## Why this organization was formed?

This organization was formed based upon my life experience of being a teen mom and watching my mother suffer as a victim of domestic violence. As a teen mom, I was determined to graduate high school with my classmates and not be a statistic. I refused to be yet another teen mom to drop out of high school or continue the cycle of being a victim of domestic violence. I worked hard, I graduated high school with my class and went on to attend a Jr. College. I got married young but that marriage dissolved after 7 years. As a single mother, I was determine to succeed. As I work to gain knowledge and work experience, I notice other single, young mothers frustrated and angry about their situations. They wanted to give up because they didn't believe they could get past their mistake.

I found myself sharing my story and telling others they can make it. All it takes is determination and a good support system. I could relate when I would hear comments like I have little or no work experience or I don't have a degree and most jobs wanted both. As a personnel manager, I recall a conversation I had with a young mother. She said to me "I have no experience just by being a cashier." I told her you have customer service skills, ten key by touch and sight, cash handling, inventory control, you work well independently, and with a team. I said because you train new cashiers, you are also a trainer. She replied, "I did not see it that way."

I wanted to encourage her to be proud of the skills she gained and not to down play them. I encouraged her to build upon those skills with learning new ones. Develop a plan to get to the stage in her professional life. It was about building her up at the very moment she needed it. After a tragic life experience (the loss of my only child), I wanted to give up on life and just exist. I didn't have the strength or desire to grow or live up to my potential. It was through WEW, Inc. that I was reminded of the power of empowerment. I was reminded of what this organization was formed to do in the first place, women empowering women. Through the support I received, I went on to graduate from college with two degrees and became a published author of a book titled "This is Crazy" I am an example of a teen mom who beat the odds.

WEW, Inc. provides others with the necessary resources and support to get through some of the challenges that life may throw their way. Encouraging others to live up to their full potential through the programs we offer. Sharing and supporting others towards their victories. Helping women and children to be their best and to give back to their communities by helping others.