

## BIO FOR EDWINA "TINA" BUTTS

"Tina", as she is known by everyone in all walks of life, is by design "A Conqueror". She is the daughter of Sola and Milton Sanders and the eldest of one sister, two brothers and an Aunt/Mother to all her nieces and nephews. She is the backbone of her immediate family and many friends.

At an early age, Tina became the sole provider for her family. Due to the death of her father and the illness of her mother, her family was divided through the court system, and she took the matriarchal role of the family. From the ages of 12-14, she lived with her aunt and uncle and revered them as "Mom" and "Dad".

Through her determination, at the age of sixteen, she united her immediate family under one roof. She made sure that her sister and brothers had a chance to graduate from high school and go onto to higher learning, if they so chose. Her circumstances caused her to plunge into a new dimension of self-sacrifice for others.

Initially, Tina began working as a laborer in the Toledo Jeep plant. She soon found out that asking permission to leave a line in the manufacturing plant was not her "cup of tea". Weighing her options for herself, she decided to go to cosmetology school. While she was attending school, she worked at Northwest Ohio Development Center. After graduating from Toledo Academy Beauty School and passing her State Boards, she obtained her license and went to work in a beauty shop. She was a "fish out of water" working for someone else so Tina became a sole proprietor by buying and owning her own beauty salon.

Moving forward, she saw a brighter future for herself in the real estate business. She enrolled in the University of Coldwell Bankers, Stautzenberger College, and Hondros College. She received certifications in the following areas: Real Estate Appraisal, Real Estate Financing, Home Inspection for Real Estate Agents, Ohio Real Estate Law Practices, Sales Associate Business Planning and Real Estate Code of Ethics and became a licensed realtor. Tina is known to be a responsible and knowledgeable real estate professional. Not only has she been an honest and fair real estate agent who has more than adequately represented her buyers and sellers in real estate closings, she understands various FHA, HOME, Neighborhood Stabilization and other federal housing programs, their requirements and their application. She has additionally demonstrated her knowledge and skills in the development of real estate project budgets and intense loyalty towards her clients and employer, providing them with excellent service and advice. In pursuit of her clients' objectives, she acts judiciously and reasonably, but is determined and persistent to achieve timely results. She has a unique ability to translate technical real estate issues into daily vernacular so her clients can easily understand the options available to them and their consequences. She is an excellent communicator. Due to her attitude, knowledge and skills, she is a person who gets results. After settling in the real estate business for over 20 years, she obtained recognition for the Million Dollar Real Estate Club and Leading Sales Agent. Tina was third top sales person in the nation for Danberry Realty. Realizing if God had not been on her side she would not have made it. Tina also became active in her church's non-profit organization. She serves as the Housing Consultant and Marketing Specialist for Friendship New Vision, Inc.

Currently, Tina is part owner of the bail bond business T-Bonds. Anything that needs to be bonded they are able to do. She has been part owner of the business for five years. T-Bonds donates to many causes that support the needs of children and the business takes an active role in community events.

If Ms. Butts wasn't busy enough she noticed the need to engage specifically Minorities in the voting process very important. Leading by example Tina founded The Movement. A non-profit group of energetic grass-roots advocates. The purpose of The Movement is to: Empower our community through voter education and voter registration, Increase minority and young adult voter participation in Lucas County, To bring political empowerment through social engagement, Assist the underprivileged by aligning them with community resources, and To create a meaningful fun experience through voting. She lovingly tells all "If you don't vote others will make decisions for YOU! We must save ourselves!"

She has her professional license in Chemical dependency. She is the wife of Tommy Butts and the mother of Jeffery Bernard Horton. Tina Butts is a member of Friendship Baptist Church where Bishop Duane C. Tisdale is pastor.