Donna Bowers Advocate | Social Worker | Supervisor | Ms. Plus U.S. United 2024

Donna Bowers is an advocate, motivational speaker, social worker, supervisor, friend, daughter, aunt and mother.

Donna has a background of more than 30 years in the social service field. She has worked in the early childhood education field, with in-home prevention service, youth and adolescents in state custody, domestic violence survivors and the senior population.

An active volunteer for many years, Donna believes in the importance of giving back and making a difference in the world around her. Through many of life’s challenges that she herself has experienced, she has found great comfort in assisting with her son’s boy scout pack and school association; assisting with helping victims of domestic abuse as well as assisting with the homeless

population.

Donna has been involved in the U.S. United Pageant system for 3 years and was crowned Ms. Plus U.S. United 2024. She previously was first runner-up in the Ms. Plus division in 2022, first runner-up in the Ms. Elite division in 2023 and U.S. United Rip the Runway Winner in 2023. She has also participated in local pageants in the Chattanooga and Nashville area. She placed 2nd runner-up in the Miss Bold and Beautiful Pageant in 2021 and was Ms. Bella 2018 to name a few. She got her start in the Voluptuous Belles pageant in Chattanooga where she received valuable guidance and encouragement under the tutorage of Dianna Fourte.

She has experience in marketing having created and published brochures, newsletters and flyers. Donna created content for monthly newsletter “The Greeneville/Greene County America’s Promise” as well as penning several articles for The Volunteer Center which were published in The Greeneville Sun. She was instrumental in creating the role-playing scenarios for the Lunch Buddy mentoring)

program as well as developing the “Conversation Cards” used to train 150+ football players who were part of the Lunch Buddy’s program. Over the course of her career, Donna has found time to serve on many local, state and national

boards, including NASW Tennessee Chapter, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY), Child Protection Investigative Team (C.P.I.T.), Coalition of Black Social Workers, Committee member on the Citizen Review Panels (CRP), Volunteer ETSU and the Student Advisory Board, Treasurer of Kappa Omicron Phi Honor Society and Program Committee of Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association (TJCSA). She is certified on the Juvenile Justice Child and Adolescent

Needs and Strengths (JJ-CANS 2.0) instrument, as a Trainer for Reality Check and certified as a Court Appointed Special Advocates. Donna has the distinction of being selected for the Vivian Rockwood Award-Outstanding Junior in Home Economics as well as being named NASW Southeast Tennessee Branch MSW Student of the Year 2024. She was part of the Newcomers bowling team

which placed 1st in 2018-2019. Her resilience was tested when she faced a Nodular lymphocyte predominant Hodgkin lymphoma diagnosis during the pandemic, but her unwavering spirit and support from her family, friends and the

Juvenile Court community propelled her forward. After receiving radiation, she has now been cancer free for 2 years.

Donna currently works as a Supervisor in the Social Services department at Juvenile Court and resides in Chattanooga TN. She is originally from Greeneville, TN located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains which was once the home of Andrew Johnson 17th President. Donna graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a master’s degree in social work in 2024. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Child and Family Studies with a minor in Social Work from East Tennessee State University.

She is the mother of one son and future daughter-in-law Dunkan and Emma and has one grand-pup Juniper. Donna enjoys cooking, shopping at thrift stores and genealogy research. Her favorite colors are blue, black and emerald green and her favorite foods are American, Mexican and Italian.

Her favorite quote is “Never confuse a single defeat with a final defeat” F. Scott Fitzgerald.