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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

This past year has been what many experts in the financial industry are calling an economic crisis without precedence that has redefined all the rules of investments because in these past months, almost every piece of the national and international economic platform has been shaken. What has taken place, much of which I might add has been due to short sighted profiteering and an over-reliance on credit, has been a meltdown that historians are already telling us is only rivaled by the Great Depression. Local businesses as well as non-profits have been hit very hard. It has become



Paul Lessard

them that first and foremost we are here to insure that the Foundation will always be here to serve the best interests of our Donors, and continue to meet the unmet needs of High Point. We have done this and we will continue to hold this line until our nation's economic crisis has passed, and it will. Americans are a hardy people who have always risen to meet a challenge with determination, commitment and faith.

As I was contemplating writing this piece, I caught myself looking back upon the various times in my life when I was totally immersed in "the struggle." So much of what I have learned about perseverance and leadership came from my experiences competing as a collegiate soccer player at High Point College, sweating out what seemed like endless days of summer training at Quantico Marine Base, and juggling three jobs while trying to get through graduate school. These memories made me realize that so much of successfully moving through the "hard times" was simply continuing to show up everyday, carrying on with purpose and focus, and always keeping our eyes on the ultimate mission.

It was then that I realized that striving, persevering and overcoming may be the greatest teaching tools in life and that if we embrace these experiences and learn from them we will emerge as a better, stronger, and more focused society. So, in the midst of what seems like an endless stream of bad news, I encourage each of you to embrace the challenge and use this time to focus on that which is most important to your family, your business, and your life. 🍀

a time in which every organization, and for that matter, every family, has had to reevaluate priorities and make some very hard decisions.

The Community Foundation has been no exception, and despite the fact that our investments have fared better than most thanks to Chairman AB Henley and his hardworking Investment Committee, we are also making some very substantial adjustments. The Finance Committee recommended that we implement substantial cuts in our budget immediately, which has always been in the parlance of the *Corps*, "lean and mean." These cuts in operating funds have required that we trim our staff and programs, and realign areas of operations that will simply require us to make up the difference with creativity and hard work.

I firmly believe that the adjustments we have made were absolutely critical to the long-term success of our mission. As I shared with the Finance Committee, we must always be able to look our Trustees, Donors, and Grantees squarely in the eyes and tell

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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

National Standards Recognition

In May, the Council on Foundations notified the Community Foundation that we are in compliance with National Standards for U.S. community foundations. That message marked the culmination of almost two years work. It is an important milestone in the history of the Foundation.

The notification letter states that the Community Foundation is "in compliance with the most rigorous standards in philanthropy." The Council reviewed the Foundation's mission, its structure and governance, its policies and by-laws, board make-up and operation, stewardship and accountability, transparency, grant making and donor relations policies.

The review was comprehensive, and as a result various changes in policies, by-laws and documents were recommended by the Council and made by the Foundation.

Compliance with National Standards sends a strong message to donors, financial and legal advisors, and to our community that the Community Foundation strives to earn and to keep their trust. The letter of notification encourages the Community Foundation to use its National Standards Seal as an indication of the Foundation's "demonstrated excellence".

Paul Lessard, Sherri Scott, Karol Murks and Dan Odom all worked diligently on this project. Sherri Scott deserves special recognition as the project coordinator who maintained a constant pace toward achieving the eventual goal.

The confirmation is effective for five



Joe Rawley

years. Everyone in the "foundation family" can be proud of this achievement.

For more information about the National Standards confirmation please contact Sherri Scott at the Foundation Office – 336-882-3298

Comments on Unrestricted Giving

During the past several months, the Foundation has reviewed its long-term planning, and readjusted its budget and operations. It has been a rewarding endeavor.

One of the most interesting elements in the planning process has been analyzing and considering the importance of the Foundation's unrestricted fund balance. Earnings from unrestricted funds pay the Foundation's operating budget and make the annual grants program possible. Our unrestricted funds are an "endowment".

Our founders realized that maintaining an office and staff would require ongoing operating funding. The Foundation was fortunate that there were individuals with the wisdom and generosity to establish an "endowment" fund. The balance in that fund

fluctuates according to investment performance and new gifts. Annual grants come from this funding source and without new unrestricted gifts, grants would remain level in future years.

Unrestricted gifts support a broad range of critical community needs. Community foundations in other cities work very hard to build their unrestricted fund balance, and your Foundation will begin to put more emphasis on this essential effort. Gifts to the "endowment" keep giving for decades and are an excellent "investment" in High Point.

