

Events



April 11, 2015 - SISTERS LIVING WITH ALOPECIA will host it's 3rd Annual Accept Me As I Am Summit.

Last year's event was awesome!!! Don't be one of those that has to hear about it second hand and regret that you didn't come. Those of you that came last year, if you think you enjoyed yourself, you ain't seen nothing yet! Expect this year's event to be even better. You do not & we repeat you do NOT want to miss this years event! Come prepared to laugh, cry, shout and leave feeling inspired, empowered and loved! After enjoying, singing, poetry/spoken word, testimonials, testimonies, monologues/skits, ...transformations, and phenomenal speakers both teen and adult speakers, YOU will stop making excuses as to why you can't. You will want to Grow With Purpose! This event is for everyone. Man, Woman, Girl & Boy.

The goal of this women's summit is to encourage individuals of all ages to accept themselves as they are. To accept themselves in the form that God has made them. "No you are not perfect but you are perfectly imperfect, no matter your size, your disabilities, your skin color, your wealth, your height, bald, natural hair, long hair, blonde hair, red hair, brunette hair you need to rock what ever God has gave you. We all shine in our own special way. You need to know this! Don't compare yourself to others. Be the best you that you can be. Be comfortable in your own skin. Confidence is contagious & we hope you catch it!"

The event will celebrate all young and adult men & women, African American Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, Indian or any race, creed or religion. The speakers will encourage women that we all can over come adversities. Its OK to be different or to be unique. It's all about faith and confidence. It's about not being afraid to be seen as they are. We want to raise our daughters and sons to be leaders not followers. We want our future women and men to be strong enough not to allow bullies or social media to shake their self esteem! The luncheon is about self improvement and empowerment. No, we are not excluding non-Christians. We endorse supporting every person's choice even if we don't agree. We encourage respect. We welcome anyone that are supportive of others no matter how different they may or may not be.

In addition to uplifting one another, encouraging others to let go of their past so that they can embrace the blessings that are waiting for them, you will be educated & enlighten about alopecia.

100% of the proceeds will benefit Sisters Living With Alopecia's Scholarship Fund.

There will not be any judging here. Every person attending will leave this event feeling inspired, empowered and will feel like they are a queen, king, prince or princess & Rightfully So!!!



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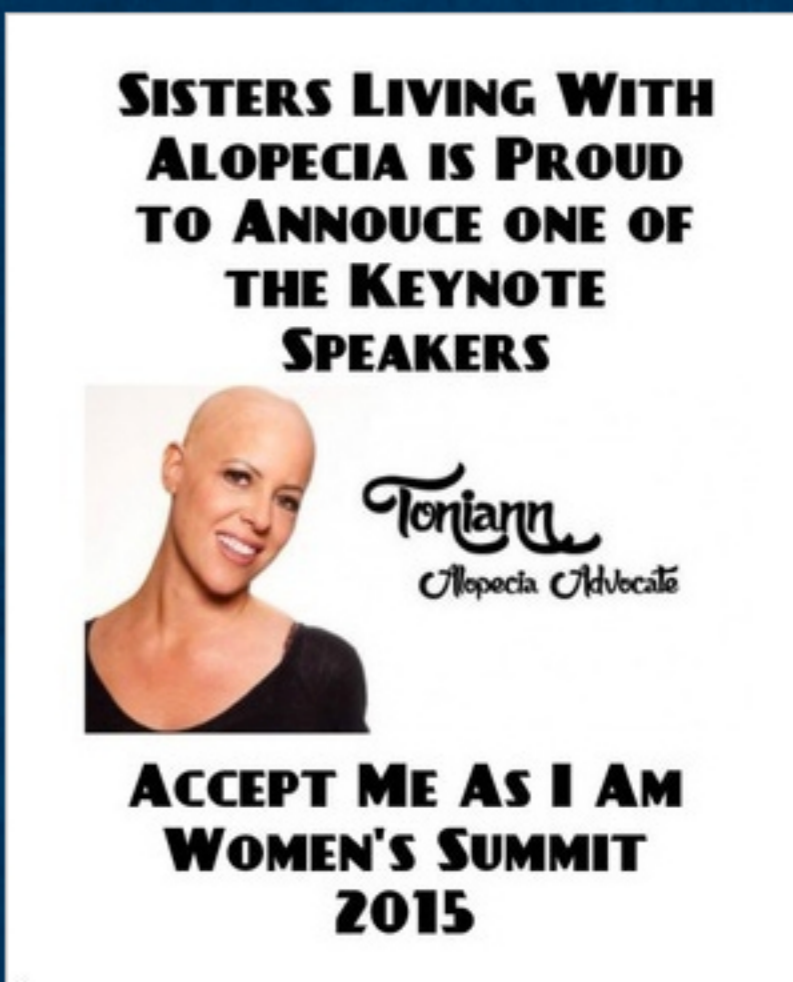
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"Let's love, not fear, our differences..." - Aviva Dresher

