

**Sharon Martin**Old Point National Bank

As the Navy wife of a Submariner, Sharon stayed home to raise their four children for 11 years after only six years of banking experience. In 2001, at age 36, Sharon re-entered the workforce as a Customer Service Representative for Old Point National Bank and within nine months, was promoted to Old Point's Management Trainee program. Sharon continued to grow in her career while managing her home as a single mom of four when her husband was deployed.

Without a college education, Sharon has grown professionally with hard work, a strong work ethic, a desire to grow professionally, and the gratification of helping others. Sharon has

won numerous sales awards within Old Point during her career. For 14 years, she worked as a branch manager and has served as a Vice President and Private Banker for the last four years. She has a very positive attitude and a desire to uplift those around her. Sharon has a servant's heart and loves giving back to her community!

Over the years, Sharon has learned that, as a key decision-maker, she's in a position to help a lot of people. She has truly taken this to heart and become an advocate for women, especially those dealing with the challenges of divorce, deceased spouses, and family-work balance. She has also been a great coach and mentor for many other employees. She has coached dozens of fellow employees and helped them earn promotions. She always looks for opportunities to build other people up.

Her job is also her ministry. She's filled with empathy, love and compassion for her clients and the folks she encounters every day. This past May, a 98-year-old client of hers passed away. She prayed over her as she died and had seen her almost every day the last four months of her life. She had been her client for over 17 years and had been a client of Old Point's for decades.

Sharon is a firm believer in giving back to the community. Throughout her career at Old Point, she has donated hundreds of hours to our community by serving in various positions in the following organizations: Hampton Bay Days, American Red Cross, Hampton Clean and Green Committee, Downtown Hampton Exchange Club, Mary Immaculate Foundation Board, Rotary Club of Warwick @ City Center, Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia and her church, Our Lady of Mount Carmel.