Other remarks

In this economic climate, some local nonprofits are having difficulty maintaining operations. The Foundation staff is developing a better understanding of factors that are predictive of a nonprofit's sustainability. This is an important consideration for those who support these organizations with grants from donor advised funds. The Community Foundation has been active recently linking non-profit leaders needing guidance with resources for leadership development.

The Foundation recently held two sessions, explaining our grants process to area nonprofits leaders. More than 50 individuals attended the sessions.

This is a time of high activity and accomplishment for Paul and the staff. As was noted at our annual meeting, the Foundation staff is busier than ever, and constantly advancing the cause in a very positive direction. So far, with the Heart of High Point activity, the National Standards recognition, gifts received, and a significant level of community involvement, it has been a great year. 🍷



HIGH POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN TOP PHILANTHROPIC TIER NATIONALLY

The High Point Community Foundation recently received notification that we have met the nation's highest philanthropic standards for operational quality, integrity and accountability. The notice comes from the Council on Foundations, a national professional association based in Washington, D.C.

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations Program requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration. With over 200 community foundations already confirmed in compliance nationwide, the program is designed to provide quality assurance to donors, as well as to their legal and financial advisors.

"When people make a charitable

bequest or establish a fund, they are putting their trust in us," states Joe Rawley, Chairman, HPCF. "They are counting on us to manage the investment wisely and honor their charitable wishes. The National Standards confirmation says our house is in order."

In addition to affirming the Foundation's philanthropic services, the confirmation validates our grantmaking practices for the nonprofit community. When you see the National Standards Seal, you can be

assured that we're committed to meeting the highest standards for grantmaking as well.

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations program is the first of its kind for charitable foundations in the United States. Through philanthropic services, strategic investments and community leadership, the High Point Community Foundation helps people support the causes they care about, now and for generations to come. 🏆



THE HIGH POINT/KENYA CONNECTION

How Community Foundation Donor Advised Funds are Touching Lives in Kenya

One of the unique and appealing aspects of living in High Point is that it has always been a small southern town that can boast of a big city culture and attributes that exposes it's citizenry to the best of both worlds. No where has this been more evident than in the remarkable partnership that has been established in the last couple of years with a vibrant ministry located in the African country of

Kenya that is saving lives and enriching the quality of life for thousands both here and abroad.

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church has taken on a partnership with a Kenyan Pastor, Josam Kariuki, who had a vision for taking an impoverished and struggling village and turning it into a model of how the West can invest in Africa and in the process create a sustainable living model that not only does humanitarian work, but also becomes a viable economic operation. Wesley Memorial has brought in other churches and individuals from

throughout the US to support this effort, naming the project "Kenya Partners-Nakuru".

Josam, a very gentle, but highly focused man of God, met his match when he ran into a local High Point attorney, Diane Hamrick, who has become the sparkplug for this rapidly growing ministry. Since Diane got involved in the Project, she has been back and forth to Kenya more than eight times. She has spent much of her time while at home coordinating the construction efforts and organizing other elements for the various building projects that are currently underway.

THE ACORN INTERVIEW

The Foundation's Grants Committee continues to grow because of a history of strong leadership. The Acorn thought our readers would enjoy hearing from the man who is currently running the show.



*Jan Samet,
Chairman,
Grants Committee*

ACORN: Can you share the granting philosophy of the Program and tell us why some projects get funded and others don't?

SAMET: The purpose of the Grants Committee is to prime the pump. Ideally, the Grants Committee would like to be able to fund innovative, start-up programs for new services or unaddressed needs of the Greater High Point Community. We are not a funding source for general operating expenses. The Greater High Point Community is lucky to have the United Way and their staff and volunteers who work diligently all year in attempting to address funding needs and general organization expenses for the charitable community. The Grants Committee wants to focus on funding new projects and new ideas for community service.

ACORN: What can an organization do to increase the chances of its program being funded?

SAMET: (1) Draft a simple, straight forward proposal. Tell us what you want and why you want it. Make sure that you include information on the people who will be affected and how many individuals you hope to reach with your proposal. Do not attempt to disguise operating expenses as new programs. (2) Present proposed projects that address under-served segments of the community or projects that are new and do not duplicate existing programs. (3) Make a sincere and effective oral presentation to the Grants Committee. Be ready to answer hard questions. (4) Do not ask the Grants Committee to fund your endowment program.

