



## ***LivyLove Foundation Media Kit***

### **Vision**

LivyLove's vision involves the education, awareness, confidence building, and empowerment of all local Foster Care children, as the failure to deliver these seemingly basic fundamentals to these youths negatively affects our society as a whole. *LivyLove's* goal is to lend a helping hand to young adults entering or exiting the Foster Care System, by mentoring, educating, and providing connection for a better life, because one youth failure affects all of us.

### **Our mission is as follows:**

- To promote awareness and connection between current and graduates of the Foster Care System;
- To promote Life after Foster Care awareness, education and empowerment;
- To promote self-appreciation through positive values that make them who they are;
- To promote healthy living beyond the Foster Care System.

### **Programs**

#### **Education**

Developing curriculum for seminars that will teach youths how to create and maintain a budget on minimal income; how to obtain their first apartment; how to apply to colleges, how to live independently.

#### **Young Leaders of Tomorrow**

Every child will come from a different background, so it's important not to focus on their differences, rather, focus on their individuality and nurture the skills and talent that they already possess. Teaching a child to be a positive role model to others will give them self-confidence and motivation to excel in life.

#### **Mentor-Protégé**

Our program is only one-of-a-kind. Match mentors with protégés at any level within the FCS. Participants may develop their attitudes, beliefs, behaviors, best business practices, knowledge and/or skills. Our program assists the youths to move into new, exciting, challenging and leadership positions at their jobs/schools. The goal is to have protégés meet with their mentor once a month to discuss their progress for the goal that was set in the previous month. This Mentor-Protégé program is one of the best choices for our youths in today's society.

## **Stay Connected**

LivvyLove founder believe that staying connected with positive people of similar background is important for youth exiting out of the system. Our Stay Connected program provides encouragement and outreach through visitation, phone conferences and seminars that would enable a youth to stay connected with Alumni of the Foster Care System.

## **Positive Reinforcement**

There are many issues that arise when a youth is faced with difficulties, often if that issues is not resolved quickly, it can turn disastrous for the youth and society at large. Our positive reinforcement program will assists youths facing hardship by providing supportive role models and counseling to allow youths the opportunity to learn from their mistakes and strengthening their self-worth.

## **Memberships/Associations/Advocacy**

Marthe Lewis is a Member of **Foster Care Alumni of America (FCAA) and the President of FCAA**, the Virginia Chapter. Ms. Lewis focus is to strengthen the community as whole and bring awareness regarding children in the foster care system. Ms. Lewis has dedicated her time and resources to speak at conferences, seminars and workshop, in an effort to attract more foster and or adoptive parents. She strongly believe that every child deserve the chance to be a part of a family regardless of their past.

She serves as a **guest speaker to United Methodist Family Services (UMFS)** on Pride Panel Nights for Prospective Foster and Adoptive Parents. She provides positive insight to the prospective families and the resources available to them through her Non-Profit Organization “LivvyLove Foundation” and information that may serve as guidance through the role of parenting.

## **Marthe Lewis Biography**

In 1996, she entered the Foster Care System (FCS) with the hope of starting a new life that did not include mental abuse, neglect, and the constant reminder of being different. Marthe was only 16 years old when she entered the system as a result of neglect, mental and physical abuse. Marthe was out of school from the age of 10 until 16. She was without family. While in the FCS, she quickly adapted to her new life. Although at time things were very frustrating, she managed to complete high school in three years between three foster homes, two group homes, and three high schools.



Marthe A. Lewis (BBA '06-MBA '09)

After, she left the FCS in 2000; she gave birth to a beautiful girl who is her pride and the motivation behind the

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LivvyLove Foundation. Despite all the changes that occurred since she exited the FCS, she completed her undergraduate degree at Strayer University, where she majored in Contracts Acquisition. Eight years after she left the system, she now holds an MBA degree in Finance.

“Through my years of struggles, disappointments, embarrassments and countless memories of being violated emotionally, I decided back then that my condition in life was not my conclusion. I decided that foster care was a step to better myself; it did not determine who I was or would be”  
She continued to set, meet, and exceed her goals with the above statement imprinted in her mind. Her belief that anything is possible urged her to start a program focusing on youth who are aging and exiting the FCS. She wanted to assist and provide these individuals with the tools to be productive and successful members of society. She followed her dream, heart, and created the LivvyLove Foundation (LivvyLove) name after her daughter Olivia. Each day she hopes and has faith that many people will lend a helping hand to youths in need, open their heart, and allow a young child to feel truly loved. (Her prayer is that this will come to fruition sooner than later).

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