

Naomi Louise Campbell is a New Havener who effortlessly and quietly gives back to her Community. Her motto is “I Love New Haven”. Naomi has worked for Saint Raphael Hospital and Yale New Haven Hospital combined for over 24 years as a scrub nurse (Surgical Technologist) in the operating room. While at YNHH, she also found time to volunteer service at the Grimes Center and assist the in-house patients with their daily activities and produced a bi-weekly newsletter for all residents.

Born in a small town called Bamberg, SC., she has lived in the greater New Haven area her entire adult life: first raised by an aunt and uncle in Ansonia and later joining her mother and brother in New Haven. Educated in the New Haven public schools, Naomi graduated from Hillhouse high school and Eli Whitney’s Surgical Technologist Program. For post-secondary education, Naomi graduated from Gateway Community College and Albertus Magnus, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and a Master of Science in Human Services.

Prior to embarking on her career in the hospital surgical services field, Naomi had a distinguished career in the banking industry. Starting out as a teller in the First Federal Savings and Loan, through hard work and diligent service, Naomi rapidly advanced to the position of Assistant Vice President serving the Westville Branch; a position in which she was only the third woman of color to reach in the bank’s history.

Even though she maintains a very low public profile, Naomi works tirelessly behind the scenes to make things happen. She is one to never say “No” regardless of what the appeal may be. In her early 20’s she was asked by her best friend and mentor, the late Phyllis White, to assist on a longitudinal research project being conducted by Yale University School of Epidemiology on issues related to teen pregnancy. Being a young mother herself Naomi seized on the opportunity to be involved. Joined by the late Barbara Winters, the three women performed follow-up interviews on young mothers who had matriculated from Polly T. McCabe School. This experience was the beginning of Naomi’s awakening into true community service. For Naomi, people mattered; and from there she never backed away from a challenge to serve young mothers and others who became homeless, unemployed, unemployable, or drug addicted. Often some clients just need a strong shoulder to cry on, or to feel like someone honestly cares. Naomi is that person.

Naomi’s life has travelled many paths for community service, like becoming an intricate part of Sisters’ Journey agency, serving as a board of directors member and as an advocate for breast cancer awareness and survivors. While serving on the board of Sisters’ Journey she produced the hallmark SJ Survivors Calendar and represented the agency at the Breast Cancer Awareness Conferences and Marches in Washington, DC. Throughout her tenure at Sisters’ Journey she selflessly worked to find survivors willing to tell their stories. Not only did she produce the calendar, she also authored or assisted in production of several pamphlets and materials that are still in use today.

Naomi also served an internship at Project More, Inc where she volunteered with ex-offenders (Males/Females) transitioning back into the community. There she did group therapy and worked one on one with clients. This service led to a stint at New Haven Family Alliance where she interned for the Juvenile Review Board. At Family Alliance, Naomi’s passion towards youth gave her an eagerness to do more by helping to setup workshops, help with tutoring and creating alternative

activities for youth expelled from, or facing expulsion from school. Her experience at Family Alliance was highlighted by appointment as a member of the Juvenile Review Panel, where she serviced for over 4 years working diligently every Saturday. A long-standing active member of Varick AME Zion church, Naomi was the President of the Senior and Junior Usher Board. She also recently co-chaired the Varick Renovation Committee, which successfully renovated the pews and carpeting for the entire church. Naomi also has enjoyed an active calendar of civic responsibility events. She currently serves an appointment on the Regional Water Authority Representative Policy Board, representing the city of New Haven. For 20 years or more she has served as a Moderator for the State of CT also currently a Justice of the Peace. Additionally, Naomi has volunteered in the campaigns of New Haven Mayor Toni Harp. Naomi has two Sons Jesse and Mark, 2 Granddaughters and 1 Grandson and 1 Great grandson. I'm currently retired...

Among the many volunteer and civic activities, she has taken part in over the many years of her New Haven experience, Naomi appreciates most her service to the homeless and other vulnerable populations that share her world in and around New Haven.

She and some of her former co-workers of YNHH, SRC Campus would nightly go down to the New Haven Green providing food, clothing and other needed assistance and services to our homeless populations and groups in social distress. Giving back to her community is the greatest gift that Naomi can ever hope to accomplish. I have a calling to help those that're in need and a burning desire to help mentor our youth. Naomi has two sons Jesse and Mark, 2 granddaughters Mary, Shaniece, 1 grandson Jesse, Jr and 1 great grandson Brandon. She's currently retired...