ACORN: The Grants Committee is made up of a very strong group of leaders. How do you manage all those personalities during the Grants Process?

SAMET: My normal inclination is to attack every problem and beat on it until it surrenders. Fortunately, I have a Quaker law partner who has shared with me some of the benefits of seeking consensus. I encourage people to talk. Most of all the conversation in the Grants Committee is positive. You hear very little negative comment

about any organization or any of the projects. We spend the majority of our time working to evaluate the positive effects of each project and decide what will do the most good for our community. There is a still, strong voice that works in the Grants Committee members. Given the opportunity, our herd of cats always gets to the final destination without casualties or hurt feelings. In the end, it is not about the personalities in the Grants Committee. It is about the most effective use of moneys to serve our community.

ACORN: What has been your greatest challenge and greatest reward as Chairman of the Program?

SAMET: The short answer to both questions centers on finding new members of the Grants Committee. Finding smart, involved, and available community volunteers with knowledge of High Point and the Greater High Point Community is challenging. You want people with strong minds and strong conviction, but you also want people who come to the Grants Committee without prejudice and with the willingness to be fair minded and evaluate justly each proposal that is presented for us to fund. After finding new members, my greatest reward has been watching them rise to meet the challenges they face. 🍷



Jan H. Samet

During Jan's tenure the Annual Grants program has seen rapid growth and very substantive change in policy and procedure that has made the process more effective and efficient. Jan is known for his calm and nurturing leadership as well as his trademark humor. He is passionate about the mission on the Grants Program and has been an indispensable resource for the Foundation and our community at large.

Jan has been involved in so many organizations in our community and has been recognized numerous times for his leadership, here are just a few examples of his lifetime of contributions;

- Serving Chairman, Grants Committee, High Point Community Foundation, 2007 - present
- Partner, Keziah, Gates, and Samet Law Firm
- North Carolina, US District Court, Eastern North Carolina, 1973
- US District Court, Middle District of North Carolina, 1975
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 1985
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1985
- Author, *The Latin American Approach to the Law of the Sea*
- Chairman, Grievance Council, 1996-99
- Law Practice Management Council, 1976-1977
- North Carolina Bar, Vice-President, President, and Council of Bar President, 1996- 2001
- NC State Bar Counselor, 1999- 2003
- Guilford Inns of Court, President, 1999, 2001
- NC Bar Association Centennial Award, 2003

The Community Foundation gathered on Thursday, January 22nd, 2009 at 12:00 noon at the High Point Country Club to award checks totaling \$360,000.00 to the 28 nonprofit organizations who had been chosen for the impacting work they are doing in the greater High Point Community. This was the tenth year that the Community Foundation had run the annual Grants Program during which time the organization has granted just under \$2.6 million.

"Members of the Grants Committee make a large time commitment to read proposals, hear presentations, and evaluate each grant request in the Annual Grants Program," notes Joe Rawley, Chairman of the Community Foundation. "In the process of helping area nonprofit organizations, there are always more grant requests than there are resources to support every applicant. The Grants Committee has to make difficult decisions. Jan Samet and the Committee have served the Foundation with diligence, compassion and wisdom."

The grants addressed a wide range of community needs; Community Projects lead the group with \$166,000.00, followed by Education with \$68,200.00, Youth Projects with \$61,500.00, Health Projects with \$53,700.00, and Diversity Projects with \$10,600.00.

It is important to note that \$10,000.00 of the Educational Grants came from The Cory McNinnis "Compassion in

Education" Endowed Fund which was established to honor the courage and grace of Cory McNinnis who passed away several years ago after an extended and valiant struggle with M.S.

This endowed fund was the McNinnis family's way to acknowledge their gratitude to the public school system by establishing a long term support system to supplement the educational grants made by the Foundation's Annual Grants Program. This year the fund has underwritten an active nature based educational program offered by the Piedmont Environmental Center. The program involves the study of Box Turtles that will be equipped with tracking devices so the students may follow their activities. The fund also contributed to the newly formed Principals' Fund which will benefit public schools in High Point.

This year represented one of the most competitive and challenging allocations in the history of the Foundation. "The Grants Committee has allocated in a very diverse and I think a very wise manner this year," shares Jan Samet, Chairman of the Grants Committee. "It is always a very difficult process in which the Committee sees so many worthwhile projects and yet only has a finite amount of funds to give. Our Committee made decisions that showed a lot of compassion, vision and foresight; and for this outstanding work, I am very grateful."



