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Missouri is the quintessential Visionary, Producer, Stylist, Fashion Designer, Author, Breast Cancer Inspirational and Upliftment Leader & ALL Ladies League, New Jersey State Chair.

Do you remember your 9-year-old childhood DREAMS? Most of us don't. This is the story of an exceptionally, talented, creative, tenacious young girl that never forgot or gave up on her 9-year-old DREAMS. We're all born for certain destinies and purposes in life and many of us fight against those destinies and search for all the things we "think" we should do or want to be. But Missouri is one of the lucky ones because she has known her destiny all of her life. She knew early on what to embrace and what to dismiss in order to reach her dreams, her goals, her passions and her purpose. But for so long, life just kept throwing obstacles in her path. At times, many of those obstacles seemed insurmountable but the visions of her 9-year-old self, watching her mother sew, kept her on her path. While at the knee of her mother, she collected scraps of fabric and built a make shift fashion runway, all the while making a commitment to someday become a major force in the fashion world. That vision, that promise and that commitment became central to her being. The one thread that had been consistent in her life was still with her. That 9-year-old vision was clearer and stronger than ever.

Born in Newark, New Jersey, to Queen Ada Ann Watson Hood, Missouri is the third youngest of seven siblings. She is the mother of four wonderful children who are the wind beneath her wings, and a very proud grandmother and great grandmother, aka, Nana. Missouri considers herself blessed to have so many good friends that love, appreciate, and believe in her. Thee Missouri's Biography Being raised in the inner cities was challenging but life's lessons taught her well. She has used the good and bad to fuel her life forward and set examples for others to follow. As Author of "My Journey to STYLETAINMENT, A Life Stitched Together", she shares her bumpy roller coaster ride between the highest peaks of winning FIRST PLACE and a trip to Paris in a Fashion Designer Competition, to the depths of an arduous marriage.

As her tenacious spirit grew, so did her talent and skills. She launched an Image Consulting Business that was very successful in order to work on her own terms, to be the BOSS.

As a Stylist Missouri has worked with celebrities including Rita Owens, Mother of Queen Latifa, Janice Bastani, Mrs. "Intel" herself, international recording artist Ane' and many others. Missouri has presented empowerment image and wardrobe workshops and worked with executives for companies such as; Standard and Poors, Raritan Valley Community College, ATT, Bernardsville Women Organization, Kean University, Generative Leadership Group, Merrill Launch, Johnson and Johnson, and National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. Epsilon Alpha Chapter Xinos and many others.

She has been blessed with intuition, vision and practical solutions that make good sense to her clients. Her unique sense of style, blended with her passion, personality, knowledge and warm nature is what differentiates her from the others, and is what keeps clients coming back, time and time again. Missouri client's reach is from the East and West Coast as well as International. She offers an array of image and personal shopping and personal presentations services to empower a range of professions from corporate executives to housewives.

"If you want professionalism, efficiency, elegance, gracefulness excitement and charm, then you want Missouri, she truly has the total package. She is simply amazing! Missouri just knows how to put it all together, whether it's putting on a red-carpet event, hosting a social, dressing you for an event, decorating your home or entertaining you in her home, she has undisputable insights and talents. She just knows how to take a vision, an image and turn it into gold. She is an inspiration to ALL!" - Margot Murphy.

But she knew that was not enough. The "fire in her belly" roared on for so much more. She gives thanks to her mother for being the force in her life and to God for being the source of her life. She remains grounded in gratitude, love and the empowerment for ALL people.

After attending an Ebony Fashion Show in the mid-'80s and meeting the late great Mrs. Eunice Johnson, Missouri's dream became real and she was inspired to pursue a career in fashion. From 1984 to today, Missouri has participated in and produced hundreds of shows from Boston to DC.

Life was good. Life was grand and then things happened that she did not understand. Just as she was coming out of the depths of her valleys of losing everything, she was hit with the worst trauma of her life, BREAST CANCER. But asking the question gave her the answer and put her back on the path of bringing that 9-year-old dream to the stage. While undergoing chemotherapy, surgery and radiation she realized that life was not promised and all she had was now. In that moment she decided it was time to bring her childhood dream to reality. In 2010, sitting in her chemo chair, STYLETAINMENT was born, she and her daughter, Kyra Shanae in 2012 premiered their first Off-Off Broadway production, "The Show, A Cancer Survivor's Story. It is a narration in movement, telling the powerful story of a cancer survivor's determination to live her life with strength and gratitude in the face of extraordinary difficulties--and her ultimate triumph. It is about the faith, perseverance and self-determination of a little girl who dared-to-dream.

In 2021, Missouri and her team also premiered their first Annual GALA, honoring seven breast cancer thriving survivors to start the fundraising effort to support the opening of, A Place Called LOVE, (APCL). Celebration Of Life Annual, Inc. (COLA) is her 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. APCL, is COLA's primary community project and her goals are to provide a beautiful home with an eco-friendly environment

where homeless women going through breast cancer treatments can stay, be taken care of, nurtured, educated and prepared to return back to society self-reliant, sufficient and able to live a quality life-style.

APCL, will offer support to enhance healing and give our women an opportunity to release stress in a serene environment with unconditional love, honor and respect!

Missouri is the quintessential Visionary, Producer, Stylist, Fashion Designer, Author, Breast Cancer Inspirational and Upliftment Leader, with a very distinct point of view. She was awarded “Female Entrepreneur of the Year” for her commitment to achieving personal success and empowering success in others. She is a powerful but gentle force, who has paved a path “her way” into the style and entertainment industries. She has created platforms for so many others to display their gifts and talents. She is a gift to the world and thank God her journey continues.

If you’ve ever been in a position of thinking about quitting on your DREAMS, her book is a must read, her life is an example, because Missouri is the poster child for NEVER GIVE UP!

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