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## Dr. Terry Flowers Begins 30th Year of Service with St. Philip's Ministry



St. Philip's School & Community Center and South Dallas' Forest Heights neighborhood has experienced significant growth and accomplishment in the last three decades. Much of this is due to the vision and leadership of Executive Director/Headmaster, Dr. Terry J. Flowers, who will mark his 30th year of service with St. Philip's in January.

For thirty years, Dr. Flowers has spearheaded change at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in South Dallas; serving at first as principal of the School that in 1984 ended at Kindergarten. Our School now serves students grades PK2 through 6th Grade, ages 2 – 12. The Community Center has grown from providing solely a South Dallas youth athletics program to numerous educational, recreational, health and social services for children, youth, families, and senior citizens residing in South Dallas, Oak Cliff, and Pleasant Grove.

His experiences as an educator in the tough urban communities of his hometown of Chicago and Harlem, New York shaped his belief in the need for holistic efforts to address the erosion of inner-city neighborhoods. His leadership led to the establishment of curriculum for St. Philip's which emphasizes academic excellence, a positive self-image and a faith-based focus for life. Alongside the strong academic program are numerous collaborative social services and community development activities which have been crucial to the revitalization of our neighborhood and neighbors. This broad-based approach has established St. Philip's as a model for inner-city schools – public, charter and private.

To witness Dr. Flowers in action is to recognize he is one of those rarities – a wise and humble man who is obediently fulfilling his life's calling. Under his leadership, an entire community is improving one block, one family at a time.

We are thankful for our "good shepherd" of St. Philip's School and Community Center and look forward to honoring his incomparable and dedicated service throughout the school year.

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## 2013 Wisdom Warrior Summer Program Met Dire Community Need

For years, St. Philip's summer program has met the critical educational, nutritional, social, fitness, spiritual, and safety needs of children and youth in South Dallas, many of whom would be home alone if our summer program didn't exist.

St. Philip's was able to provide over 100 children and youth (ages 5 – 14) with healthy meals, academic enrichment, exciting field trips, loving care, quality arts classes, and a safe haven for eight weeks. **Also, given the tremendous support St. Philip's received through generous grants and a major donor, the 2013 Wisdom Warrior Summer Program was offered at no cost to families!** This was a first for St. Philip's because we traditionally provide simply a low-cost program. This year, we proved to meet a dire need, as 90% of our "little warriors" reside in poor and low-income households with multiple children where even a minimal fee would not be feasible.

St. Philip's Wisdom Warriors benefited from daily curriculum based academic enrichment and integrated classes in theater, music, dance, and visual art, all made possible through our dynamic collaborative partnership with **Big Thought** and **Heart of A Warrior Foundation**. St. Philip's is proud to be one of three sites for Heart of A Warrior's **Young Warriors Summer Learning Program**, which provides curriculum based academic instruction and field trips, while Big Thought's brilliant teaching artists **Yolanda**

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*Bank of America Interns – Jamie Kim and Josephine Wilkelski – served as camp assistants and learned about non-profit management and fundraising during their time with St. Philip's*



# What's New at St. Philip's

## ST. PHILIP'S PRESCHOOL PROGRAM KICKS OFF "UNIVERSITY" FORMAT

This school year, St. Philip's kicked off the brainchild of **Principal Gwendolyn Barjon**—a new **Pre-K University** program format. The School's preschool program includes grades PreK2 through Kindergarten students, ages 2 to 5 and has always provided a dynamic curriculum based, full day of school that fosters the concept that college prep begins at birth. St. Philip's Pre-K University format takes this concept a bit further for our PK3 through Kindergarten students who are now rotating classrooms for all of their subjects, instead of remaining with one teacher all day.

St. Philip's **Crystal Charity Ball Early Childhood Wing** is now equipped with a technology lab, science lab, and geography/social studies lab where our precious, inquisitive preschoolers engage in "purposeful" play for their formative minds. Two reading specialists and math specialists instruct students daily and a Spanish instructor was recently hired specifically to instruct preschool students. Also, students take bi-weekly enrichment classes in Library, P.E., Music, and Art.

In recent years, there has been an increased local and national demand for quality Early Childhood programs located in inner city communities. A recent study from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) says that quality early childhood education results in successful students, responsible adults and stronger communities. For years, St. Philip's has seen such results through our own Early Childhood program and looks forward to providing an innovative model for Early Childhood education in the coming years.

**Generous support for St. Philip's Early Childhood program has been provided this year by the Harry W. Bass Foundation and Harold Simmons Foundation.**



## St. Philip's Integrates New Curriculum and Non-Students in After School Care Program

St. Philip's After School Program has traditionally offered not only an affordable (and in some cases free) safe, nurturing environment but a combination of hands-on, exciting education and youth development activities; all hallmarks of high quality programs. We recognize effective after school programs – especially for our demographic – must include both academic and non-academic classes, extended hours, healthy meals, and in some cases, social services.



