

# SEVENTH WARD SPEAKS

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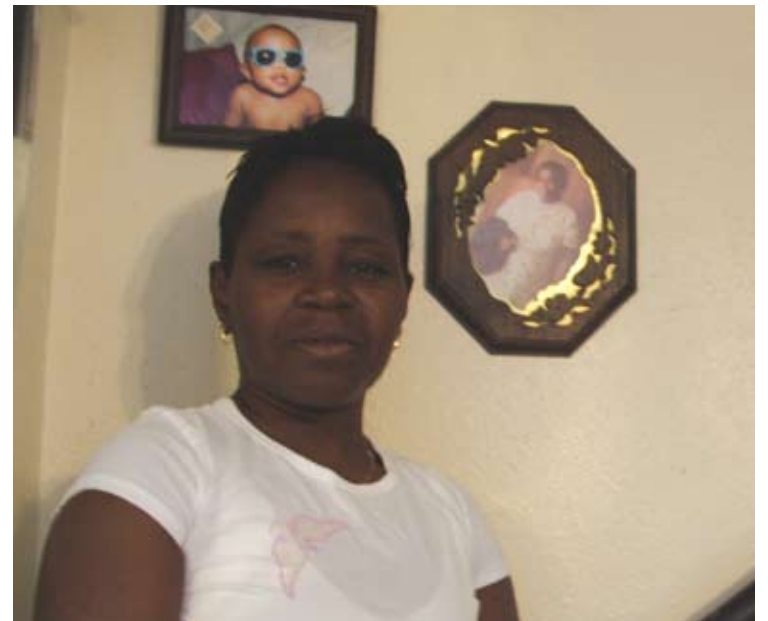
MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER

CHILD AND SENIOR ADVOCATE

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU HAVE, IT'S HOW YOU MAKE people feel. I try very hard to pull the best in people, and they give me back what I give off to them.

I started at A. P. Tureaud when my kids were in elementary school. I worked from being a parent volunteer to advocate to a secretary and substitute teacher. They saw potential in how I interacted with people. I took classes with computer technology and that was truly my niche—to do data and to teach people in the community how to be comfortable using a computer.

Someone took the time to teach me how to do things, and we have to give it back so the next person passes on. That's the joy of being a teacher—to see someone grow.



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