

Felecia Coffee



Felecia Coffee a proud resident of a small borough, in Delaware County, called Collingdale. Mrs. Coffee, has worked diligently as an entrepreneur and non-profit organizational leader over the past two decades, focusing on socioeconomic and sociopolitical issues. In 1998 she founded the 23rd Street Community Association, a community-based organization, providing services and resources to residents and neighbors. After moving to Delaware County, Felecia's 23rd Street Community Association transitioned to become Empowering the Youth of Delaware County, also known as [The Empowerment Zone](#). She provided an outlet for the youth on Saturdays where they were able to express themselves through rap. This group was called R.A.P.S. (Responsible Adolescents Participating in

Solutions). She provided food to the community through her Emergency Food Cupboard, and to date The Empowerment Zone remains the only 24 hour emergency food cupboard in the state of Pennsylvania. The Empowerment Zone also provides affordable [prom dresses to high school students](#), free school supplies, after school services for elementary school students, and other youth engagement activities. Mrs. Coffee owned and operated a community discount store in Collingdale before pursuing her devotion to public service. Her shared passion for community service and civic engagement leading her to [making history](#) and becoming the first African-American female mayor, and first Democratic mayor in her local community, promoting a neighborhood of diversity, inclusion, and caring, and taking office just three and half months before the historical COVID-19 pandemic shut the world down.



Annual Back to School Bookbag & School Supply Giveaway (August 25th, 2018)

As a wife of 28 years, a mother of six, and a grandmother of eleven, Felecia Coffee understands the need for all Pennsylvania families to live in a safe and prosperous community, with access to great schools, high-paying jobs, and community resources.

As Mayor during a pandemic, Mrs. Coffee created the Mayor's Office of Community Engagement, to provide resources to the residents and maintain a line of communication for her neighbors, borough officials, and employees. She worked to supply her community with free food every week. She brought the first COVID-19 vaccine clinic to a borough in her county. She organized multiple job fairs for the residents and held many successful outdoor, community events for families, providing safe, sociallydistanced activities for children and parents with annual trunk-or-treats, monthly movie nights, Summer camp, and a Christmas toy trunk giveaway. Mrs. Coffee organized senior expos and a Memorial Day

brunch and food donations for veterans. In 2021, she also recognized pride month by allowing members of the LGBTQ community to raise the first pride flag in the borough and organized [Collingdale's 1st Annual Juneteenth Event](#) and Memorial, receiving a Certificate of Recognition from the U.S.

Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon & State Senator Anthony Williams for doing so. Mayor Coffee even rallied her community, during the pandemic, to [collect 58,000 bottles of water for the city of Austin](#) after a devastating, historical



Collingdale Mayor Felecia Coffee talks about getting donated water (seen behind her) to Texas. Image via philadelphia.cbslocal.com.

Winter storm hit Texas in February 2021, knocking out power and contaminating water supplies. She traveled to Texas to deliver the water to the Central [Texas Food Bank](#).

Growing up in Philadelphia, Mrs. Coffee had to face many challenges and overcome obstacles before she was old enough to care for herself. Being placed in foster care at a young age, she was forced to learn how to be loved, by parents who were not her own. In spite of being placed in foster care and other group homes Felecia was able to find her strength and her love for people. She believes that the love she was

given as a child from her foster parents molded her into the woman she is. From a small girl in Germantown, Mrs. Coffee has grown to be an example of grace, compassion, and strength. She is a strong, empathetic, and considerate leader, with a passion for empowering the next generation. As Vice

President of the NAACP Darby Chapter 2258, the Chairperson of Collingdale Democratic Committee, a member of the Delaware County Black Caucus, and an [Executive Board Member for Youth Services, Inc.](#), it is clear Mrs. Coffee has a deep commitment to her neighbors and the children of her community.

Felecia Coffee's diverse life experiences, her dedicated community activism, and her perseverance makes her the right choice as the next member of Collingdale Borough Council. Felecia Coffee is prepared to stand in full support of our democracy and vows to be ready on day one.

