

BIO OF PASTOR SANDRA RENFRO

Pastor Renfro is Divorced and the mother of three biological children. She is also the adopted parent of two sons and in the process of adopting another young man. She has been a foster parent for over 25 years and has watched her children grow into adults; some who are now also foster parents and adoptive parents. Her passion is children. She works on the committee for the Faith Based Caucus of Citizen Action on behalf of the children to appeal to our community to "KEEP THE LIGHTS ON", for the after school programs called Community Learning Centers (CLC). She has been the speaker at various functions rallying for this cause. She feels that many foster children have been placed from home to homes and from school to schools that if it weren't for the Learning Centers they would get further behind in their grades and lessons. Ms. Renfro was one of the pioneers that sat on the original boards that were formed, Cream City Neighborhood Association, along with Mrs. V.E. Carter and Dr. William Finlayson, who brought neighborhood clinics into the inner city. Sighting a need for clinics in and around Milwaukee that were more assessable to everyone. Ms. Renfro has worked with various community organizations, such as the Sherman Park Association, volunteering with the Sherman Fest Also the Lisbon Avenue Association (LAND), volunteering and assisting with their "Harley Fest". She has worked with Mr. Bob Clark of Making Connections, a non-profit organization that has helped me form a block club in my neighborhood. In 2002 she decided to open up a shop on Villard Avenue, called Sista-Sista's with the support of her tow sisters. Business was slowly improving until the burglary and robberies of the business with the past 2 1/2 years. With the break-ins and two robberies, she decided it was time to fight back and thereby asked to be a part of the Board of the Villard Avenue Association to see what, if any, we could do to improve security and make Villard a safe place to live and shop in. She has supported the meetings and the functions that the Associations have put on. Working with the various committees and programs, such as "Feeling the Vibe" this past summer with Alderman Hamilton and others. She worked on the committees for this and also for the Christmas Dinner. She is totally committed to helping see our area grow and become safer.

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