2008 ANNUAL GRANTS



High Point Community Foundation 2008 Grant Recipients and Projects



Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Central Piedmont.....	Develop and implement parental training systems	\$ 10,200
Boys & Girls Club of Greater High Point.....	Upgrade computer equipment	\$ 2,800
Brothers Organized to Save Others	Support group home for troubled youth	\$ 14,400
Child Enrichment (First United Methodist Church)	Scholarships for low-income children.....	\$ 18,400
Communities in Schools of High Point	Support position of Outreach Coordinator	\$ 14,100
Communities in Schools of Randolph County	Support position of Area Coordinator.....	\$ 20,900
Community Clinic of High Point.....	Support access to prescription medications	\$ 17,900
Community Outreach of Archdale Trinity	Mentoring program to transition the unskilled to jobs..	\$ 20,000
High Point Alliance for Workforce Preparedness.....	Improve education, economic conditions, and employment	\$ 30,300
High Point Library Foundation	Fund new children's entrance to building	\$ 7,800
Horsepower, Inc.	Therapeutic riding for disabled students	\$ 6,400
High Point Citizens Police Academy Alumni Assoc. ...	Fund "Community Day"	\$ 700
Junior League of High Point	Capital funding for Briles House.....	\$ 21,000
Lifespan Employment & Enrichment of High Point	Pottery project for developmentally disabled expanding to High Point location	\$ 10,000
Low Income Housing Opportunities	Supplies for "Back to School" celebration	\$ 5,700
Nia Community Action Center	Space expansion to better serve community	\$ 9,300
Open Door Ministries.....	Administrative support for Emergency Assistance Net ..	\$ 33,600
Piedmont Environmental Center	Support turtle project in conjunction with public schools.....	\$ 4,800
Principals' Fund	Contributed to endowment to provide last resort dollars for High Point schools	\$ 5,200
Reading Connections	Free adult literacy services	\$ 8,000
River Landing @ Sandy Ridge	Expansion of health care facility.....	\$ 4,000
Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of High Point	Upgrade and expand technology program.....	\$ 15,200
Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul	Capital funding for new convent.....	\$ 12,400
Tom A Finch Community YMCA	Financial assistance for childcare programs.....	\$ 10,000
Triad Health Project.....	HIV/AIDS case management services	\$ 10,500
United Methodist Agency for the Retarded.....	Lift chairs and flooring.....	\$ 4,900
United Way of Greater High Point	Early care and education scholarships.....	\$ 30,900
Ward Street Mission.....	Music lab, computers and equipment	\$ 10,600



**“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens
can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”**

Margaret Mead

Why they are so helpful to our Donors and so important to the Foundation's Future

One of the most powerful tools in the Community Foundation arsenal is also one of the least known and underappreciated philanthropic vehicles in the business. We're talking about Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) which have become the fastest growing aspect in the Community Foundation world with billions being given annually in the United States alone. Since the High Point Community Foundation opened its doors in 1998, the DAFs have given over \$17,000,000.00 to nonprofit organizations not only in the High Point community, but also to nonprofits all over the nation and throughout the world.

Donor Advised Funds are remarkably flexible vehicles that were created to help individuals and families conduct their philanthropic strategies in an orderly and businesslike fashion so that giving could be more effective and more fun. Most of you have heard a lot about private foundations like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Mott Foundation, the Kate B. Reynolds Foundation, or the Bryan Foundation which are all doing very important philanthropic work. However; what most people don't realize is that establishing a private foundation doesn't really make sense unless you are talking about assets of several million dollars, and if you are willing to either hire professional assistance, or are capable of performing rather sophisticated investing, accounting, and legal work on your own. The rapidly growing trend with DAFs has been driven by families who have assets ranging from

thousands to millions who want the benefits of a private foundation, but don't want to personally do the detailed work themselves. They also enjoy the fact that they now have the Foundation who is responsible for the due diligence, correspondence, and all of the other details associated with charitable giving. Another big advantage of DAFs is that they do not have to give each year unless they want to (private foundations are required to give at least 5% away annually).

