

## **AREA COMMISSIONER PROFILE**

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**Please provide a brief description of your background including the following:**

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

I've lived in Columbus all my childhood and most of my adult life. I am a part of a multi-generation of resident homeowners from the Milo-Grogan community. I have seen the beauty of Milo-Grogan in the past decades and have been mentored/inspired by past leaders in the community.

**What interests you about getting involved with your Area Commission?**

I have done roughly 25 years of community service. From assisting with fundraisers to helping seniors in the homes.

In recent years, I've participated in, created and organized several community events for Milo-Grogan residents.

I am passionate about empowering others. For the past 3 years, I have had multiple events to bring resources into the community and into the hands of residents. I've shared these resources freely to include other Commissions and neighborhood groups around Central Ohio and Franklin County.

I started the 50+ Coffee Social in Milo-Grogan to make sure elders of the community had access to resources they otherwise would not. These meetings have grown to include residents from several neighborhoods all over central Ohio.

**Are you employed? If so, in what field and with what employer?**

I am self-employed.

**Do you serve on any boards, committees, or other community or business associations? If so, please list them.**

The Milo-Grogan Area Commission