

# PROSE 8 PENS

**Industry:** Geriatric Care

**Biography Type:** Professional

Chanda Mills Crutcher is no stranger to hard work. At the age of 16, an age of carefree idleness for most, Chanda was starting work in the real world. She began as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) in Louisiana and continued working in nursing homes to help pay her way through college. It's no wonder then that being of service to others became her calling and her career.

In 2018, Chanda founded the Legacy Center, which helps aging adults continue to live life with independent purpose. The center also provides comprehensive support for caregivers. Not only is the Legacy Center the first facility of its kind in the state of Alabama, but Chanda is the first certified geriatric care manager in the state. While she describes herself as innovative and driven, it didn't take long for others in the community to agree.

With over 25 years of professional experience in the geriatric care industry, Chanda shows no signs of slowing down. Even as a wife, mother of seven, Sweet "T" to three grandchildren, and ordained minister, she is still always up for a challenge. It is important to her that she remains actively engaged in the community so she is able to anticipate and meet the needs of those she serves. For that reason, she also holds active memberships in organizations like the Aging Life Care Association, the American Society on Aging, and the Health Care Association of America.

When she needs inspiration, Chanda retreats to God's word and time spent in nature (preferably on the beach). Friends know her to be creative and all of her hobbies are rooted in some form of artistry. Whether she's dancing and singing, writing, or settling in for a theatrical performance, her creative spirit is steadily in motion.

Chanda's personal and professional motto is that "legacy is not what we leave; true legacy is what we live". And though her legacy has already been cemented as someone who is equally competent as is compassionate, Chanda continues to leave a mark of excellence wherever she goes.