

# Shela Blanchard

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## **Profile**

**How long have you lived in the neighborhood?** 22 years

**What interests you about getting involved with your Area Commission?** Public safety, housing, education, violence prevention and youth & family safety. I work with the Greater South East Area Commission, to promote positive change in our City, State, and local community. Charity starts at home.

## **Experience**

{**Job Title/Role** – employed at Defense Finance and Accounting Service

## **Education**

Did not list

## **Memberships and Affiliations**

**List any boards, committees, or other community or business associations with which they are associated.**

I volunteer with a variety of nonprofit organizations, including Shelters (Van Buren and YWCA) via the Brandi Milbry Foundation. I'm consistent in supporting and serving survivors of gun violence, including Mothers of Murdered Children, and Linden Community Stop the Violence Walks. Another event supporting youth and families is We Are Linden.

I testify at the Statehouse for legislation to support youth, families and adults. I volunteer for National Night Out

I'm an Everytown Survivor Fellow.

