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## Director of Beech Community Services Recognized

Alliance for Progress Charter School recently recognized several community leaders, including Christine Brown, Director of Beech Community Services, for the excellent services they have given to students, staff and neighbors in the Cecil B. Moore community.

Other community leaders honored, included, Marilyn Rivers, Alliance for Progress Charter School Board President, for her service to women and children. She received the Michelle Obama Award. Christine Brown was honored for her service to the community, schools and children and was awarded the Jannie Blackwell Award. Captain Branville Bard, commander of the 22nd Police District, was honored for his service and protection of students, families and teachers. Captain Bard received the Colin Powell award.

The awards were given during the school's Black History Showcase, held at North Philadelphia Seventh Day Adventist Church, at 16th and Oxford Streets.



## Alliance for Progress Charter School Fundraiser

Alliance for Progress Charter School recently held its annual "Spirit of Alliance" fundraising event on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at the Manayunk Brewery on Main Street.



The highlight of the fundraiser was a silent auction where guests were able to bid on a vast array of items including jewelry, event tickets, hotel stays, spa services, Philadelphia restaurant dinners and much more.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to enhance its Instructional Program, specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Previous event earnings have enabled the school to purchase an entire Houghton Mifflin Reading Curriculum and an extended day program for students that provide them with support beyond the regular hours of the school day.

## Beech Redesigns Website

The Beech Companies has launched its new redesigned website, please visit us at [www.beechinterplex.com](http://www.beechinterplex.com). The website is a great tool for everyone to access current news and updates involving Beech and the Cecil B. Moore community. While perusing the site, you will be able to view Beech's documentary, "The Beech Experiment" and obtain information on scholarship, grant, and loan opportunities.

Please like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. The first (30) people to like us on Facebook will receive a free \$5 rechargeable gift card to MugShots Coffee House located at 1520 W. Cecil B. Moore Avenue.

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## ***Father's Day Olympics Event***

The Father's Day Olympics Coordinating Committee cordially invites you to its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Father's Day Olympics from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. on June 16, 2012 at 1450 N. 21st Street.

The Juanita Rowe Foundation, Sharswood 2, The Philadelphia Association of Former Gang Members and Friends and other partners are initiating this wonderful event. The purpose of this event is to unify Philadelphia communities by coming together for positive causes and to uplift and highlight fathers who take on the job of caregivers, role models and providers. The mission of the Coordinating Committee for the Father's Day Olympics is, to combat the consistent stream of negative imagery surrounding Black men in the media. Understanding that Black men are multidimensional and come from a legacy of determination, virtuosity and integrity. It is crucial that positive images of Black Manhood be uplifted and promoted.

The Father's Day Olympics Coordinating Committee will select four African American men to honor as outstanding Father's and role models in the Philadelphia County. The criteria for nominees are: A black male, a father and or mentor, who is a Philadelphia resident. The nominees must be involved in community activities such as, but not limited to sports coach, community organizer, active parent, mentor or educator.

### ***Community Activities & Events***

**Freedom Theatre, 1346 North Broad Street,** "Home," By Samm-Art Williams, 11AM, Thursday-Sunday, *April 19-22, (215)765-2793.*

**Liacouras Center, 1776 North Broad Street,** "John Legend," 9PM, *Saturday, April 21st., [800-298-4200.](tel:800-298-4200)*

**Crowne Plaza, 4100 Presidential Blvd,** "Philadelphia Career Fair," 11AM to 2PM, *Monday, April 23rd.*

**Paley Library, 1210 Polett Walk, NPACA,** Jane Golden, Executive Director of the Mural Arts Program, Dre Urhahn and Jeroen Koolhaas will discuss "Philly Painting," 6PM, *Wednesday, April 25th.*

**Wagner Institute of Free Science, 1700 W. Montgomery Ave.,** "Science Story Hour," 10AM – 11AM, *Wednesday, April 25th, 215-763-6529.*

**Parkway Central Free Library, 1901 Vine Street,** Sister's Sanctuary presents, "Phenomenally U," a candid discussion of sex, self-respect, and success for mothers & teen daughters. Saturday, May 5th, Registration: 9AM-10AM, Program: 10AM-1PM [www.sisterssanctuary.eventbrite.com](http://www.sisterssanctuary.eventbrite.com) Registration required. **Free event.**

**WHYY Studios, 150 N. 6th Street,** Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists, "Reception and Awards Ceremony," 6PM, *Saturday, May 19th.*

#### ***Alston—Beech Foundation Accepting Applications***

The Alston-Beech Foundation has extended its deadline for submission of grant proposals. The new deadline for submission is *Friday, May 4, 2012.* Any organization interested in applying for a grant should visit the website at [www.beechinterplex.com](http://www.beechinterplex.com), to obtain current guidelines and an application. You may call the Foundations office at 215-763-8869 for information only. No applications will be mailed!

#### ***Reinventing Older Communities; Rebuilding Resilient Cities***

The Federal Reserve Bank and several co-sponsors are holding a conference on the subject: "Reinventing Older Communities: Rebuilding Resilient Cities, from May 9th to May 11th at the Hyatt Regency Philadelphia, at Penn's Landing. U.S. HUD Secretary Saun Donovan and Harvard University Professor Edward Glaeser, will each give a keynote address. The co-sponsors include the Federal Reserve Banks of Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, New York, Richmond, St. Louis, the William Penn Foundation, Penn Institute for Urban Research, Ford Foundation, HUDs Office of Policy and Development & Research and the FHL Bank of Pittsburgh.