Featuring Some of this Year's Speakers Below:

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Motivational speaker, spokes model for Milano wig, Alopecia Advocate, Toni Malone will travel from Los Angeles to educate us about alopecia. She will also grace us with her story and how she over came her low self esteem and found the confidence to shine. Toni has an endorsement with Milano, a wig company that has the most realistic wigs.



Sanah Jivani is a 17-year-old senior at Klein Collins High School in Spring, Texas. She is an active public speaker and writer. She is the founder of the "International Natural Day" movement, started after losing all of her hair in seventh grade, where she challenges individuals to love and accept themselves. International Natural Day, which started at her high school, is now in 28 countries and 11 schools around the globe. Her biggest goal in life is to see Natural Day on every single calendar ever printed. Sanah has been featured on Fox news, channel 2 news, J-14 magazine and several online magazines and radio stations. Her biggest passion is sharing her story, whether it be through writing, speaking or any other outlet. She hopes to someday major in psychology and touch at least one individual with her work. Outside of her work with her non-profit, Sanah is the editor-in-chief of her school newspaper, the vice-president of the national teen council and a writer for the Smart Girls Group amongst other things. She hopes that this hard work and positive energy will someday change the world!



Lakeysha Lawson, one of the Guest Speakers and is a SURVIVOR!! She has battled Pulmonary Embolism, Pneumonia, Lupus, Thrombosis, Alopecia, Mental, Physical & Emotional Stress, Heart Attack, Mental & Verbal Abuse. God has blessed her with skills & awesome talent to style hair and create custom wigs for little girls and adult women with cancer or alopecia!



Introducing one of the Keynote Speakers of the "Accept Me As I Am" Summit: Dr. Michele Wise Wright, Dr. Wright overcame a learning disability and now holds a PH.D, and is a successful writer. She is an example of beating the odds. Her story will encourage you to push through your obstacles!



Bullying began when Camille "Cam" Paddock was just 8 years old.

She was tormented in person and online by kids at her Huntley school. Camille suffers from an auto-immune disease called Alopecia Areata that causes hair loss and other serious health issues.

When her eyebrows and clumps of her hair started to fall out in fourth grade, kids called her a "hairless cat" and meowed at her relentlessly. Camille said the bullying increased from there and got so bad that she didn't want to go to school, didn't care about her grades, and didn't want to talk to anyone.

She was bullied to the point where she wanted to die.

Her mom Melissa Paddock pleaded for help and support from school officials and the parents of the other kids. She got no response and the abuse continued.

"I couldn't take it anymore," said Melissa. "I told my daughter that if she wanted to fight back, we'd fight."

Right then and there, Camille decided that she had had enough.

"I was tired of being a victim," she said. "I wanted to be a survivor."

Fighting Back, Reaching Out

She fought back with words. Positive words.

Camille founded an organization called Cam's Dare To Be Different.org. She also started a Facebook page called Cam's DTBD one year ago and started sharing her story.

Her message went global. People in the Philippines, A Her inspirational story hit home with kids and parents.

"People started responding to the page saying that I inspired them," Camille said. "I love that. I think they like it that I'm a teenager who can honestly say, 'I've been there. I know exactly how it feels to be different. I wanted to die - but I didn't.'"

"Now, it's the best feeling in the world," she added, "to know that I'm helping others."

Camille wants to tie into that increased exposure to talk to as many kids as possible about bullying, depression and suicide prevention. She also wants to help get anti-bullying groups in every school. They would be sponsored by a teacher but run by kids, called Cam's Dare To Be Different.

Most of Camille's hair has grown back but not her eyebrows. Still, she models and enjoys cheerleading but mostly, encourages others to dare to be different.

"I always tell parents - fight for your kids," Camille said. "And I tell kids how important it is to be nice to each other."

One kind word can make a difference. It can save a child's life."



Retired teacher who loved not only teaching but loved every student as if they were hers. Sheila went above and beyond in teaching. She taught special education and was successful in helping many students excel beyond their learning disabilities. Sheila Lampkin is now a State Representative.