To that end, St. Philip's has embraced the idea of "integration" and now offers the St. Philip's Arts and Academic Afterschool Care Enrichment or S.P.A3.C.E program to half of its student body and dozens of children who attend neighborhood public schools. IV "Eve" Holmes-Busby, S.P.A3.C.E.'s Director, has established an inventive program reinforcing academics, while integrating arts, service learning, culture, mentoring, and athletics programming.

St. Philip's School & Community Center received grants from **The Harold Simmons Foundation** and the **Dallas Foundation** to support the implementation of the expanded After School Care program.

Prior to this year, St. Philip's offered two separate After School Care programs – one for students and one for non-students. The S.P.A3.C.E. format enables all of the children to benefit from every activity, from capoeira, a Brazilian martial arts and dance, to creative writing or math club to mentoring. Also, children needing to remain in our care as late as 8 pm will be tutored, fed a nutritious, hot dinner and participate in additional classes.

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## Alumni News

### ARMAND PIERRE

We salute Armand Pierre, St. Philip's Class of 2008 alum, and current senior at the Episcopal School of Dallas. ABC recently made a special trip to Dallas to interview and feature Armand on World News with Diane Sawyer. His diverse talents in football, cheerleading, leadership, theater and robotics are being witnessed and celebrated.



# Saints in Action

Middle School students participated in their first day of service and the theme was "We Are Elder Friendly". In addition to engaging in a forum with a few of the elders from our community who'd endured post slavery and the Civil Rights Movement, the students served in the South Dallas "Elder Friendly" housing development by planting fall flowers and tending to our community organic garden. Many thanks to **Home Depot** for providing an expert volunteer and donating all of the soil and flowers used in the project.



St. Philip's cheerleaders and football players shined at Homecoming



## 2013 Wisdom Warrior Summer Program Met Dire Community Need *continued from page 1*

**Williams, James Kings, Linda Lee, and Maria Day** provided arts instruction.

Additional funding and support provided by **Trevor and Melissa Fetter, Bank of America, Horace C. Cabe Foundation, Hillcrest Foundation, North Texas Food Bank, AmeriCorp, Senior Source,** and the **Graham and Carolyn Holloway Family Foundation**, enabled St. Philip's wisdom warriors to:

- Beat summer learning loss
- Win the battle of summer hunger
- Strengthen their minds, bodies, and character
- Shield themselves from an unsupervised summer

Over the summer, St. Philip's also provided program space for the Christian based athletics camp, **Dallas Champions**, and **Turner 12**, an organization that works with underserved students in South Dallas to prepare them to become college graduates and productive citizens.

*Gail Warrior, Heart of A Warrior Foundation founder, addresses the Young Warrior Summer Learning Program campers at the graduation ceremony held at Paul Quinn College*



# PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



## St. Philip's Client Choice Food Pantry – Ground Breaking

## AT&T College Bound, Worry Free Program Check Presentation



## Morning Star Chapel Dedication



## Damon Colonna Eagle Scout Project



## In Memoriam

The St. Philip's family mourns the passing of two longtime, loyal and generous friends of the St. Philip's School and Community Center ministry – **Mrs. Laurie Cox** and **Mr. Richard "Dick" Snyder**.

Laurie, a former trustee, was a beautiful artist and compassionate soul that will be missed. She and her husband, Martin, also a former trustee, were tremendous ambassadors for the organization.

St. Philip's new **Snyder Activity Center**, located in the Life Center Building that opened in 2010, was made possible due to the major contribution Dick, his wife, Roberta, and daughter, Stacey, made to the Great Things Lie Ahead Capital Campaign.

We thank God for their involvement with St. Philip's and to have witnessed the inspiring evidence of their work.

We feel blessed to have known them both.





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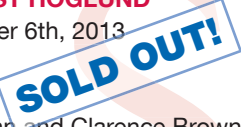
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**Save the Date!**

**26TH ANNUAL FALL EVENT,  
 "THE DYNAMIC DUO, HONORING  
 SALLY AND FORREST HOGLUND"**

Wednesday, November 6th, 2013  
 The Perot  
 7 PM  
 Event Chairs: A. Shonn and Clarence Brown  
 Honorary Chairs: Carolyn and Karl Rathjen



**OPEN HOUSE**

Wednesday, November 20th, 2013  
 6 PM



**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING  
 DINNER**

Wednesday, November 27th, 2013  
 12 noon



**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS STORE**

*Sponsored by Jones Day*  
 Saturday, December 14th, 2013



**CHRISTMAS CHAPEL**

Wednesday, December 18th, 2013  
 8:15 AM



**OPEN HOUSE**

Wednesday, December 18th, 2013  
 6 PM



**ALUMNI CHAPEL**

Tuesday, January 7th, 2014  
 8 AM

**14TH ANNUAL DESTINY AWARD  
 LUNCHEON, FEATURING OSCAR WINNING  
 ACTRESS, MARLEE MATLIN**

Friday, February 28th, 2014  
 at St. Philip's School & Community Center  
 Snyder Activity Center  
 11:30 AM  
 Event Chairs:  
 Fredye Factor  
 and Ashlee  
 Kleinert  
 Underwriter  
 Advisor: Sarah  
 Losinger

