



Kimberly H Coleman is a Houston, Texas native, currently residing outside of Lexington, Kentucky with her beloved family. After being diagnosed with Stage 2 Rectal Cancer in July of 2015, she underwent treatment for close to a year. During the course of treatment, Kimberly almost lost her life to a bowel perforation/obstruction and after having life-saving surgery, she was given a temporary- two-year colostomy.

Kimberly has since chosen to keep her stoma, affectionately named "Toodles", permanently because of the quality of life it has given her. Shortly, after completing all of her treatments, Kimberly made a decision to grab life by the horns and live out loud! She:

- Became a best-selling international author
- Travelled to 4 countries solo/with family
- Modelled in [Melbourne Fashion Week](#) - [Access to Fashion](#) Show
- Was a panellist, speaker & model for '[Underneath We Are](#)' by Amy Herrmann and '[The Skin I'm In](#)' by Ferrell Phelps - book projects on body image/positivity
- Became a motivational speaker
- Won two awards for cancer awareness and ostomy advocacy
- Performs burlesque both nationally and internationally
- Featured in the [Dove #showus](#) online project on Instagram

Kimberly is continuing to dismantle negative stigmas & break down barriers with the goal to promote positivity for both, ostomy and cancer awareness.

This mom of 6 kiddos and wife of 20 years has a refreshing perspective on body image, self-acceptance, community, her stoma, and finding joy in life after cancer/trauma.