

WINNIE DURRANT



A native born Jamaican, Ms. Durrant received her primary, secondary and vocational training in the West Indies, where she became a certified culinary specialist. Early in her career she decided her future would be better served in the United States.

After arriving in Paterson, New Jersey she soon began the pleasant task of raising two sons, one adopted daughter and a baby sister.

She started her 35-year tenure with the State of New Jersey, Division of Developmental Disabilities, Department of Human Services, North Jersey Developmental Center shortly after arriving in Paterson. Winnie has distinguished herself in the labor community by serving in various positions with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2211 such as: shop steward, executive board member and presently president. She is an active executive board member of AFSCME Council 52 and Administrative/Legislative Council One. Ms. Durrant has served as Sergeant at Arms for the AFSCME International Union's Convention many times in the past and recently at the Convention in Chicago, IL.

She is an active member in good standing with the Central Northern Chapter of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists and serves on the Region One Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Executive Board.

Besides being a devout Episcopalian, she is a member of the Black Issues Community (BIC), Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLWU), treasurer of AFSCME NJ Women's Committee and AFSCME NJ Mass Media Campaign.

For the past 15 years she has served as Coordinator for community and labors Get-Out-the-Vote (GOTV) campaigns to educate and inform the voters of New Jersey of issues surrounding elections of local, state and national primaries and general elections. Winnie works extensively with youth of the community during these campaigns to enlighten them and raise their awareness about the democratic process and eventually sign them up as registered voters.

Winnie enjoys people and finds it very hard to say no when asked to help others.

Her lifelong dream is to become an entrepreneur and help with her grandchildren.