

MJ Smyzer is a native of Louisville, KY. She is the youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Matthew E. Smyzer, Jr. A member of Beargrass Baptist Church, MJ serves in a variety of ministries. She is an active member of the Usher Board, Liturgical Dance Coach, and Youth Director. MJ extends her community involvement by being an active participant in the Dreamgirls Foundation; a program dedicated to mentoring young girls - teaching them basic life skills.

MJ attended the University of Kentucky and the University of Pittsburg where she received Bachelors Degrees in Broadcast Journalism and Business with an emphasis in Human Resources. During her collegiate years, MJ was very active with student government and community relations. During an internship with Radio One (formerly Blue Chip Broadcasting) MJ served as the community and public relations assistant. It was at that moment, she knew serving people was her calling. After her internship was over, she was hungry for Public Relations and community outreach initiatives. In speaking with her mentor, she was introduced to the world of Human Resources. Little did she know, that conversation would be a defining moment in her life; a formal introduction to the world of HR. MJ went on to run the employment center at NPC (now B.A. Merchant Services), and she served as an Employee Relations Manager for Toyota Motor Manufacturing Company in Georgetown, KY. MJ currently works in Corporate Human Resources for Norton Healthcare. She immensely enjoys her current position because it allows her to interact with a broad and comprehensive population of professionals, but which is more she is entrusted with a great deal of responsibility. She has been quoted saying, "The greatest aspect of my work responsibilities has to do with my interaction with my client base. I have the opportunity to openly and actively engage with individuals aspiring to obtain gainful employment". MJ also serves as a community relations liaison for Norton Healthcare, where she is responsible for representing Norton at events such as Unity Fest and the Gospel Choir Explosion.

Being a "lover of people and their happiness", MJ owns her own wedding planning business, where she serves as the planner, and event designer. She believes, a beautiful moment in time, creates a memory forever. To date, MJ has planned and executed over 30 wonderful events in and around the Louisville area.

MJ currently serves on the Board of Directors for The Steward's Staff. MJ has been a mentor for TMG (Transitions Mentoring Group) since its inception a little over 2 years ago. She looks forward to the challenges ahead and serving to the best of her ability.