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Caressa Cameron was crowned Miss America 2010 on January 30, 2010, live on TLC. This past year, she traveled the country appearing on numerous national and local television programs, making corporate appearances, and talking about MAO's national platform, the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, and her personal platform of *Real Talk: AIDS in America*.

As Miss America 2010, Caressa had the special honor of serving as the National Goodwill Ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals throughout her year of service. As the Goodwill Ambassador, Caressa helped raise funds and awareness for more than 170 CMN hospitals across the country.

Caressa's personal platform of HIV/AIDS Awareness in America holds a special place in her heart because her uncle died from the disease. Caressa believes strongly in her message, "Real Talk: AIDS in America". She acted as the Coordinator of Youth Services for the Fighting the AIDS Crisis with Education and Support (FACES) Project. In addition, she organized an effort to persuade public school officials to establish AIDS-targeted sex education in middle schools. When she was Miss Virginia, she had spoken to over 10,000 students in more than 40 middle and high schools. She spoke to thousands more during her year as Miss America. For her efforts, she was the recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award and she was presented with a Congressional Honor for her community service endeavors in Virginia. Community service has always been a part of Caressa's life. In high school, she received the Fellowship of Christian Athletes award for integrity, service, teamwork, and excellence.

An accomplished vocalist, Caressa was honored to perform during the 2009 Presidential Inauguration festivities and she performed at the historic Apollo Theatre in New York City. She enjoys performing many genres of music, including, pop, classical, jazz, country, and gospel.

Now that her year of service is over, she plans to fulfill her degree requirements at Virginia Commonwealth University and pursue a Master's degree in mass communications with plans to become a national television news anchor. Thanks to the \$ 50,000 Amway scholarship she received as Miss America and thousands of other scholarship awards during her four-year quest for the national crown, she will graduate from college debt-free!