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TRIUMPHANT MEN OF VALOR
SPEAK HEALING TO WOMEN FROM THE
INSIDE OUT

Saturday,
September 13, 2025
10:00 am-3:00 pm

Thompson
Alumni Center
6705 Dodge St,
Omaha, NE 68182



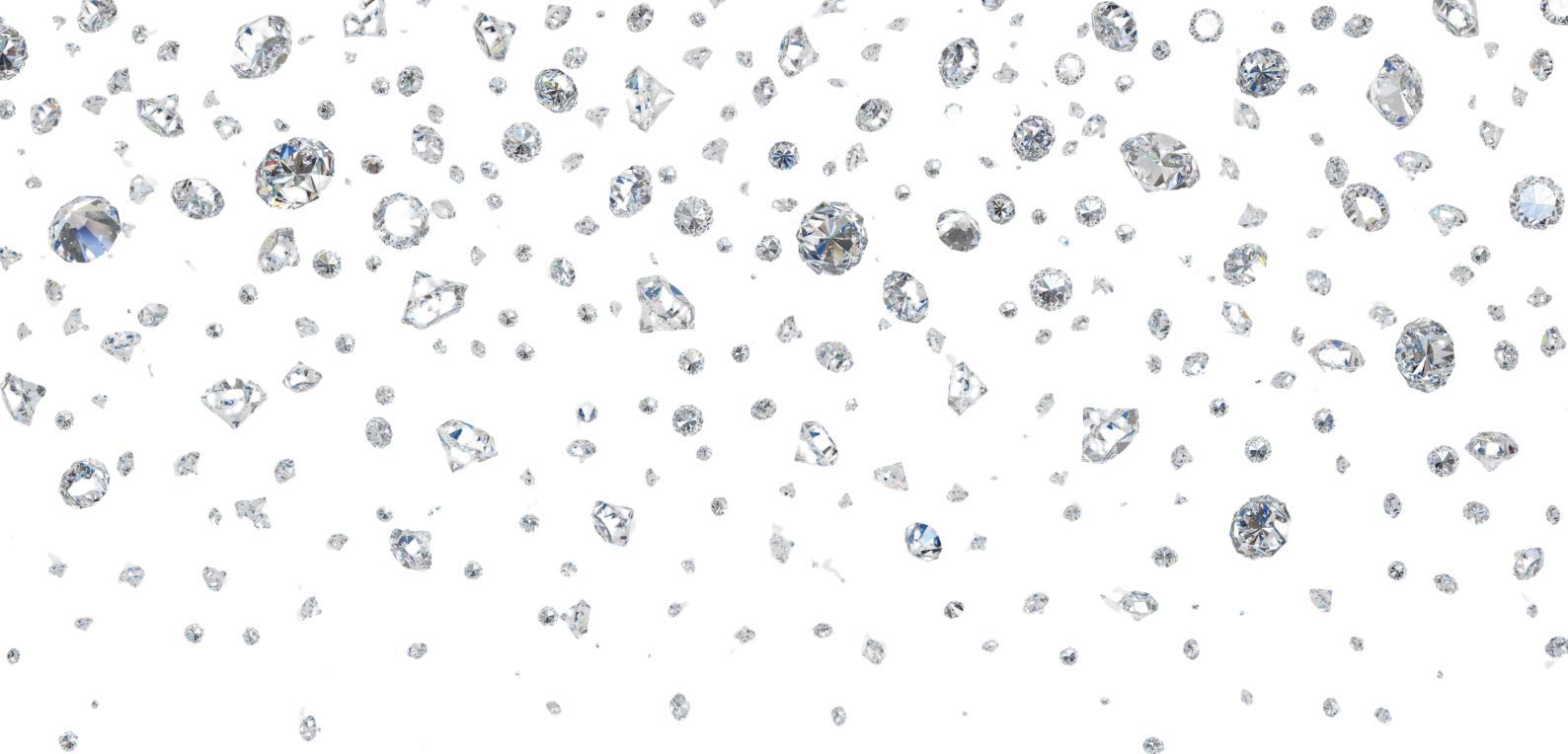


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MS. VANESSA JOHNSON
Founder

OUR VISION:

Cater to every aspect of a woman's well-being by providing, protecting, uplifting, educating, and encouraging each woman in attendance.

