



Spotlight On Tamisha

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She's confident, assertive, intelligent and beautiful (inside and out).

Tamisha was born and raised in Toronto. Throughout her childhood years she was able to balance her schoolwork, team sports and extra curricular activities while aiming for excellence in all areas. Strong values and strong family support helped to set her on a focused path that she still pursues today. It was during her teenage years that she first uncovered that her calling was to help children/youth re-

alize their potential. As a junior coach with the Special Olympics Rhythmic Gymnastics group, Tamisha found a fulfillment that she wan(ed to expand.

After high school she followed her passion and ventured fo learn more about equality while earning a Bachelor's Degree in Equity Studies at the University of Toronto. Following graduation she spent one year teaching English at a University in Mexico.

Today Tamisha works in the Human Resources

department at the Durham Regional Police headquarters. Her job has allowed her to work on creating learning opportunities for diverse youth and to interact with key government officials who provide funding to assist with innovative youth programs.

Tamisha's volunteer work still remains amongst the top important aspects of her life. Over the years she has volunteered as an educator at the African-Canadian Heritage Association, a Youth Advisory Committee Member with the Children's Help Line, a National Youth Representative with the National Council of Jamaicans- & Supportive Organizations in Canada (NCJSOC), and a Labour Coach and Relief Worker with the Massey Centre for Women.

Her work has been rec-

ognized through many awards and certificates. Amongst them; The Youth as Role Models Recognition through the Association of Black Law Eqforcers, appointed National Youth Rep and a National Youth Merit Award from the NCJSOC and the Cus-

tomer Service Award for Excellence through Club Auto (CAA).

Tamisha has only just begun. Our children and youth not only have a role model to look up to, they also have a guardian angel who has been fully assigned to guiding them.

