

## Help Obama, God



Lord  
I never thought  
There'd be a Black prez  
In my time  
On my dime

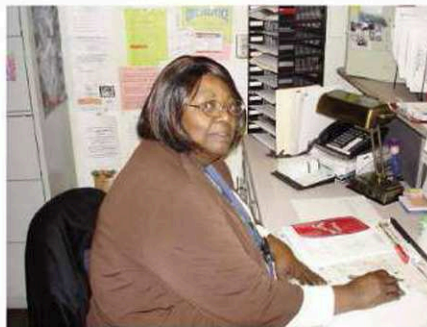
His name is Barack  
He's an Obama  
They give him a hard time  
Even though he got Osama

He seems a kind man  
Sometimes kind of bland, but  
Always cool under duress  
Doesn't seem to show much stress  
I don't understand how  
He keeps his sanity  
With all this world's crazy inhumanity

Lord  
I don't know how he remains so sublime  
In these senseless times  
I'm sure it's through You  
You're seeing him through  
So for him, I pray this:

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Lord,  
Bless, Obama, The Man

## Local Women Honored as Feeding Dreams Outstanding Moms



Ms. Shirley Brown

Every day mothers are doing extraordinary things to provide for their families and communities. These outstanding women are heroes who work tirelessly to transform lives.

Nearly 100 women were recognized as Jacksonville Feeding Dreams Outstanding Moms at local get togethers.

"Feeding Dreams, a General Mills platform, celebrates the heroes in African American moms everywhere who help to improve the lives and feed the dreams of their families and community," said Sandra Miller Jones, Founding President and CEO, Segmented Marketing Service, Inc.

"In Jacksonville, we have so many mothers going that extra mile for the families and communities," said

Brenda Titus, Jacksonville Feeding Dreams Lead Ambassador.

The local get togethers are intimate forums for women to gather and discuss relevant health and education issues and honor a local mom.

Vera Brown, Case Worker at Community Connections of Jacksonville nominated Tiffany Fuller as an outstanding mom. Fuller and her son are residents at the transitional home.

"Tiffany is an amazing mother. She worked a double shift across town, oftentimes the night shift, to ensure that she could provide for her and her son," said Brown.

For months, Fuller would take a bus across town to work at McDonalds. Some nights, she would work the late shift, which ended at 2:00am. With determination and fortitude, she always balanced the demands of working and meeting her son's educational needs.

In February, Fuller will have successfully completed the program and move into her own place with her son.

Another outstanding mom working selflessly for the community is Shirley Brown.

Shirley Brown spreads motherly love and nurture to expectant and new mothers at Schells Sweet Center, affiliated with Edwards Waters College. At the center, Ms. Shirley, as she is affectionately called, coordinates health and education classes for pre and post-natal moms. Though not a natural mother, she lost two babies during pregnancy. Ms. Shirley is a surrogate mother to the many women she helps. Also, she is community cheerleader for local residents by encouraging and coordinating the GED program, which is affiliated with Florida State College.

One day in 2007, Brown started volunteering in the center and never left. Nearly four years later, Brown still serves as volunteers staff at the center.

"God led me here to the center, it's what I'm meant to be doing," said Brown.

"She does it out of her love for the ladies and the community and she's been rewarded greatly," said Cindi Bersinger, R.N. at St. Vincent's Medical Center.