OUR MISSION:

Strategically equip women for success regardless of their background, offering educational resources for both professional and personal growth. Whether she has faced mental, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, incarceration, homelessness, divorce, financial struggles, human trafficking, or any other unnamed traumas, we aim to validate her experiences and provide support. We encourage her to break the silence surrounding her pain or fears of judgment, instead embracing the opportunity for healing and support through sharing her stories. Every woman should leave knowing that SHE CAN AND SHE WILL!



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GALA SCHEDULE 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

- 9:30-10:00 AM** Registration, Vendors & Slide Show
- 10:00 AM** Gala Opening: Mayor John Ewing Jr.
Invocation: Mayor John Ewing Jr.
Mistress of Ceremony: LaKyra Johnson
Purpose: **Rev. Vanessa Johnson (Founder)**
- 10:15-11:00 AM** Triumphant Man of Valor
Presenter: **David Newson**
- 11:00-11:15 AM** Break, Vendors
- 11:15-12:00 PM** Triumphant Man of Valor
Presenter: **Joseph Palm**
- 12:00-12:45 PM** **Good Girlfriend Diamond Luncheon**
Grace
Door Prizes
Vendors
Women of Praise
- 12:45-1:30 PM** Triumphant Man of Valor
Presenter: **Brandon Whitaker**
- 1:30- 2:00 PM** Triumphant Men of Valor Panel Q&A
- 2:00-2:20 PM** Spiritual Sound Bath
- 2:20-2:40 PM** Relax and Release Meditation Presentation
Facilitated by LaKyra Johnson & Denise Thomas
- 2:40-3:00 PM** Closing Remarks by Founder Rev. Vanessa Johnson
Group Photo/Participants Remarks

DAVID NEWSON

DIAMOND GALA GUEST SPEAKER



At the age of 12, David Newson began singing in the youth choir, finding joy in being part of the church's music department. It was during this time that he also started playing the piano and organ for youth services — the true beginning of his musical journey.

Throughout high school, David remained active in music, participating in musicals and singing in the choir. After graduating from 12th grade, music continued to shape the rhythm of his life.

At 19, he met his future wife, and by 20, he was married and on the path to building a family of four children. As a devoted husband and father, music took a back seat. However, his passion never fully faded. Friends and church members would often ask him to sing at weddings and funerals, gradually rekindling his love for music. This resurgence eventually led to an appearance on Bobby Jones Gospel, where he had the opportunity to perform.

Today, David Newson is the host of a radio show called Destiny on KCRO 660 AM & 106.7 FM in Lincoln, Nebraska. He also co-hosts a podcast titled AJDW Conversation, which has grown to reach a global audience.

Now venturing into releasing music singles, David is enjoying reintroducing himself to the world of music and striving to earn a place in the hearts and playlists of new listeners.

Yet for him, it's always been more than music. God began leading him into ministry — teaching, preaching, and seeking a deeper understanding of his divine purpose. At the age of 38, David was ordained as a pastor, stepping fully into his calling to share the gospel. Since that day, he has dedicated his life to living righteously and fulfilling God's plan.

JOSEPH PALM

DIAMOND GALA GUEST SPEAKER



In 2022, Joseph was appointed by President Joseph R. Biden as the Regional Director for Region 7 of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which encompasses the states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa and 9 federally recognized tribes. In addition, recently he was also appointed the Regional Director for HHS Region 2, which encompasses the states of New York and New Jersey and the territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, in addition to 8 federally recognized tribes.

