



NADINE ALI

Nadine Ali is the Founder and Executive Director of South Candler Neighborhood Advocates (SCNA), an organization which provides educational workshops on healthy eating, active living, mental health awareness for the families of the South Candler community and the general population of DeKalb County, Georgia. SCNA will eventually work toward serving families nationally, and globally. Nadine was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia and established SCNA in 2008 to help raise awareness on why people should keep themselves healthy and fit for life. The SCNA mission is to develop, implement, and provide programs to help reduce health disparities associated with chronic illnesses through healthy eating, active living, and mental health workshops, which promote better lifestyles for the entire family. South Candler Neighborhood Advocates partners with various health providers and community organizations to help facilitate the programs. The organization has four staff members and is provided with numerous volunteers.

Nadine has been a member of the DeKalb NAACP Branch since 1994. Leadership activities with the Branch have included Membership Chairperson, Voter Registration Coordinator, Treasurer, Executive Board Member, and WIN Member. She has continued to make exceptional contributions in other capacities with the DeKalb Branch and the entire DeKalb community. Other community contributions Nadine has provided are: supporting the efforts to raise funds for March of Dimes in her workplace; Co-host on People TV and “The Hatcher Affect” TV talk show with Rahn Hatcher; “They Can’t Talk But We Can” advocate to help stop the abuse of special needs children; help with “Seed Life Foundation”, “My Name is ME” and DeKalb Democratic Party “Get-Out-The-Vote” Chairperson to help increase voter participation and education; Youth Mentor at the United Methodist Children’s Home; Secretary of Belvedere Civic Club and activist to encourage community participation; business partner with internet radio station NDSRRADIO.COM; Host of “Speak Out Your Issue” talk show with Mz Sho U Right Nadine; and DJ on station WMQGF.COM.

She received the “Women for Service to the Community Award” from Karla Drenner, State Representative-District 85. Nadine continues to pave the way in making a difference in the South DeKalb community by inviting everyone she comes into contact, to attend community meetings, by encouraging people to work together, and by encouraging others to be a part of the political process. Trainings include Mental Health First, Human Trafficking Ambassador and Train the Trainer for Individuals, Groups and Hotels. Presently, serving as a board member of the DeKalb County Ethics Board.