



Leslie Powell, Republic Bank Auditor and Member of PCC's Board of Directors

Leslie Powell is an accomplished young man, a finance professional on the rise at Republic Bank, where he was recently promoted to the role of Internal Auditor. Leslie exemplifies what can happen when a child with energy and hope is given the tools he needs to find his talents and his place in a world more likely to

FORMER PCC TEEN BRINGS HOME SUCCESS

deliver dreams to those who earn them.

As a child from the Smoketown neighborhood, Leslie was one of the original recipients of a PCC Shining Star award as part of a program founded by former PCC Director and community leader Ernest "Camp" Edwards.

Shining Star awards provide PCC children and youth who demonstrate academic and leadership skills with both an emotional and a tangible reward.

A graduating senior at Male High School when he received the award, Leslie said at the time, "I've been coming to PCC since I was six, and it has been a tremendous influence on me."

Leslie feels the skills he cultivated at PCC under the guidance of PCC staff members like "Camp" Edwards and Marilyn Marshall increased his ability to deal effectively with the world. "PCC has

been a provider of opportunity and support, a place for my friends and I to be a part of something that allowed us to strengthen the relationships between us."

After high school, where Leslie was a standout athlete and dedicated student, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

Though still a young man building a fruitful life that is busier than ever, Leslie already has been giving back, volunteering at PCC as a tax consultant. More recently, he joined the PCC Board of Directors, representing PCC youth.

Welcome home, Leslie—we treasure your leadership, your passion and your confidence in PCC and in our community!

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SIXTH-GRADER POINTS THE WAY TO EXCELLENCE BY TUTORING OTHERS

Daniesha Williamson, a sixth grader at Meyzeek Middle School, rushed into PCC one recent afternoon with exciting news to share with the staff. Daniesha couldn't wait to tell about her achievement of earning straight A's on her report card. A long-time participant in PCC's after-school tutoring program, Daniesha was thrilled to see the solid results of her efforts—not just in one or two subjects, but in every area of her studies.

Daniesha is the oldest of three children, and has already demonstrated leadership ability in several PCC programs. Representing PCC's Girl Scout Troop, Daniesha was a guest of honor and speaker at the 2007 Girl Scouts Fundraising Breakfast. Daniesha is also an enthusiastic participant on the PCC dance team, Str8 Legit.

Fortunately for other students in PCC's tutoring program who would like to replicate her success, Daniesha has also become a tutor herself, helping first through fifth graders in Math, Language Arts and Science. When asked for her advice to other kids on performing well in school, Daniesha said, "You need to pay attention in school, avoid all distractions and obstacles, and finally, be selective of your friends."

Daniesha's optimism about her future is apparent in her pride and her plans. In addition to working as a tutor at PCC, this spring she'll become a member of the 4th District Clean Team, a program formed with Meyzeek Middle School to create service learning and employment opportunities for youth.



Daniesha Williamson, PCC Tutor

CHASE BANK PARTNERS WITH PCC AND COMMUNITY WITH GRANT



Presbyterian Child Development children sing at the Chase Press Conference.

On January 31st, the President of Chase Bank in Kentucky and Southern Indiana, Thelma Ferguson, presented PCC with a grant for the planned Child Development Center and provided assistance to several other neighborhood groups in Smoketown/Shelby Park.

“We can make the biggest impact by working hand in hand with key community leaders such as the Presbyterian Community Center and marshalling significant resources,” Ms. Ferguson said to a standing-room-only crowd of community residents, volunteers, representatives from partner organizations and the media. “Together, we can build momentum for change in the

neighborhood.”

Children from the PCC Child Development Program sang for the crowd, wearing yellow hard hats and holding toy construction tools to symbolize their appreciation to Chase and their excitement about the new facility, and the Meyzeek youth orchestra provided music.

In accepting the grant, PCC Executive Director Bill Gatewood said, “On behalf of our children and families in our neighborhoods, we are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead with this life-changing commitment from Chase.”

The Chase partnership also includes a five-year commitment from Chase



Thelma Ferguson, Chase Bank

employees who will volunteer in the neighborhood.

The Chase grant brings us closer to beginning construction on the new Child Development Center by late summer. However, additional funding is needed; your contribution can make the difference!



Child looks at the drawing of his future Child Development Center.

SIXTH ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL IS "FIT AND FABULOUS"!

Enthusiastic crowds of families, children, youth and adults enjoyed the Harambee Nursing Center’s sixth annual Spring Festival at PCC on Saturday, March 29th.

Crisp, sunny weather matched the mood of people flowing through the PCC doors between 11:00 and 3:00 to enjoy a full range of free, life-enhancing services and information: health screenings, career and financial advice, kids’ activities, door prizes and healthful food.

Highlights included onsite mammograms and screenings for blood pressure, diabetes and stroke; a youth-inspired video on sexually transmitted diseases sponsored by Kentucky Educational Television; a career-wear fashion show; and special “spa” pampering, such as

massages and facials. Kids enjoyed pizza, fruit and healthy activities like playing with Hula Hoops.

The Spring Festival is sponsored by the University of Louisville School of Nursing Alumni Association, which started the event, as well as the Harambee Nursing Center (funded in part by the Good Samaritan Foundation), PCC, University Hospital, James Graham Brown Cancer Center, Making Connections Network, and Norton Cancer Screening and Prevention Program.

