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Kinship Caregiver Advocate - wins Ms. Washington Plus America

Vancouver, Wash. – Kimberly Walker of Renton, WA used her determination to bring awareness and resources to Kinship Caregivers to win the title of Ms. Washington Plus America. Walker will be competing for the National title of Miss Plus America Elite in Monroe, Louisiana on July 20, 2013.

“I believe that all women are beautiful regardless of the size of their curves and the color of their skin,” shares Walker. “In 2012 when Washington Plus America had their first pageant I was in awe of the beautiful women who won and decided that I would do it the following year, and here I am crowned Ms. Washington Plus America 2013!”

Walker’s platform is Kinship Caregiving - Helping grandparents who are raising the children in their family. “I want to bring in funding to grow and sustain the kinship programs in Washington State such as the Kinship Center which provides a 1-stop shop information and resource experience for kinship families. Many times kinship families are very frustrated from having to go from one agency to another without knowing if they will truly be helped,” shares Walker.

Walker’s platform was inspired by more than just her passion to make a difference. “Besides being a hands on aunt helping to care for my three year old brain-injured niece and five year old nephew when needed, I am currently the director of the first Kinship Center of its kind in Washington State,” shares Walker. “In less than 30 days I was able to remodel, develop programming and host a large luncheon launching the Kinship Center. In the one year and few months we have been open, the Kinship Center has served over 300 families with resources and support.”

The Miss Plus America™ pageant competition was founded in 2003 by Melissa Stamper, executive director of Nashville-based Coronet Productions, LLC as a full-figure pageant that focused on personal development, community leadership and charitable causes. There are five national titles: Elite, Mrs., Ms. (age 30 and above), Miss (age 18 to 29) and Teen (age 13-17). www.MissPlusAmerica.com

Walker states, “I know that I am beautiful, not because people tell me, but because I know my worth as a woman of faith. I love, give, sacrifice, make mistakes and work hard to live my life in a positive way. I think women often wait for outside validation to be called beautiful and the truth of the matter is that they are already beautiful royalty.”

Walker will continue her volunteer work as a Board Member with the King County Community Organizing Program and active staff for the Daughters of Royalty Drill Team & Royal Elite Drum Squad as well as taking steps towards obtaining her Doctorate while still keeping Kinship Caregiving at the forefront of her personal mission.

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