# Bright Futures

Brighter Tomorrows

Begin Today

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#### Special points of interest:

- Brighter Tomorrows Begin
   Today's Contacts and Clients
- ♦ The new website!!!!
- ♦ 50/50 Raffle

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## **Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today???**

Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the distressed population in obtaining their educational and professional dreams and goals.

Our vision is to assist families and individuals accomplish their hopes, dreams, and goals through the use of educational and professional development and resources.

The mission is to provide educational and professional assistance to families and individuals who want to enrich their lives and move towards a future they have dreamed of having.

Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today's goals will focus on reaching the distressed population. We as an organization expect to interact with all types of families and individuals who are distressed economically, physically, mentally, and socially.

Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today was cofounded by Veronica Brown-Moseley and Avnel Coates. Their motivation were the struggles and uphill battles they found on their journey to becoming licensed attorneys. They felt that it was very important for people trying to accomplish their goals to have mentorship and assistance in navigating the different processes in goal attainment.

Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today embodies Veronica and Avnel's vision by connecting Clients to Contacts who are able to help the Client reach their goal, providing resources to Clients such as advice, tips, financial assistance, networking events, and having Contacts take a hands-on approach to helping Clients.

Veronica and Avnel also emphasized that distressed doesn't just mean below the poverty level. Distressed encompasses all types of people and situations including the single mom who has a job but still can't afford to attend school, a high school student trying to figure out what path they should take, the young adult who is out on their own, working and attending school, the person who is changing careers after establishing one and doesn't know where to start, entrepreneurs who don't have the financial support needed, the victim of a crime who has to start all over, and many more.

Join this journey with Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today and find out how you can help someone reach their goals.

# 501(c)(3) Status Obtained

After many months of working and waiting, Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today received official notification from the IRS that the organization has obtained 501(c)(3) status.

501(c)(3) status means that Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today is an organization dedicated to and has a purpose that is charitable. 501 (c)(3) organizations are able to received funds and items from the public. Funds and items received are exempt from federal taxes.

Any donations or contributions made to Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today are tax exempt to the donor.

## **Business Contact Profile—Inspiring Beauty, LLC**

Inspiring Beauty LLC's mission is helping people reevaluate their self-image, value, and worth by empowering their clients to unveil their beauty within as well as without by hosting makeovers of hair, makeup, and attire, life coaching, hosting events and speaking engagements.

lisha Crichlow and Erin Travers started this business and since they have obtained LLC status they have taken off running and have not slowed down.

Inspiring Beauty puts on networking events, motivational and informative seminars across Richmond and surrounding areas. They host the TV show "We Are Your City". With each event, Inspiring Beauty gives back to their community. At each event that they sponsor, Inspiring Beauty donates a portion of their proceeds to a non-profit.

Let's not forget that lisha is a mother of 3 and Erin is a supportive wife of her husband's music career and a mother of 2. These women show us all that no matter what, you can accomplish your goals.

For your next event contact Inspiring Beauty:

lisha Crichlow (804) 397-3340

Erin Travers- (804) 277-5255





## Client Profile—Morgan Wright

A dynamic 20 year female who is working full-time at will soon be moving into her own apartment, and is a full-time student.

Morgan came to Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today in her search for employment. One of our contacts gave her a reference and Morgan has been in order to support herself and accomplish her goals. Morgan a goal of becoming a marriage counselor. She is currently enrolled at in college and plans to transfer to a university to pursue both her Bachelor's degree and Master's Degree in Psychology and Social Work. Morgan has also been in contact with another Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today Contacts who counseled her on the type of major she should pursue to accomplish her goal. We are all rooting for Morgan's continued success

## **Events, News, and Programming**

- The Fredericksburg Tribune released an article about Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today. To view the article go to http://www.fredericksburgtribune.com/caroline-resident-starts-enrichment-life-non-profit-organization/
- -Watch We Are Your City on Thursdays at 7:30pm on Channel 95 if you have Comcast, Channel 36 on FIOS, or on YouTube at YouTube Channel http://www.youtube.com/iishaerin. Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today's Vice-President and Treasurer will be in the building for the October 23, 2014 broadcast.
- -50/50 Raffle coming soon. Look for more details on our Facebook page or our website.
- -Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today just launch www.brightertomorrowsbegintoday.org

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Sisters n Harmony

### **Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today apart of RVA has Talent**

Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today sponsored Sisters n Harmony at the RVA has Talent competition this past Spring. Sisters n Harmony is a signing duo who are sisters. At the tryouts, Sisters n Harmony showcased their talents. Although, they did not make it to the showcase, they were put on the waitlist.

Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today had their President, Vice-President and Treasurer present at the tryouts to support Sisters n Harmony in person. Check out a sample of Sisters n Harmony at Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQhTJHj16F\_A-M5vgmrXcMw

RVA has Talent takes talent from the Richmond area and puts on a competition where the Artist along with their charitable sponsors compete for a \$2500 prize. Each Artist has a charitable organization sponsor. The charitable organization receives \$1000 of the \$2500 prize.

## Meet Our Board Members—Jessica Lynn Farran-Shirley

As a current Board Member, Jessica is involved in the daily operations of Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today. She is active in Contact recruitment and soliciting donations. Jessica is in the medical field. She is a certified X-Ray Technician and she has her Associates Degree.

Mother of 3, full time employee,

volunteer for her daughter's run club, and board member.

Jessica is currently working on programming for Brighter Tomorrows Begin today that involves the elderly and helping distressed individuals navigate the processes of government programs.

Jessica can be contacted at

board@brightertomorrowsbegintoday.org





## **Higher Education Admissions Assistance Program**

Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today's Higher Education Admissions Assistance Program is designed to help students navigate the admissions process to a higher education institution. Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today is taking students or prospective students to visit the colleges, universities, and professional or vocational schools that they are interested in.

The program also helps students make connection in the admissions offices, fill out admission applications and gather information for the students that will help them get into the school of their choice.

Clients are loving this program and are saying that if it was not for Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today, they would not have been able to get the information needed to pursue their higher education goals and dreams.

Contact us at btbt@brightertomorrowsbegintoday.org for more information about this program

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In order to continue to provide services to our well deserving clients, we need your help.

Donations may be made by check or cash to Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today.

Complete our Contact Profile if you are someone who wants to mentor or assist a person in living out their dream.

Complete our Business Profile if you are someone who owns or runs a business and wants to give back.

If you are in need of our services please contact us!

#### We provide:

- Cover letter/resume building and review
- \* Mentoring opportunities
- Higher Education Admissions
   Assistance
- \* Goal Attainment Programming