

## Sonia Streets

Sonia Streets wants us to know that she is a loving and caring person who doesn't mind putting her life on the line for other people. We know that. We also know that she knows President Jimmy Carter, and he knows her, on a first-name basis, that she cooks a wonderful macaroni and cheese, and that her current parents are known as Wy & Shirley Plummer.

Sonia was born in Baltimore in 1961 and attended Hilton Elementary, Garrison Middle and graduated from Walbrook High School where she served as an administrative assistant during her senior year "so I could stay out of class." She was raised by foster parents beginning in 1969. Employment included 7-11, Ewing Oils, and working as a teacher's assistant in a couple different schools. She was married in 1988 and divorced in 1996. She gave birth to Denise Perry ("Muff") in 1982 and the twins (Tamika and Tyesha) in 1984.

Sonia moved to Sandtown in 1989 and lived on Woodyear then Baker then Stricker before moving to Lorman Court in Gilmore Homes. She saw "these white people in the neighborhood and asked them what they were doing here" and then asked for a job...so she began working with Susan Tibbels ("my twin") at New Song Preschool in 1991 and has worked in various capacities at New Song ever since.

Sonia met President & Mrs. Carter "at 8:00 a.m. on June 17, 1992" when they came to help her build her Habitat house under the *1992 Jimmy Carter Work Project*, and she has traveled with them ever since by participating in Carter Projects in Americus, Plains, Savannah, Korea and Detroit. She plans to participate in the Carter Project in India this June. She says "I love Jimmy Carter because he has made such a difference in my life."

Sonia loves to cook and play video games and to be around kids, and she enjoys traveling. Her favorite TV show is "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" and she hopes to one day open a restaurant called "Boogie's Diner." She does not like Chinese or Indian food, Brussels sprouts, or "people that tell lies on me." And she will not eat pork chops.

Sonia says "God is my Father, my Master, my Ruler," and she loves New Song because "it's such a loving and caring church."

A Sonia anecdote to close: When she lived on Baker Street, a rat "ran up into the house and got into Muff's crib. I grabbed her out of the crib and we ran out of the house as fast as we could!"