



Advocate Like A Mother

ABOUT

TAMEKA SIMMONS

Tameka Simmons is a remarkable woman and the driving force behind "Through Evely's Eyes." As a devoted mother of three, full-time caregiver to her daughter with multiple physical and intellectual disabilities and a homeschool teacher, Tameka's passion and dedication shine through in everything she does.

In 2018, inspired by her daughter Evely's rare and unknown genetic condition, Tameka founded "Through Evely's Eyes" to create a supportive community and advocate for medical families. Her advocacy work extends beyond her organization, as she has tirelessly pushed for accessibility of braille and sensory books in libraries and developed adaptable toys for children with disabilities and motor challenges.

Tameka's generosity doesn't stop there; she consults and guides other caregivers new to medical journeys and ensures the donation of crucial medical supplies and equipment. She also understands the importance of emotional support and hosts nights out for mothers in similar situations, providing them a safe space to connect and uplift one another.

Tameka's efforts have gained recognition on a national level, as she was invited to host a workshop at the Global Genes Rare Patient Advocacy Summit in 2022. Additionally, her local community acknowledged her as a hero in August 2022 for her outstanding advocacy work. Her relentless dedication has led to the prestigious Civitan International Servant's Heart Award in 2023, honoring her extraordinary advocacy for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Every day, Tameka works tirelessly to spread awareness about intellectual disabilities, emphasizing that they do not hinder learning and growth. Her unyielding determination and compassionate heart have made a significant impact on the lives of countless families, making "Through Evely's Eyes" a beacon of hope and support for those on rare medical journeys.