- "Pearl" Profile
- Scholarship Spotlight
- 10 Tips to Increase Your Child's Self-Esteem
- and more!!!

Welcome!
 to H.I.S. News

A Mentor Who Cares for Our Youth!

In the flurry of last-minute holiday preparations, it's hard to pause and reflect on the sacred meaning of our celebrations. We may sigh, "it's about giving" under our breath as we navigate our way through mall traffic, spending money we don't even have. When all is said and done, though, most would say the best part of Christmas is time with family and friends. It's a festive time of togetherness.

Think about your loved ones this season. Each of us has his or her unique traits. Some show promise, some spell trouble, some are shy, others showy. Some are confident and secure, and some are looking for love in all the wrong places. In these challenging times, it's even more important than ever for families to stick together! If you're like me, you worry about your kids and their influences out there. We aren't always sure what to do.

I'm Derschaun Sharpley, mother, wife, and president of Helping Individuals Succeed Agency. After years as a program manager for Detroit Public Schools, I now host One Pearl and One Star programs independently. H.I.S. Agency manifests my belief that I am to be a light to children in the midst of chaos. These programs go back to the basics of etiquette and interpersonal communications, creating responsibility, integrity, respect and empowerment. My observations from within the system show me that many youth lack basic living skills and self-esteem. I show boys and girls simple and effective tools that build a terrific foundation for relationships, career, and confidence in all areas of life.

My commitment to this focus on building positive character among Detroit's inner city youth stems from my childhood, my education, and my natural affinity to getting along with and inspiring children of all backgrounds. I thank my mother for having the foresight to enroll me in Charm School when I was nine! Like many others, our home was broken, and my mother knew that some simple grooming and manners would go a long way for me. It helped give me the confidence I needed to study tap, dance and ballet, and to pursue professional acting, modeling, and singing! Later, I studied for and earned my cosmetology license after graduating from high school. I continued on to earn a bachelor's degree in health administration, and worked in the field, but eagerly accepted a position with the school board as Program Manager to be near kids. I facilitated programs similar to these ones, and loved it so much I've branched out on my own. It's most important to me to work where I am making a difference for our children. And to make sure H.I.S. Agency succeeds, I studied further at The Detroit Entrepreneur Institute and graduated in 2006!

You can find out more about my experiences and what they can do for your children at www.hisagency.org. From mentoring boys (and becoming a board member) at the Detroit Lions Professional Football Charity, to being honored as Volunteer of the Year for the Detroit Executive Service Corp., I'm always side-by-side with the next generations. And that is exactly where I want to be.

Holiday Blessings,
Derschaun M. Sharpley



PRESIDENT NOTES:

Welcome to H.I.S. News! Each month I plan to share some "Pearls of Wisdom" that I have learned along this journey called life. The Pearls of Wisdom that I want to share for this Christmas Season is "Love Is An Action Word". How many times have you heard that before? But, what does it really mean? When you love someone or something you cherish it as though it were something precious like a fine diamond worth millions.

Wishing you and yours a safe Christmas and remember, what does your love walk look like? Is it crooked, a little shaky or straight? Examine yourself and make adjustments accordingly because in order for you to move forward into the greatness you're called to, you must forgive. If you believe that our messages can inspire someone that you know, send an email to info@hisagency.org and we will gladly add them to our mailing list.



One Pearl (a division of H.I.S Agency) and The Simple Life Bath and Body Company are hosting a **Chocolate Spa-licious Party!!**

Who: Girls ages 8-12 only!

When: February 15th - February 16th, 2008

Time: 7p.m. - 7a.m.

Where: The Holiday Inn Express Southfield

This fun-packed evening will include total pampering for the mind and body. All services fit for a princess like manicures, pedicures, facials and everything **Chocolate!!!**

This empowering event will also include a "Girl Talk Session" and workshops to build self-esteem, leadership, & economic empowerment.

A full breakfast, pool party and goody bag are included!!!!

Cost is \$49 per person

For more information, please contact Derschaun Sharpley at 313.522.2503 or Nikka Bowers at 313.303.7558.

Chocolate

Spa-licious Party!

For Girls Only!



Winter Schedule

One Pearl, 6-wks

January 15 - February 12, 2008

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Eastside

&

Dining Tutorial

February 23, 2008, 2-4pm

Location: TBA

One Star, 6-wks

January 17 - February 14, 2008

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Eastside

&

Dining Tutorial

February 23, 2008, 2-4pm

Location: TBA

My Personal Best (Personal Hygiene) Workshop

January 26, 2008

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Dining -4- Success Workshop

February 23, 2008

2:00pm - 4:00pm

For further details, please visit us on the web at www.hisagency.org

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

This month's scholarship spotlight is on **The Tom Joyner Foundation**, offering a full-ride scholarship to a H.S. senior with a minimum 3.5 GPA and community service experience.

Please apply at www.tomjoynerscholarship.org

Student Profile- Lauryn Annette Tyler



Lauryn Annette Tyler, an 8-yr old recent graduate (June 2007) from "One Pearl" is a student at Horace A. Mann Elementary School where her favorite subjects are

computers, math and science. She has three brothers and loving parents Lloyd and Benita Tyler.

"Muffy", as she affectionately likes to be called has such a sweet spirit and a great personality. What makes her unique is her disposition in life is not one of self, but one of giving. When asked what service-learning project she wanted to participate in with One Pearl, she indicated that she wanted to address the issue of poverty in the city of Detroit. Lauryn's dream is to fix up and build homes for people, especially low-income

residents. Talk about citizenship, she is a perfect example of how we need to not focus on what our country can do for us, but on what we can do for our country. She certainly knows the key to enjoying life, "Give and it shall be given unto you".

Testimonial for Benita Tyler, Parent:

"The One Pearl Program was nothing short of a god-send. My daughter attended the 6-week training and there is a noticeable difference in how she views her role as a problem solver in the community. As a result of the training, she now has a healthier lifestyle that includes making better food choices, daily exercise, and, her (now) favorite polished personal appearance."

Thanks, Derschaun. You were able to reach her in ways that I had not been able to before! It truly takes a village."

HOLIDAY GIVE A WAY

To win this beautiful gift set (which includes, body wash, body cream, body mist and a body scrub) from the Simple Life Bath and Body Co., send your name and email address to info@hisagency.org.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU!!!

To view their full product line, visit them at www.simplelifebathandbody.com and tell them that we sent you!



The Programs

Both One Pearl and One Star are 6-week programs where Derschaun Sharpley mentors youth in classroom and interactive social situations. The programs teach basic character development and etiquette and focus on giving kids responsibility, self-worth, respect, and good manners. Derschaun has mentored over 2000 kids through these programs. Self-esteem and dignity can be lifesaving, but the programs are still fun and the kids often want to come back again! Both programs finish with an outing to a fine dining restaurant where we put our manners in motion!



One Pearl, for young ladies

~ Winter Session ~ Eastside location

January 15, 2008- February 12, 2008, 4:00pm – 6:00pm. & Dining Tutorial: February 23, 2008
2pm – 4 pm **Location:** TBA

- attitude and affirmations
- learning to celebrate our value and dignity
- caring for our hair, nails, and feet
- nutrition and exercise
- style and sensibility
- ABCs of dining
- and more



One Star, for young men

~ Winter Session ~ Eastside location

January 17, 2008- February 14, 2008, 4:00pm – 6:00pm. & Dining Tutorial: February 23, 2008
2pm – 4 pm **Location:** TBA

- fitness and nutrition
- hygiene
- leadership skills
- polishing shoes and tying a tie
- dining
- grooming and wardrobe
- ABCs of dining

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