



## Sonja Blake Hamada

### Profile

To serve the community through advocating for those who are vulnerable do to age, illness, or lack of resources. I aim to accomplish this through providing quality services to senior citizens in assisted living facilities designed for their benefit. I want to deliver the best care possible for the local aging population, to respect their rights, and to ensure their independence and dignity.

### Experience

#### **ASSISTED LIVING MANAGER, ANGELS ALERT ASSISTED LIVING, ELDRIDGE, MARYLAND – 1991-PRESENT**

Assisted Living Manager and Administrator of Angels Alert Assisted Living Facilities of Howard County, Maryland. Responsibilities include managing, marketing, hiring, and maintaining quality assurance for the facilities. Hire, train, and manage elder care specialists: Design and implement service plans for each resident. Responsible for facilitating and following-up on the delivery of care for residents. Responsible for resident's receiving medical attention or health related services. Advocate for residents' rights and for assisting residents in accessing pertinent resources for their benefit. Maintain resident records. Responsible for complying with State Regulations for Assisted Living Facilities. Meet with State and County officers and surveyors during surveys and inspections. Oversee the implementation of menu, social activities, and transportation for residents.

#### **SCHOOL TEACHER, BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND – 1990-1991**

Taught sixth grade language arts to young students of William H. Lemmel Public School in Baltimore City, Maryland. Designed and implemented lesson plans for students. Motivated and encouraged students to aspire for excellence and self-respect. Created lesson plans that were within the goals and expectations of the curriculum and that included innovative ways in grasping concepts and rules of standard written English.

#### **STORE OWNER, SONJA'S UNIQUE BOUTIQUE, COLUMBIA, MARYLAND – 1987-1990**

Store Owner, Administrative Officer, Store Manager

Buyer of ladies fashions and career wear for professional women. Traveled to New York City to network and establish business contacts for the business. Directed fashion shows and trunk shows for local organizations, churches and schools. Oversaw budget and

finance for business. Managed the daily activities of the store. Purchased supplies, hired employees, performed merchandising duties.

**CAMP DIRECTOR, MARYLAND YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM, COLUMBIA, MARYLAND. SUMMERS OF 1990, 1991, 1992**

Co-directed a summer camp for children of moderate means in Columbia, Maryland for three summers. Responded to Request For Proposals for the State of Maryland to create an enrichment program for youth. Won grant money of \$8000.00 to use for the operation of a day camp for children between the ages of four through thirteen. Hired and managed college students to assist camp attendees with writing skills, math and problem solving, science lessons, and art projects. Arranged for attendees to go swimming and visit several Smithsonian museums in Washington, D.C.

## Community Service

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. The Iota Lambda Omega Chapter of Columbia Present

Member of America's Oldest African American Sorority. Served as past corresponding secretary and Newsletter Editor for the local chapter. Participated in numerous committees dedicated to helping women and children in need of clothes, school supplies, tutoring etc...

The Society Inc. Howard County Maryland Chapter

Member of a distinguished women's organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of children through quality arts programs.

## Education

McDonogh School, McDonogh, Maryland 1979-1982

Graduated and Received High School Diploma

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia 1982 - 1986

Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature

Bowie State University, Bowie Maryland 1999 - Present

Over Thirty Credits Toward Masters In English Degree

## **Publishing**

Writer for the Giant Food Store booklet: " African American Profiles in Excellence."

This was a free booklet distributed to Giant Food Store customers during black history month, 1999.

## **Artist**

Digital and multi- media artist. An original multi-media piece was donated to the Los Angeles Chapter of Spelman College Alumni scholarship fundraising event. The "Moving

Mask" piece by Sonja Blake was auctioned for scholarship funds.