

Dr. Michele Vaughn is the Founder & CEO of the Teen & Single Mother Resource Center, Inc. located in Waukegan, IL., where the primary mission is to equip single mothers to become a positive role model to their children through the vehicle of advanced education. Prior to the launch of this non-profit, she worked eight years in higher education at the College of Lake County as the associate dean for community education. Dr. Vaughn worked effortlessly to make education accessible to a population that was considered “the least likely to succeed, but the most in need.” She did this by partnering with various community agencies to offer GED, ESL & Career Development mobile learning classrooms at various locations.

In 2014, Dr. Vaughn transitioned full-time into the non-profit sector to commit the remaining of her life’s work to the movement of building up the lives of single mothers. She launched a 501c3 organization and began working in concert with State Career College to help Medical Assistant single mom graduates become gainfully employed in the healthcare field. For the past six years she has established healthcare partnership agreements with various providers to create diverse employment opportunities for single mothers in pursuit of a thriving career as a Medical Assistant. Additionally, in 2015, Dr. Vaughn joined the John C. Maxwell Global Leadership Coaching team to train a diverse group of leaders on the power of influence and leading with purpose. She has an independent coaching company called Lead 2 Inspire Training Institute.

Today, Dr. Vaughn’s mission has touched over 400 single mom families and growing. More closely, her mission has assisted several single mom families to become first-time homeowners with a down-payment assistance program. She also obtained her Realtors license as a way to expand her ability to support single moms with the purchase of their first home. Every year, the Teen & Single Mother Resource Center, Inc., raise funding to provide scholarship opportunities for single moms returning to school. Much of her community service work has been accomplished by collaborating with community partners, volunteers, and corporate/individual donors.

Dr. Vaughn’s passion in the field of education and human service stems from her own past struggle as a college dropout who was labeled as “just another pregnant teen.” But she refused to surrender to the pressures of rejection, suicide, and uncertainty by deciding to complete her education and become a well-equipped role model to her two sons. Dr. Vaughn has earned an Associate of Arts degree, a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Columbia College of Missouri, a Master of Science Degree in Counseling from Capella University, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership at Argosy University.

“If You Can Birth a Baby, You Can Birth Your Dreams” is Dr. Vaughn’s first authored book. She is highly recognized for her drive as a passionate humanitarian, multiple published book author, and a highly pursued public speaker. She has been recognized nine-times as an award recipient both locally and nationally for her professional work in the field of higher education and the local community.

She has appeared on Fox and Friends as an expert guest on the topic of high school dropouts as well as HGTV’s House Hunters Television show helping a single mom become a first-time homeowner.

It is her hope to deliver a powerful message of perseverance, courage, and faith to single mothers and Influential leaders all over the world.

To learn more about the work of the Teen & Single Mother Resource Center, Inc. visit www.teenandsinglemom.com.