TAMEKA WALTON

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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Mission-driven nonprofit executive and social worker with more than 15 years of experience leading community-based organizations, developing strategic partnerships, securing grant funding, and building programs that advance healing, education, and social justice. Skilled in board governance, fundraising, staff development, community engagement, and organizational leadership. Recognized for collaborative leadership, relationship-building, and a deep commitment to equity and community transformation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Restored Hope | Chicago, IL

Founder & Executive Director | January 2010 – Present

- Founded and lead a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting women and girls through trauma-informed wellness, leadership development, and community healing initiatives.
- Provide strategic leadership for organizational operations, fundraising, partnerships, program development, and board engagement.
- Secure and manage foundation, corporate, and community-based funding.
- Develop partnerships with schools, healthcare organizations, faith communities, and nonprofit agencies.
- Supervise staff, consultants, interns, and volunteers while fostering a culture of collaboration and accountability.
- Lead organizational planning efforts focused on growth, sustainability, and community impact.

Social & Emotional Wellness Consultant | Chicago, IL

Consultant | November 2021 – Present

- Provide organizational consulting, facilitation, and coaching focused on trauma-informed leadership and wellness.
- Design and facilitate workshops, retreats, and professional development experiences.

- Support organizations in strengthening employee well-being and community engagement practices.

De La Salle Institute | Chicago, IL

Office Assistant, Registrar's Office | August 2024 – Present

- Support student records management, enrollment processes, and administrative operations.
- Assist students, families, faculty, and staff with records and registration inquiries.
- Maintain confidentiality and accuracy of student information.
- Contribute to a welcoming and service-oriented school environment.

First Unitarian Church of Chicago | Chicago, IL

Assistant Director of Religious Education | October 2022 – June 2023

- Managed childcare staff and supported curriculum development.
- Coordinated communication among families, educators, and leadership.
- Recruited and mentored staff while fostering an inclusive learning environment.

Strive Tutoring | Chicago, IL

Executive Director | July 2018 – November 2021

- Directed organizational operations, fundraising, board engagement, and strategic growth.
- Increased donor support through relationship cultivation and community outreach.
- Oversaw staff supervision, program implementation, and fiscal management.

I Grow Chicago | Chicago, IL

Executive Director | October 2013 – October 2015

- Led community engagement initiatives, partnership development, and organizational planning.
- Supported programming designed to improve outcomes for youth and families.
- Fostered relationships with community stakeholders and public partners.

BOARD LEADERSHIP & PUBLIC SERVICE

Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission

Commissioner (Gubernatorial Appointee) | 2024 – Present

Chicago Free School

Chairperson, Board of Directors | 2023 – Present

Camp Beechpoint

Board Member | 2023 – Present

Chicago Survivors

Vice Chair, Board of Directors | 2021-Present

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

Delegate | 2015

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

De La Salle Institute

Volunteer, Registrar's Office & School Community Engagement | 2024 – Present

- Support school operations, family engagement, and community events.
- Assist with administrative functions and student-centered initiatives.

EDUCATION

DePaul University | Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Science in Public Policy

CERTIFICATIONS

- Trauma-Informed Yoga Teacher Certification
- Postpartum Doula Certification
- Adult & Youth Mental Health First Aid