

## City School District of Albany

### Celebrating the important role of parents in student achievement

#### **Edith Johnson**

#### **Harriet Gibbons High School**

Edith is a dedicated and reliable guardian. Throughout the 2008-09 school year, she took the initiative to find ways for her grandson to be successful inside and outside of school. She worked extremely hard by collaborating with the teachers and staff in creating new ways to help her grandson overcome the obstacles that he faces as a teen-ager. And though she was nominated for her involvement at Harriet Gibbons, she also is active at other district schools her grandchildren attend, including North Albany Academy and William S. Hackett Middle School. Another grandson was a member of the Albany High School Class of 2009.



*“I stretch myself wide. I go to all those schools. I am there. I check on all of them. You’re trying to help the kids. You’re trying to help them become more involved, because today an education is the most important thing. You have to invest your time and graduate from high school so you can go on to college. And the kids are not going to do that if their parents are not involved with them. The parents have to be good role models, and follow them through school and at home.”*

