

Biography of Ruth A. Bell

Ruth A. Bell is a dedicated and committed community advocate around various human services issues in her neighborhood. Her interest in community sustainability, social services, and environmental issues for underserved populations have been fueled by her 45 years as a resident of south Columbus.

She retired from AT&T in 1999, with thirty one years of service where she held several different positions. After retiring, she returned to work as a contractor for Ameritraining Corporation traveling the mid-west conducting tele-communication skills trainings. After ten years of contractor work she decided to fully retire and focus more on the increasing issues facing her community such as affordable housing, infant mortality, and substance abuse.

She has and continues to be very active in the Reeb-Hosack/Steelton Village area, and is a member of the area civic association. She has worked on many committees for the Southern Gateway Initiative, and continues to attend meetings of the programs that were developed such as Community Engagement and Substance Abuse. In addition to her community work, Ms. Bell has represented and presented for the area civic association at Columbus City Council.

Her work was acknowledged in 2013 when she was the recipient of the Starfish Award presented by Women Coming Together. In 2015, Ruth was appointed as a community representative to the Board at the Reeb Avenue Center. She recently graduated from the United Way Neighborhood Leadership Academy.

Ruth is the proud Mother of three adult children: Lisa Bell Stafford, Lori Bell Metcalf and Chris Darin Bell; and is loving "Nan" to eight grandchildren.