**Biography – Darieth Chisolm**

**Short bio**

Darieth is an Emmy Award-winning television personality, former NBC News Anchor, entrepreneur, author, speaker and life and business coach. Darieth is also a cyber harassment victim turned advocate and founder of 50 Shades of Silence: A Global Movement Giving a Voice and Dignity to Victims of Cyber Harassment and Online Crimes. It is Darieth's mission to give dignity and hope to victims and give a voice to online harassment and cyberbullying issues.

Specifically as the founder, creator and director of 50 Shades of Silence, Darieth aims to advocate for stricter laws and tougher enforcement for cyber sexual crimes; encourage the accountability and responsiveness among online companies; promote social responsibility for texting, posting and sharing online; and restore dignity and respect to victims and survivors. 50 Shades of Silence is a multimedia project that includes an upcoming documentary, anthology, a website with resources, a social media awareness initiative and a fundraising campaign.

**Long bio**

Darieth is an Emmy Award-winning television personality, former NBC News Anchor, entrepreneur, author, speaker and life and business coach. She has been recognized as one of the Top 10 Trailblazers in Communications by Walker’s Legacy and was also nominated as Entrepreneur of the Year with Style Week in Pittsburgh.

Her YouTube channel and online video podcast series, Hustle & Heart TV, was a Top 10 Finalist for the 2015 Podcast Awards for Best Video Podcast, and was ranked #1 on iTunes for more than two months with subscribers and viewers that expand multiple countries. Most recently she was a recipient of the 2016 Shero Award from SheSpeaks Global and is a contributing writer for *Inspiring Lives* and *Women of More* magazines.

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The topic of cyber sex crimes is not widely discussed, nor are there enough resources out there to support victims and make them feel comfortable in speaking out about their abuse. As a result, more people are becoming victims and unfortunately, those victims are remaining silent, creating a vicious cycle.

Darieth says, “My mission with the ‘50 Shades of Silence’ campaign is to give hope and inspire those who have been victimized, abused, tormented and humiliated from assault, abuse, rape, online harassment, cyber sexual assault, bullying and revenge porn.”

“In order to make real change, we must remove the veil of  silence and be prepared to help others in need. I am using my voice and sharing my story in order to give others the freedom to do the same and empower one another.”

In business and in the community, Darieth has received two proclamations from the City of Pittsburgh, two proclamations from Allegheny County and a special recognition from the Senate of Pennsylvania for making an outstanding difference and profound impact in Pittsburgh.

She has been presented awards for her work with small business owners by the U.S. Small Business Administration and several Chambers of Commerce.