

Marsha R Banks

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, currently residing in Lancaster County, Pa. She is the Co-Chair of the newly named Ramona Thompson Collaborative Board of Dauphin County, and is Parent Leader of its Parent Involvement Community Outreach Committee. Marsha is also the Founder of *Amiracle4sure*. She is a wife, mother, grandmother, mentor, and a motivational speaker who empowers individuals who seek support while transforming their lives. This includes overcoming some of the barriers that addictive and destructive behaviors may have caused.

Marsha is committed to strengthening parents and empowering them to play active role in their future. She knows the struggles of raising children and working hard to achieve almost impossible dreams. She strives to ensure that all families are given access to quality human services; she acts as a liaison for the families that are involved with social service agencies offering support in understanding the very difficult challenges of raising a family in the 21st century. She believes in leading by example.

Marsha is honored to have received the Urban League Guild Award, Outstanding Human Service Award, Kwanzaa award Kujichagulia "Self-Determination", she graduated from Harrisburg Area Community with honors which afforded her full scholarship to Lebanon Valley College, where she earned her Bachelors Degree in Sociology. Marsha became the First African American Student Government President in HACC, and chartered the Kiwanis International Club at Lebanon Valley. She just recently completed her Masters Degree in Human Services at Capella University.

Marsha currently works for Goodwill Keystone Area as a Program Coordinator, she is a Family Educator for Hempfield Behavioral Health, and she runs a full time ministry of mentoring women who are committed to transforming their lives after incarceration. ***Amiracle4sure***, is a ministry that offers support through mentoring and education to individuals who are in need of guidance while addressing various life transitional changes. Many of the individuals seeking supportive services are dealing with issues that relate to the effects of destructive and abusive pasts. We strive to provide a supportive mentoring environment one that allows every individual the opportunity to share their strengths, weaknesses, ideas, hopes, and dreams.