

Brenda E. Collins was born in the city of Chicago. The Englewood Community is where she spent majority of her childhood experiences, raised by her Mother Dorothy Ann Collins and grandmother Wilma Bailey, very strong, positive and independent women who nurtured her to be just as strong.

As a child, Brenda enjoyed activities that included her brother, sisters, neighbors and friends. She conducted the youth choir at The Church of the Living God in Christ M.B. Church, which was located on 66<sup>th</sup> Hermitage across the street from the house in which she grew up. She also enjoyed playing sports with everyone on the block, like softball, jump rope, jacks, four corners, horseshoes and volleyball.

Brenda Collins attended Ralph J. Bunche Elementary where she graduated in 1979, from there she attended William R. Harper High where she graduated in 1983, she went on to Wilberforce University where she did 1 year, but finished at North-Western Business College in 1986 with her Associate in Accounting. She is now in the process of taking classes at Kennedy-King College pursuing a career as a Social Worker.

When it comes to family involvement, Brenda is the glue that keeps her family together, after the death of her mother she became the center piece, that “Mother Figure”, giving support to all her sisters and brother in whatever they endeavored.

Brenda’s eagerness involves being an intercessor and minister to young women and men. She has poured her heart into encouraging, mentoring, embracing, and uplifting the spirits and souls of our youth. Even on her job site this sister is driven to minister to customers daily, giving them words of encouragement as well as wisdom as she makes her sells with a cheerful smile and spirit. Brenda has also volunteered at Rahab’s youth summer camp several times where she was the Director Assistance, assisting in teaching and feeding our youth over the summer.

Brenda has joined with All of Us & You Youth Center in 2011 as a volunteer, recently she has accepted the role of becoming the Managing Director, helping assisting the youth in every way she can. With her positive attitude, great smile, and one of the best testimonies yet to hear.