



## Tonya Smith

A native of Miami, Florida, Tonya Smith seeks to live by the principal; “No one can help everyone, but everyone can help someone”.

In 2007 at the age of 39, Tonya was diagnosed with Stage III breast cancer and underwent a mastectomy, chemotherapy and radiation treatment. She survived this life threatening disease as a result of early detection.

Her diagnosis and survival ignited a passion in her to devote her life to educating women about early detection. Tonya gives back the gift of life through sharing the importance of early detection, providing education awareness of breast cancer and supporting programs that fund free screenings to low income and underserved women.

Tonya Smith well understands the difference that one individual can make, and her life’s work, philanthropic pursuits, and volunteerism have all been guided by that belief. In 2013 she founded gENERATION nEXT, Inc. She has worked to build dynamic and effective programs for young people and to create a fair and just world. As founder and president of the gENERATION nEXT Youth Leadership Forum, Inc, she seeks out, nurtures and brings to scale exceptional strategies to support young people and strengthen communities.

Tonya resides in Alpharetta, Georgia with her husband and two teenage children. In addition to her community service involvement, she currently works for UPS Capital as a Product Analyst.

In 2010 Tonya started **4 Our Sisters**, an organization that looks to provide hope, as well as assist individuals touched by breast cancer, to regain some control and lead a fulfilling life. Tonya also serves as a board member of the ***The Eric R. Beverly Family Foundation***.

**4 Our Sisters** host an annual Pink Party. An evening of entertainment to celebrate how far we've come in fighting breast cancer and to pledge to continue that fight for all the women of our community. 100% of the proceeds from this event are donated to The Eric R. Beverly Family Foundation.