



Seniors Who Rock

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Carrie Caldwell

Carrie's enduring service to the youth of our community is reflected in her 40+ year career as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal. A member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Glendale, Ohio, Carrie serves as Co-coordinator of the Junior Usher Ministry and has taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for over 40 years. Her positive impact for young women continues through *Growing & Empowering Myself Successfully* (GEMS), as Lead Mentor for the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Girls Club, and as a mentor in the Cincinnati Queen City Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's *Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy Program*. Through the sorority's *Beautillion Militaire Program*, Carrie works to uplift and engage African American high school junior and senior young men in preparation for adulthood. Carrie helped to charter the local chapter of the sorority, has served as president, and continues her dedication to help young people see beyond their current circumstances, understand they are valued, and create a positive path.

James (Jim) Lawrence

Jim began his career at the National Labor Relations Board as a trial attorney, and then moved to Frost Brown Todd where he applied his expertise in labor and employee relations for over 40 years while also actively engaged in the community on the Board of Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses and the Cincinnati Association. Also active with Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Cincinnati, Jim served on its Steering and Executive Committees. Now retired, Jim remains active with the U.C. College of Law, O.S.U. Moritz College of Law, the Osher Life Long Learning Institute (OLLI), and Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio. Since his first project through Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio (PBPO) in late 2017, Jim has contributed over 515 hours on over 120 legal projects on a wide range of employment law matters for PBPO clients, non-profit organizations that are not charged for these services.

Reverend Damon Lynch Jr.

Pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Rev. Lynch and his wife Barbara recently celebrated 50 years of service with their congregation. Often described as a bridge builder, Rev. Lynch continues to promote connection between the African-American community and the broader community. In addition to his leadership within New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Rev. Lynch serves on the Medical Review Board of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, and University of Cincinnati Hospital Board of Trustees. Rev. Lynch is a Founding Member of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Board of Directors, and has been recognized as a Great Living Cincinnati. Dedicated civil rights leader, Rev. Lynch, Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, Virginia Keyes Jones Coffey, and Charlene Ventura, created the first Martin Luther King march to support King's vision of brotherhood and peace.

Sister Delia (Dee) Sizler

When Sister of Charity Dee Sizler sees a need she takes action. While serving as Assistant Dean of Students at the then College of Mount St. Joseph she discovered a need for housing for homeless women. With fellow Sister of Charity Mary Grafe, S. Dee Sizler pulled together a community of helpers, co-founding Bethany House shelter for homeless women and children in 1983. As a licensed professional counselor, for several decades she practiced in Price Hill helping the underserved. Later she ministered in Juneau, Alaska, where among other things she helped start a home for re-entry women. Having retired from counseling she returned to Cincinnati and in 2018 began as chaplain at Crossroad Health Center-OTR to assist staff, encouraging, supporting, offering them spiritual care and her lifetime of experience at Crossroad's five locations that serve primarily low-income patients in body, mind and spirit — a good fit for Sister Delia (Dee) Sizler.