## **Margie Campbell**

Executive Director & Founder

From a very early age Margie knew what her career goal would be. There was no mistaken her God given talents and abilities. Born November 23, 1958 on the eastside of the city of Detroit, what is now known as the Cultural Center was her playground. Many days were spent in the Main Library on Woodward Ave., a historic land mark. Reading and studying was not the purpose of being there more like reeking havoc on those who were. And when she grew weary of being chased by the security quard and put out building she would run across the street to the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA). On the back of the building that face John R. there are two long white marble stair cases that meet at the top. Underneath the stairs is a long ramp the leads to a black Monstrous wrought iron gate that have a huge pad lock around the middle. This is where King Hong lives or so the story goes. Because her family was poor vacations and family trips were rare, however, where she lacked in funds she made up in imagination. Wayne State University and the Historic museum were those faraway imagery places she visited and pretended to be on vacation. Needless to say her childhood was filled with great experiences and fond memories.

The year was 1969 when the family moved to the northend of the city. Excited about a new adventure and a new experience as fate would have it, life altering. Her six grade teacher decided to take her the ballet at the Meadow Brook Theater; this would change her life forever. She decided at that moment that she was born to dance. She had never been to a ballet and the experience was forever itched in her mind. This is where her career goal began; finding a job at twelve is challenging but not impossible. She was able to find to job at local restaurant.

She has 15 years experience working with At-Risk youth. She worked with programs such as "The New Start in Life" Family Counseling and Crisis Intervention. Assisted in parenting programs, S.A.C.A.R.E.D. a substance abuse workshop, coordinated after school programs, numerous, youth outings, and is currently mentoring 25-30 girls in her Live 4 Life program.

As a mother of four children she learned first hand the importance of education and finishing what you start, by teaching her children it's never to late, and graduated from college in 2003 with a Degree in Business and has since received Social Service Technician Registration in the field of Social Work.

Exercise and healthy life choices has been a constant in Margie's life which is why after many years as a Youth Director and Sunday School Teacher, God lead her to establish "Live 4 Life", a non-profit organization which teaches young women about AIDS awareness, abstinence and healthy life choices. She realizes that this is a very important assignment and takes it very seriously.

Margie has been awarded "The Spirit of Detroit Award" for outstanding leadership and dedication to improving the quality of life. She has been given a "Certificate of Appreciation" from Wayne County Commissioner Jewel Ware for hard work and outstanding participation in the "Heavenly Connection Youth Outreach Ministries" and many volunteer certificates for hard work and valuable achievements from organizations like Joy of Jesus. God has blessed her with a mission to see lives change.