Around 50 University of Louisville nursing students were on hand to help ensure the success of this year’s festival.



Above (L-R): Paula Carmouche, President of the University of Louisville School of Nursing Alumni Council and Kay Roberts, Director of the Harambee Nursing Center



Left: A family enjoys the fair.

PCC serves families living in Smoketown, Shelby Park, Phoenix Hill and surrounding communities:

- affordable child care
- medical care
- adult and family services
- youth activities
- housing and community development.

Our Vision

PCC and New Directions are partnering to lead a coalition of residents and organizations to revitalize the Smoketown/Shelby Park neighborhoods. The group is implementing a ten-year vision for improving the neighborhoods:

- ◆ Preserving homes and heritage
- ◆ Creating new opportunities
- ◆ Improving educational achievement
- ◆ Building family assets
- ◆ Making streets safer
- ◆ Expanding employment

JOIN US FOR PCC'S 8TH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME

To recognize and celebrate the Smoketown/ Shelby Park neighborhood revitalization, PCC will hold its 8th annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony and awards celebration dinner. The event will be held at the Galt House **Thursday, May 15, from 6:00-9:00pm.**

Presented by Brown-Forman, this event will honor the community service of our 2008 Hall of Fame inductees, who will join the ranks of past honorees like Muhammad Ali, Monica Jones Kaufman, Mayor Jerry Abramson, Earnest "Camp" Edwards, Alice Houston and Dr. Adewale

Troutman. **Make plans to attend!**

To purchase tickets or tables for the event, please call the PCC at 584-0201 and ask for Marland Cole at ext. 102.

If you can't attend, you can still participate and show your support. Ask about sponsorship opportunities that will provide special recognition for your company, or purchase advertising in the event's commemorative program that will be read by thousands of individuals throughout the year.

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Hall of Fame Honorees:

- ◆ Halsey & Barbara Sandford—Volunteers
- ◆ Dr. Blaine Hudson—University of Louisville Dean, Arts & Sciences
- ◆ Delquan Dorsey, Director, Governor's Office, Minority Affairs
- ◆ Bingham Fellows Classes, '93 & '94
- ◆ The Kean Family (Alice Houston)
- ◆ Robert Stikes, Volunteer
- ◆ Rev. Alex Shanklin, Mt. Olive Baptist Church

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, ED MUNS!

Ed Muns, Director of Accounting for Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS), is in his second year of volunteering as a tax consultant for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) at PCC. Ed said he became interested in helping people with their taxes and financial planning during his years in public accounting. While auditing a federal program where clients had to show proof of income, Ed found that one woman had earned \$9,000 during the tax year, had a large refund coming, and had paid a national tax return company \$350 to prepare her returns.

"I was fit to be tied," Ed said. "It was great that she had that service, because she needed it, but she also needed to have that \$350."

Ed said this experience led him to want to begin a service like the VITA program, noting that in the U.S., "80% of Americans across the board" need the help of a tax consultant to prepare their returns. However, when Ed first started working for JCPS, his 65-hour work weeks made volunteering impossible. Ed credits Franklin Jones, his friend and colleague at JCPS, with bringing him to PCC. "My schedule had eased up," Ed said, "and I was looking for volunteer work."

"It's been a great fit," Ed noted. One of his favorite stories of helping a PCC VITA client involved a grandmother who was raising her granddaughter while her daughter served in Iraq. The grandmother had earned \$18,000 during the tax year, and Ed helped her get a \$5,000 refund because she took care of her granddaughter.

Ed said VITA volunteers can serve as little or as much as they want, either on Saturdays or weekday evenings. Ed also noted that even though he's a CPA, he had to acquire the IRS certification, which can be completed online in just a couple of hours at PCC. To volunteer for PCC, call Irene Spicer, PCC Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (502) 584-0201, ext. 137.



Ed Muns, Director of Accounting for JCPS and VITA program volunteer at PCC

PCC needs the unique gift of your time and talents! We have volunteer opportunities in a wide range of areas:

- tutoring & teaching
- serving meals
- maintenance & repairs
- computers & office support

Times are flexible, and volunteer groups are also welcome. For more information, call PCC at (502) 584-0201.



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PCC'S SECOND CENTURY OF SERVICE YOUR INVESTMENT WILL IMPROVE FAMILIES

At Presbyterian Community Center (PCC), we're excited about our second century of service! To allow us to continue serving families in Smoketown and Shelby Park while expanding our impact to include neighborhood revitalization, we initiated a four-year, \$3.5 million Comprehensive Capital Campaign. The Campaign is well underway, and will allow us to achieve these objectives:

- ◆ Maintain and expand already-successful PCC programs for adults, families, children and youth, including health and wellness resources and neighborhood development.
- ◆ Make needed capital improvements to the eight-year-old PCC facility, parking lot and grounds.
- ◆ Build a new and innovative child development building that will serve up to 84 children aged six weeks through seven years.

Thanks to the generosity of PCC supporters, we're getting closer to reaching our goal, but we need your help. Won't you join us in strengthening families and developing the economic vitality of our neighborhoods and our city? Please consider mailing us a donation in the enclosed envelope—your gift in any amount is appreciated!

You can donate to PCC at our website—just go to

www.pcclouisville.com

Call PCC for details: (502) 584-0201.