



Christine Haymond, Trauma and Resiliency Education Collaborative

Christine Haymond works with Stark County Care Team as a trainer and resiliency coach with the Trauma and Resiliency Education Collaborative. From 1985 to 2013, she designed and taught in classrooms for children with social, emotional, and behavioral challenges in grades 1-12 in both Ohio and Texas. While living in Houston she took part in a research study and pilot program through Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University that focused on enriching elementary classroom Science Instruction. While teaching at Glenoak High School, she and her students planned and organized groups of students that focused on equity, resilience, and tolerance.

For seven years, Chris wrote a monthly column in the Canton Repository, sharing stories about the joys and heartbreaks of the teaching profession. She has authored four graduate courses for educators through Walsh University and Communicate Institute Training and Development.

After retiring, she co-authored a book with two former students - *See My Spark, Hear My Voice; Tips for Teachers, Counselors, Social Workers, Clergy, and Anyone Who Cares About Kids Like Us*. A career highlight was being invited to keynote with 4 students at a Reclaiming Youth conference in Rapid City, South Dakota. In 2002 Chris was recognized as the Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Special Educator for the state of Ohio. She was invited to be part of First Lady Hope Taft's program to introduce Resiliency education into the Ohio prison system and spent time with incarcerated men, women, and youth in several Ohio prisons.

She served on the board of Along the Way Ministries and is co-founder of the non-profit GRACE Project which stands for Growing Resilience in All Communities Everywhere. Before Covid, The GRACE Project presented Art and Soul Resiliency workshops for local women in recovery from addiction, with the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu as inspiration: "Do your little bit of good where you are. It's these little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

She is married to her husband Fred and they are blessed with three adult children and four grandchildren who offer a realistic window into the current stresses of family and classroom life. In Christine's words, "They also bring drama, joy, and laughter into our lives."