



Mrs. Gina Watts is an advocate, author, speaker, educator, and leader with a heart for service. Since 2001, Mrs. Watts has served as a leader for more than 20 boards and developed three nonprofit organizations. Since 2010, she has toured local schools and youth groups, meeting with youth to help them identify their personal and professional goals. Her experience as a college instructor, global career development facilitator, organizational leader, strategist, and member of the Maxwell Leadership Certified Team have more than prepared her to assist individuals enhance their leadership skills and/or those of their teams and organizations.

For 10 years, Mrs. Watts served as a full-time faculty member in Human Development and Family Studies with an administrative appointment to create and oversee the Student Success Center and career development programming at Penn State Fayette, the Eberly Campus. While employed as a college instructor, she began her formal coaching, training, and speaking career, joining the then John Maxwell Team in December 2012.

Just a short 3 years later, Mrs. Watts was commissioned by the Maxwell Leadership Certified Team to lead the development of their new youth leadership curriculum. In partnership with Christian evangelist, bestselling author, Nick Vujicic, Gina developed YouthMAX Plus, an international youth leadership curriculum exclusively presented by John Maxwell Team members. Through this curriculum, John Maxwell Team members connect with youth through the world in meaningful ways to help them identify, pursue, and fulfill their purpose in their lives.

In 2017, Mrs. Watts more formally joined the Maxwell Leadership Certified Team as the first Global Director and Faculty for the Youth and Family Division. During that same year, Mrs. Watts led the launch of the Team's Global Youth Initiative. Through their service, the Maxwell Leadership Certified Team has hosted more than 1.5 million youth at free leadership development events in more than 100 countries around the world. In addition to her oversight of GYI, she also led the development of the Maxwell Leadership Certified Team Youth Certification and assisted with the launch of Dr. Deborah Tillman's Parent and Family Engagement Certification, both of which launched in 2019. Mrs. Watts now swerves as the Youth Programs Mentor and Faculty for the Team.

In addition to her service to the Maxwell Leadership Certified Team, Mrs. Watts also serves as the Executive Director for Vineyard Community Center and Director of the Missions Ministry at Vineyard Columbus. In this role, Gina leads 20 smaller ministries that serve as the outreach arm of the church. Ministries including the Vineyard Early Childhood Center, K-12 Afterschool Program, Free Health Clinics, Sports and Fitness programs, Men's and Women's Prison Ministry, Homeless Ministry, Food Pantries, Immigration Counseling Services, and more fall under Gina's daily leadership. Gina partners with more than 45 staff and dozens of organizations to share the love of Christ and serve the greater Columbus, Ohio area.

In 2015, Gina in partnership with her mother Janet Jones and her extended family launched the Lillian's Legacy Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation of Fayette County. The fund was developed in honor of her grandmother Lillian Capozza and provides scholarships to support Fayette County students pursuing post-secondary education. Since its inception, the fund has awarded 10 scholarships.

Gina is a proven leader with a passion to help others stretch beyond their current situation to reach their goals and live out their dreams. As a servant-leader in the home, Gina is a wife to Eric and mother to Christian and Eric Jr. Those two roles bring her the most joy.