

Shari Cooper



If you've ever had the good fortune to meet **Shari Cooper**, you know what a positive, dynamic person she is. The youngest of six, Shari and her siblings call themselves "The Super Coopers," and it's clear that her family has encouraged her to make her mark in many ways.

Shari is a strong advocate for everyone who lives with a disability, and her resume proves it. Shari is a "blogger-in-chief."

(Check out her blog: <https://wordpress.com/view/sharitalk.wordpress.com>.) She's also a columnist for the *Dayton Daily News* Editorial pages, and an award-winning speaker. In 2019, she served as the official emcee for DD Statehouse Advocacy Day, introducing advocates as well as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and other speakers. She even gave a TED talk at TEDx Dayton in 2014 called "Are you OK with yourself?" But the role she cherishes most is that of disability awareness advocate.

Shari's impact as an advocate is far-reaching. She has served on the Governor's Council on People with Disabilities for the State of Ohio, and on the Ohio Secretary of State's Americans with Disabilities Council. In 2008, she was elected to the Board of Directors for the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities. She's served on the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, and currently was selected 2019 Women In Business Networking's Top 25 Women To Watch.