

# **The Strickland-Brown Ticket**

- Ohio families and our entire nation are in the midst of the worst economic mess in 70 years.
- And that mess was caused by broken promises from Washington politicians who told us if we just gave Wall Street and the wealthy free reign and big tax giveaways, prosperity would trickle down to the rest of us.
- Instead of this failed, top down approach, Ted Strickland has been rebuilding the promise of Ohio from the ground up.
- Ted is reforming and investing in education to make sure all Ohioans can get good jobs.
- While states like Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin spent themselves into huge budget holes that now require job killing tax hikes and even teacher layoffs, Ted Strickland chose a different path.
- Working with both parties in the legislature, Ted led a common sense approach that held the line on taxes, made tough choices to cut the size of government and protected education investments so that our businesses can create jobs.
- And he is investing in growing industries like alternative energy, logistics, aerospace and aviation, and medical research – industries that create jobs that are hard to outsource.
- Ted's running mate, Yvette McGee Brown, will help him continue this fight.

## **About Yvette McGee Brown**

- Yvette is the founding president of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital, a former Franklin County Court judge, and a respected leader in Central Ohio.
- The daughter of a teenaged mom who worked 2 jobs to provide for her children, Yvette has benefitted from all the great opportunities Ohio has to offer.
- She has devoted her life to public service to ensure that every Ohioan has the same opportunities she had.
- Serving as a judge and later as a tireless advocate for OH children and families, Yvette knows how important it is to create opportunities for future generations- whether it's quality schools, access to affordable higher education, or good, sustainable jobs.
- Together, Ted and Yvette will build on the last 3 years by continuing to invest in education and creating good jobs in high growth industries so that Ohio emerges from this global economic recession stronger than ever.
- Ted and Yvette believe in Ohio and will keep working until they create an economy that works for all Ohio families.

Yvette McGee Brown is the current and founding president of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital, a former Franklin County Common Pleas Court judge, and an active, respected leader in the central Ohio community.

A lifelong resident of Columbus, Yvette was born to a teenage mother who worked two jobs to provide for her children. As a child, Yvette's mother and grandmother instilled in her the importance of education, and the conviction that it doesn't matter where you start -- but it matters where you finish.

Yvette attended Ohio University and graduated with a degree in journalism/public relations. As Yvette continued her education at the Ohio State University law school, her mother put herself through college at the same time. Yvette's mother stood as an inspiration to her and a testament to the importance of education that she taught Yvette as a child.

After earning her law degree Yvette turned to public service, recognizing the incredible opportunities that she had been given and hoping to help other Ohioans realize their potential.

Yvette served as a judge in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court, from 1993 to 2002. She was the first African-American and the second woman to be elected to the court.

In 2002, Yvette retired from the Franklin County Common Pleas Court to create the Center for Child and Family Advocacy. The Center is a multi-disciplinary child abuse and family violence program that co-locates prevention, assessment, treatment, research, advocacy and education services for children and families experiencing abuse.

As a common pleas judge, Yvette saw that children coming before her court saw no future for themselves and turned to crime. The Center would help expand opportunities for children uncertain of where to turn for help or direction.

At Nationwide Children's Hospital, Yvette leads a team of child abuse, medical, and behavioral health professionals in a program that has become a national model for integration of multi-disciplinary services.

Yvette serves on the boards of Ohio University, The Ohio State University Medical Center, the Columbus Academy, the Community Shelter Board, M/I Homes, Inc. and Fifth Third Bank of Central Ohio.

In 2008, Yvette was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame. Among her honors, Yvette has received the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award and several honors from Ohio University and the Ohio State University.

Yvette is married to Tony Brown, an inspiring special education teacher. They have three children. An Ohioan who has taken full advantage of the opportunities she was given and has devoted her life to helping others, Yvette believes that state government is an important next step in her commitment to public service.

In Yvette, Ohio will find a tireless advocate for its families and children. Together, Ted and Yvette have the vision to invest in our future, because Ohio needs leadership that believes in Ohio.