

ANTOINETTE TUFF
SURVIVOR-AUTHOR-SPEAKER

Before August 20, 2013, Antoinette Tuff was a bookkeeper known for turning around several financially challenged schools in the Atlanta metro area. However, after that fateful day, she is known for her heroic efforts in saving the lives of 870 children, teachers and parents by convincing a troubled young man to change his plans to kill himself and others at the Ronald E McNair Discovery Learning Academy. Antoinette's compassion allowed her to be calm and confident despite the uncertainty and desperation of the situation. She convinced the shooter that his life was worth living, his best option was to put down his AK-47 and [surrender peacefully](#). This is the only school shooting to date, which occurred without fatalities or injuries including the gunman.

Antoinette speaks to audiences about her firsthand experience of facing the ultimate challenge, of being in front of an AK-47. With *Conversation in the Crosshairs*, she shares her inspiring story with audiences at corporations, universities and non-profits across the country. Antoinette's Tuff Tactics can be used to help calm angry customers, disgruntled employees and handle difficult relationships. Her book, ***PREPARED for a PURPOSE***, earned high reviews and has become an international best seller.

After her heroic actions, Antoinette founded the [Kids on the Move for Success](#) to provide underserved children with scholarships and educational travel opportunities to see the world through a new set of eyes. Chick-fil-A, the Wal-Mart Foundation, Arsenio Hall, Wells Fargo, WSB-TV, Trumpet Awards, Microsoft and V-103 have joined Antoinette in awarding scholarships to children of all ages, both nationally and internationally. In September 2017, she is debuting the Discovery sTEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) Mentoring Program for 3rd and 4th graders at Canby Lane Elementary in Decatur, Georgia.

Antoinette is the loving mother of a grown daughter and son. She faced many obstacles throughout her life including the ending of a marriage of more than 33 years, financial struggles and raising a son with multiple disabilities. She believes that all of her challenges prepared her for the purpose of saving lives that fateful day and changing the lives of underserved children.

Antionette has been honored by Past President Obama, a guest of Michelle Obama at a State of the Union address and was named a CNN Everyday Hero. She has been featured on *Good Morning America*, *MSNBC*, *Politics Nation*, *The View* and *Steve Harvey*, just to name a few.

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