Previously, from 2009-22, Joseph was the Chief of the Office of Minority Health, for the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MODHSS). As the Chief, Joseph was the key advisor to the MODHSS Director on various health matters that affected minorities; he also served as a liaison to the Missouri General Assembly while also working with statewide local public health agencies and elected officials. Joseph ran the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) funded opioid and homicide prevention program, and he also ran the COVID-19 mobile testing and vaccination sites across the State of Missouri.

In addition, Joseph worked on the ground during the Ferguson, Joplin, and various Missouri major flood daily recovery operations. Prior to working for MODHSS, Joseph worked as the Assistant to the Chief of Staff in the City of Saint Louis Mayor's Office, as a Legislative Researcher in the Missouri State Capitol, and as an assistant to the Chief of Staff in the Missouri 1st Congressional District Office. Joseph began his career as a firefighter for the City of Saint Louis in Missouri, and he continues to live by the motto "Seeking Opportunities To Serve-STLFD!"

Joseph is a native to the City of Saint Louis, Missouri, although his family roots are in Homestown, Missouri (The Bootheel). He received his Associates Degree from Forest Park Community College, and Bachelor of Communications Studies, and master's degree in Public Health from Saint Louis University.

BRANDON WHITAKER

DIAMOND GALA GUEST SPEAKER



Brandon Whitaker is passionate about teaching and discipling people of all ages in a relational and impactful way. He is committed to helping others develop a Christ-centered, biblical worldview that shapes every area of their lives.

He earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and an M.A. in Theological Studies from Grace University in Omaha.

With 19 years of experience in the telecommunications field, he understands the intersection of faith, work, and technology. Alongside his professional career, he has dedicated over 15 years to ministry, mentoring and counseling individuals in theology and academics. He has served in various ministry roles, including leading small groups, youth pastorates, and serving as an adjunct faculty instructor at Grace University, where he taught “The Theology of Work,” a course focused on integrating faith and vocation.

He currently serves as the Youth and Young Adult Pastor at Salem Baptist Church. He is married to Da’Quisha Whitaker, whom he met at Salem, and they are the proud parents of two young sons: Brandon II (“Duce”) and Elisha Whitaker.

PRESENTATIONS

✦ SOUND BATH EXPERIENCE

Sound bath experiences are a deeply relaxing and meditative practice where participants are "bathed" in sound waves produced by various instruments. These experiences are known for promoting mental clarity, stress relief, emotional balance and spiritual centerness.

✦ MEDITATION

FACILITATED BY VANESSA JOHNSON
LAKYRA JOHNSON & DENISE THOMAS

Meditate and reflect on the trauma, obstacles, or distractions hindering you from fulfilling your Divine purpose. Jot them down on the provided paper and hold onto it for further institutions.



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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

