## Marquicia Jones-Woods

# Cincinnati, Ohio

Born July 16, 1965 resident of the West End community for 53 years old.

### **Family**

Married and Mother of 3 daughters one adopted from QKIDZ(38) years old, twin daughters(28) years old and one granddaughter(8) years old.

#### **Present**

Director of QKIDZ dance team

Started Q-Kidz Dance Team over 30 years ago in the West End of Cincinnati. The violence in the surrounding housing projects led Marquicia Jones-Woods to look for something the neighborhood kids could do after school to keep them safe and productive. Q-Kidz is far more than a dance team its a sisterhood.

Ms.Quicy has devoted herself entirely to her community and these girls. Teaching them how to live a productive & safe life, instilling values about the importance of a good education, living drug free and stopping the violence in their community. While allowing them the freedom of creative artistic and powerful self-expression through dance & drill.

## **Education**

Graduate of Robert A. Taft High School attended George Hays Elementary & Jeanie D. Porter Middle School.

# College

Cincinnati Technical College, transferred to Central State University majoring in Political Science.

## <u>Former</u>

Lincoln Court resident council president, Resident advisor HOPE VI, Vice President of CMHA advisor board, Robert A. Taft head volleyball & drill team coach. Employed with Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing for 25yrs as Drug prevention case manager, Resident Council Liaison, Youth Program manager & Property Manager, Volunteer Recreation aide Lincoln Recreation Center 15years, Board Member Harmony Gardens, PRIDE Drug Prevention Youth Leader,

#### <u>Awards</u>

City Proclamation from Mayor John Cranley, Congressional Commendation award from congressman Steve Chabot, 2011 Difference maker award, FOP community service award.

Don't get caught up in the cards you were dealt, if they are not good ones deal yourself another hand and keep it moving. BIG LOVE♥