

Tei Y. Street
Statewide Minority Liaison
Office of Secretary of State, Jennifer Brunner

After years of working in the community to improve the lives of women and children, Tei Street has moved into the Office of Secretary of State as the Statewide Minority Outreach Liaison. From this position she will help bring the services and resources of the Secretary of State's office to all citizens of Ohio.

Tei has dedicated most of her career to helping young people realize their strength and courage. In 1999, she started her motivational speaking company, StreetTalk with The "Amazing" Tei Street, and began speaking to young people across the country from all walks of life. Her central message is that they can change their destiny for the better and discover their most amazing, authentic self. In 2005, she published her book, *I'm the Amazing Tei Street... Wouldn't You Like to be Amazing, Too?* Much of Tei's service in the community has revolved around young people and women. She is the Programming Chair for I Know I Can, a member of the Ensuring Youth Succeed Impact Council and Key Club for United Way of Central Ohio, and a member of Clinton Elementary School PTA. In addition, Tei has been on the Board of Trustees for City Year Columbus, the Columbus City Schools Innovative Schools Task Force, and a grant reader and volunteer for The Women's Fund of Central Ohio. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Black Women's Collective (BWC).

Believing that in order to empower women and girls you must first help them gain control over their bodies and their lives, Tei became the chief facilitator and trainer for the Ohio State University's Rape Education and Prevention Program and wrote the Africentric rape prevention curriculum, "Seven Principles for Ending Rape in African American Communities." To help groom the next generation of women leaders, Tei founded the Joyce Beatty Leadership Academy for Young Women, which will sponsor its first class in 2010.

Among her numerous awards, Tei counts Business Firsts' Forty Under 40 Award, the Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Young Citizen award, as well as being a graduate of the United Way's Project Diversity and the African American Leadership Academy.

To rejuvenate her spirit, Tei looks to her strong relationship with God and skydiving. Tei has two sons—Kenneth & Christopher, and loves spending time with her family of birth and of choice, another way she rejuvenates her spirit.

Tei wants to leave a legacy of hope, courage, strength, endurance, and pride. It's what her parents, grandparents and mentors left her, and what she wants to leave to young people.