## ***Residents Express Concerns About Neighborhood Improvement District***

A large number of community residents came out to a meeting held at Temple University on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 and at a hearing at Philadelphia City Council on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 to express their concerns about creating a Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) in North Central Philadelphia. The proposed district would be located starting at York Street going south to Girard Avenue and Broad Street to 19<sup>th</sup> Street with several other areas east of Broad Street. All for-profit businesses and rental property owners would pay an additional tax for cleaning and basic services in the area.

Temple University and the student housing landlords proposed creation of the NID as a benefit to the community but most homeowners and local resident have stated that if any “Neighborhood” organization is to be created that the homeowners should be in control of the operations and decisions. Other residents and business owners complain that they already pay taxes and should not have to pay additional taxes for basic services.

The next public hearing will be on *May 3, 2012* at 9 a.m. City Hall Council Room 400.

## ***New PA Voter ID Law Could Deny Some People the Right to Vote***

Voters in Philadelphia and throughout PA will now be required to show a photo identification card each time they go to the polls to vote, as a result of a new law recently signed by Governor Corbett.

Although the law goes into effect, officially, for the election on November 6th, voters will be asked to produce a photo ID card in the upcoming April 24th, primary, but will not be prohibited from voting without one.

One of the major criticisms of this law, which is one of many throughout the country is that it is supposed to prevent voter fraud. Critics, which include most community activists, including the PA ACLU say there just isn't much documentation or evidence of voter fraud.

Community activists are educating voters about the photo ID cards that are acceptable by law. Also, certain government agencies are required to provide photo ID cards to those who can't afford it.

### ***Avoid Losing Your Home to Foreclosure***

If you are unemployed, underemployed or disabled and your home is at risk for foreclosure, you may qualify for help through the Emergency Homeowner Loan Program. Non-profit housing agencies are accepting pre-applications, but the details of the program have yet to be finalized.

**Call the Save Our Homes Philly hotline at: 215-334-4663** to schedule an appointment to apply.

For more information visit, [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov) and click “Avoid Foreclosure.”



***YMCA Summer Camp***  
 Sign up for summer camp at the YMCA  
 For more information or  
 to attend an open house call Lindy Rote  
 215-235-6440. ext. 1717

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***Positive Action Community Summer Camp***  
 June 25, 2012 - August 21, 2012  
 Monday thru Friday  
 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
 Contact Eva Lighty  
 215-684-2737  
[smsepps@yahoo.com](mailto:smsepps@yahoo.com)

## Scholarship Opportunities

**Beech Scholarship Fund** will award \$1,000 scholarships to four qualifying high school seniors entering Temple University as a full-time freshman for the Fall 2012 academic year. The scholarships are in honor of Beech's founders, Dr. Bernard C. Watson, John C. Haas, F. Otto Haas and Floyd W. Alston.

This grant commitment from the Beech Scholarship Fund sets criteria that includes having a grade point average of 2.75 or higher and declaring a major in either *Arts, Business, Engineering or Education*. Students must be active in extra-curricular activities in their school, church or community. The scholarship submission deadline is Friday, May 11, 2012 and should be post-marked by midnight. To obtain an application or for more information visit the website, [www.beechinterplex.com](http://www.beechinterplex.com).

**The Ron Brown Scholar Program** seeks to identify African-American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card. Current college students are not eligible to apply.

Each year, ten to twenty students will be designated Ron Brown Scholars and will receive \$10,000 annually for four years, for a total of \$40,000. The recipients may use the renewable scholarships to attend an accredited four-year college or university of their choice within the United States. Ron Brown Scholarships are not limited to any specific field or career objective and may be used to pursue any academic discipline. More than 250 students have been designated as Ron Brown Scholars since the inception of the Program. Ron Brown Scholars are selected in the spring prior to entering college. Applications are screened during the month of February by Ron Brown Scholar Program staff. In March, finalists are invited to participate in a weekend selection process in Washington, D.C. at the expense of the Ron Brown Scholar Fund. Finalists are interviewed by members of the Ron Brown Selection Committee and are expected to participate in several Selection Weekend activities.

Scholarship winners are selected on the basis of their applications, interviews and participation in Selection Weekend activities. Notification follows immediately.

For an application you may contact the Ron Brown Scholar Program, 1160 Pepsi Place, Suite 206, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or you may call 434-964-1588. For additional information, please visit to the website: [www.ronbrown.org](http://www.ronbrown.org).

**UNCF / Merck Science Initiative** awards scholarships and fellowships at three levels: [UNCF/ Merck Undergraduate Science Research Scholarship Awards](#) are intended to help African American undergraduate students who are interested in potentially pursuing science and engineering careers. The UNCF /Merck awards provide tuition support and opportunities for research experience in a state-of-the-art research facility. [UNCF /Merck Graduate Science Research Dissertation Fellowships](#) will help African American graduate students complete coursework, conduct research, and prepare the dissertation required for a doctoral degree in the bio-medically relevant life of physical sciences and engineering.

**The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation** awards scholarships for undergraduate college education in all 50 states and internationally. The scholarship recipients study in a variety of academic disciplines. The Scholarship Foundation provides financial resources, and the support of an extended community, ensuring the children of Marines and eligible Navy Corpsmen have the opportunity to attend college and successfully achieve their goals. For more information on this scholarship please go to the website, [www.usmarine-scholars.org](http://www.usmarine-scholars.org).



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