



## Women on the GROW

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Featuring **Tonga McHuley Johnson**



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Tonga McHuley Johnson is an Information Systems Consultant for the State of Tennessee. She has worked in the industry for over 20 years and had a career with FedEx Express for 17 ½ years before relocating to Nashville and accepting her current position with the State. Tonga's golf level? She describes herself as a beginner, ready to learn more and working more on her game. "I really enjoyed the lessons that GROW facilitated. It helped jumpstart my game!"

A little know fact about Tonga is that she modeled high fashion for 12 years, doing cable tv sales, runway, and some print. She comments that it is her passion and would do it for free, but she's happily retired now.

"I am interested in GROW because of the opportunities it presents for women and because of the ability to network with other professionals who have interests in golf. My grandfather was an avid golfer in the 1960's when courses and clubs were segregated. He had won an excess of 100 trophies by the end of his career and life. So, I guess it may be in my blood somewhat? Since being a part of GROW, I now appreciate the game more than I did when I was younger when I'd follow my grandfather around with his golf clubs," she comments with bright smiles.

Tonga is also the proud mother of one son, 17. He will soon enter Austin Peay State University, majoring in Radiologic Technology and play football.



*Growing Golfers One Stroke at a Time!*

A Message from President Tracy Painter [www.growtoday.com](http://www.growtoday.com)

Hello ladies! For those of you who placed an order last month for GROW items, they will be ready for pick-up Thursday, August 13 at a Silver Lining Socials event. This event is hosted in collaboration with GROW Member Lynet Payne, while honoring Eric Capehart and GROW's Aerial Ellis. Both are being recognized among Nashville Top 30 Under 30. The event will take place at The Bridge at Renaissance Hotel, from 5:30—8:30 p.m. The Bridge is the city's newest lounge, 611 Commerce Street. RSVP: [event@mahoganyevent.com](mailto:event@mahoganyevent.com) *No order to pick up?* Come on out anyway, mix and mingle with other Women on the GROW, Nashville's business connection, and support a local fundraiser while networking at a premier event.

On another note, I want to remind you of our date for the group photo. If nothing else, now is the time to adopt the attitude of, "I have the shirt and I'm going to take a picture in it!" **The group picture will take place on Saturday, August 15 at The Vinny Links Golf Course at 9:30 a.m. For those available to play a round of 9 afterwards, let's do so. Attire for the group picture is your GROW golf shirt, and your preference of bottoms. I know the shirt looks great with black so feel free to compliment it with a pair of black capris, shorts, or a skort or express your individual style & sport the shirt with some plaid, khakis or seer suckers. Just no denim please.** Hope to see you soon!



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