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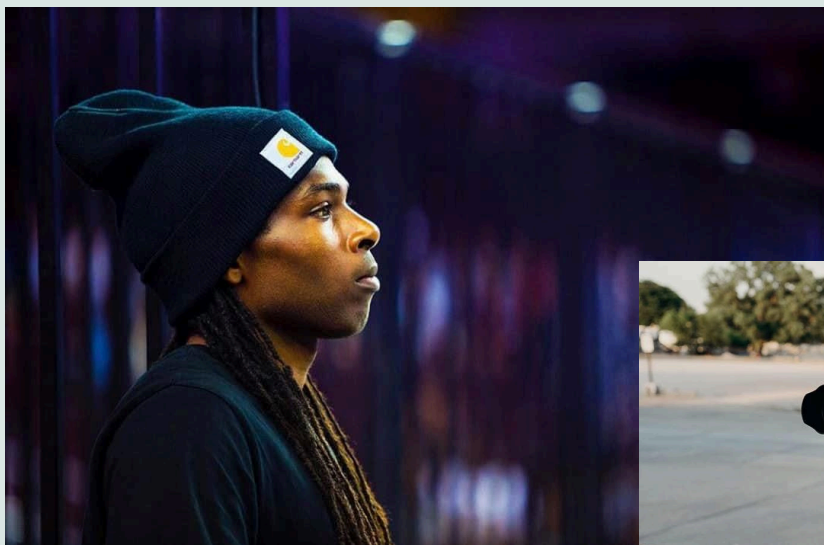
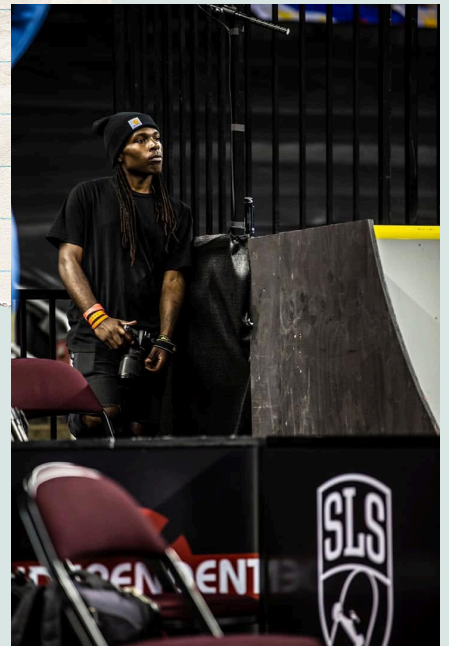
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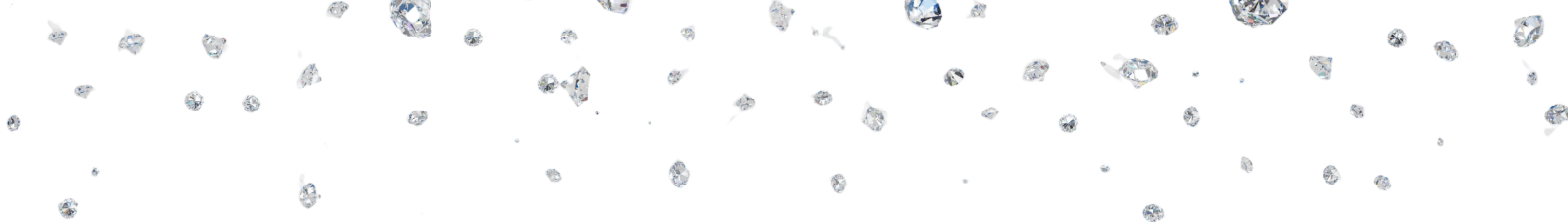
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REAL WORDS FROM REAL ATTENDEES!

IT IS AN EVENT TO BE REMEMBERED AND CHERISHED FOREVER. I WENT ONLY TO DO WHAT I WAS SUPPOSED TO: SING; HOWEVER, WHEN I ARRIVED THERE, I WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY THE SHARED ENERGY, AND THE SPIRITUAL IMPORTATION WAS REFRESHING. IT WAS A SATURDAY WORTH GIVEN THAT I USUALLY DO NOT HAVE TO SPARE. IT WAS ENJOYED.”

DAVID NEWSON

I AM DELIGHTED TO SHARE MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE 2024 INTRICATELY DESIGNED DIAMOND GALA. MOTHER TERESA ONCE SAID, “IT’S NOT HOW MUCH WE GIVE, BUT HOW MUCH LOVE WE PUT INTO GIVING.” THIS EVENT EMBODIED THAT SENTIMENT, PROVIDING ATTENDEES WITH INSPIRATION, EDUCATION, AND MOTIVATION TO MOVE FORWARD IN THEIR LIFE’S JOURNEY. PARTICIPANTS EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION, STATING, “THIS EVENT WAS EXACTLY WHAT I NEEDED TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES” AND “THE GALA WAS TRULY EXCELLENT.” AS A PRESENTER, I WAS HIGHLY IMPRESSED BY THE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE MATERIALS, THE QUALITY OF ACCOMMODATIONS, AND THE OUTSTANDING LINEUP OF SPEAKERS. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSE AND RECOMMEND THIS CONFERENCE TO EVERYONE!

SINCERELY,

DR. VIV EWING



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