

## **Yolanda Lowery**

I have been a commercial carpenter in Local 131 for 15 years. Having worked in this trade for a while now, I've seen there are not nearly enough woman or people of color in the construction industry. I would like to do something to help change that, while giving back to the industry that has given me a successful career and doing what I can to help others.

One of the people who helped get me here was my mentor Jo Shere. She helped get me through the hard times during my apprenticeship. So when I became a journeyman I took on my own apprentice, and wouldn't you know it, she just journeyed out herself. I am so proud to have helped another woman get through it, the way Jo helped me.

I wish to contribute to women's efforts to improve their lives, and to uplift their spirits on their way.