



**PARTY+ EMPOWER** = Lives Changed!

Wonder what we mean by PARTY + EMPOWER? We're excited to share! Every dollar raised at Dine. Drink. Dress. supports our free of charge programs at Dress for Success Columbus. Over the weekend, we had a chance to catch up with this year's Women of Power, Tasha Marie Jones. She shares how together, we change lives!

**DFS:** I know you love your job. Tell us what you do and why you're passionate about it.

**TMJ:** I am a Victim Assistant in a Domestic Violence Unit and have been employed in this role for the past 2 years. Victims of DV are a vulnerable population. Being able to provide emotional support, services and referrals to meet their needs and help keep them safe is a blessing.

**DFS:** How did you connect with Dress?

**TMJ:** I met a DFS Client at the library while I was applying for a job a couple of years ago. She was sitting near the computer I was working on. She gave me some information on [Dress for Success Columbus](#), and I contacted [Dress for Success for Employment Suiting](#). My life's been forever changed!

**DFS:** It was great to celebrate with you at Dine. Drink. Dress. You were wearing a beautiful dress. Tell us about it!

**TMJ:** My dress is from [Lane Bryant](#). I loved it as soon as I laid eyes on it! It's a lovely floral maxi!

**DFS:** You recently got back from a Dress for Success leadership conference in Miami. What are 3 takeaways that made the greatest impression on you?

**TMJ:** It was an amazing time of empowerment!

1. There's nothing comparable to the sisterhood of DFS Clients, locally and worldwide. It's an instant connect from the moment you meet, an incredible bond.
2. Do not minimize your super power, own it.
3. We had some top women business leaders speaking with us and sharing how they did not give up.

**DFS:** What's one memorable moment at Dress for Success Columbus, something that pushed your limits, but you embraced and thrived from it?

**TMJ:** I was asked to moderate a panel at the [2017 Success InSight Conference](#). It was a big step outside of my comfort zone, but I was so thankful for the opportunity to grow.

**DFS:** You're our 2018 Women of Power and you will be honored [October 12 at the DFS Beyond the Suit Luncheon!](#) Who's empowered you during a time you felt insecure about your abilities?

**TMJ:** A former counselor helped me realize that my job at the time and passion was actually social work. I wanted to get back in school and he is the reason I was led to obtain a social work degree, and pursue becoming a licensed social worker!

**DFS:** You're a single mom of kids who are achieving. What's one piece of advice you have for struggling moms?

**TMJ:** It's OK to need help and accept help. Do not ever feel bad for wanting or needing the support of others.

**DFS:** What's your Super Power?

**TMJ:** Being very resourceful, and gladly sharing it all!

Thank you for sharing your Super Powers and Sisterhood with us, Tasha! You Inspire & Empower!



Celebrating with Bridgett McKinnon, DFS Program Manager, at D3 : June 2018



Networking with the Editor-in-Chief of Oprah Magazine at Dress for Success Leadership Conference : July 2018



Moderating Success InSight Panel : September 2017