"Grants made from Donor Advised Funds account for an overwhelming majority of gifts made through the Foundation each year. The individuals, families and companies who have established such funds share their resources to support many nonprofit organizations, and to make High Point a better place to live," notes Joe Rawley, Chairman, HPCF. *"The Foundation often acts as a conduit between key projects and discerning donors. It can identify and evaluate high priority nonprofit initiatives needing support. The Foundation's role as a facilitator linking individuals with a common interest has become increasingly important over the years."*

The typical Donor Advised Fund is established by an individual or family with a particular philanthropic vision in mind which is clearly outlined in the Fund Agreement that the Foundation helps to create. Once the funds are deposited and the intentions of the Donors are established, the Foundation manages the money in a pooled fund that has the power and investment leverage of a multi-million dollar portfolio that allows Donors access to investments they would never be able to touch on their own. The Foundation staff is familiarized with each Donor's philanthropic interests and immediately becomes their eyes and ears to find potential projects that fit into the Donor's field

of interest. When the Donor finds a nonprofit project that they are interested in, they simply call the Foundation staff who, after performing due diligence regarding the nonprofit, sends them an advisement form which they sign and return. That triggers the cutting of a check which is always accompanied by a letter written to the recipients explaining where the money has come from. More often than not, these gifts honor a special person the Donor has indicated who also gets a letter from the Foundation. The process is simple, quick, and professional so that giving becomes more meaningful and seamless.

One of the most challenging aspects of philanthropy, which sounds strange at first blush, is that giving money away intelligently is not always as easy as it sounds. There are so many good causes out there and while all of these organizations are doing good work, there are some that are the "best in class" and that differentiation has become the hallmark of Community Foundation giving. The staff has over 11 years of experience with the local nonprofits and takes great pride in the due diligence that is constantly taking place to make sure the money our Donors have invested is not only making a difference, but doing so in the most effective and efficient manner possible.

"Giving should be entered into with the same intensity and discernment that we use in our personal and corporate investments," states Paul Lessard, President, HPCF. *"While we can measure our investment success with such markers as dividends and earnings, our philanthropic giving should be reaping tangible profits as well. While it may not be adding zeros to a portfolio, it might be helping more children pass their annual exams, or perhaps a lower*

rate of crime in the innercity, or even a drop in violent incidents in our community. The Foundation understands how to measure these outcomes and whatever the philanthropic investment there must always be a method of measuring success. Otherwise, we are simply throwing into the wind."

To truly understand the incredible power of the Donor Advised Funds, it is important to consider the many critically important projects that simply would not have happened were it not for the funds that families and individuals have given through their fund advisements. Here is a brief list of projects that have greatly benefited from the High Point Community Foundation's Donor Advised Funds:

- * Miracle Field of High Point
- * City of High Point - The Core City Plan
- * West End Ministries and Leslie's House
- * The High Point Police Department Sesquicentennial Commemorative Badges and the new Guardian Statue

- * High Point Community Against Violence
- * The Hispanic Center
- * The Academy for Life Transformation
- * I Am Now, a home for foster children who have aged out of the system.
- * Ministries of the Son of God Belize mission
- * Eternal Life Youth Ministry - an inner-city tutoring project
- * The DePaul Academy, High Point's first bilingual school
- * Communities in Schools
- * Rabbit Quarter Ministries - homeless outreach
- * The Club - local AA program
- * The NC Shakespeare Festival
- * Boys and Girls Club of Greater High Point
- * The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club
- * Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church - Kenya mission
- * Victory Junction Gang Camp

- * Young Life of High Point
- * Youth Unlimited
- * Nido Qubein and Associates Scholarship Program
- * Greensboro Children's Museum
- * The American Hebrew Academy
- * Open Door Ministries

As you can see, the Donor Advised Funds have been giving to a very broad and diverse collection of projects, both locally and beyond. While this list may seem extensive, we can honestly say that it does not even cover one-tenth of the nonprofit organizations the DAFs have helped over the years. The Funds are, without doubt, one of the most popular and strongest giving resources in the world of philanthropy today and they are a force that is dramatically changing the face of High Point and the world every single day.

If you are interested in starting a Donor Advised Fund call Paul Lessard at 336.882-3298 📞

THE HIGH POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION EXISTS TO:

- Build an endowment through donations of all sizes for the community that will provide for the changing needs of the citizens of High Point for generations to come.
- Administer an Annual Granting Program that serves the needs of the greater High Point community by financially supporting nonprofit organizations and initiatives that are positively impacting lives in our community.
- Manage Donor Advised Funds, Special Interest Funds, and Organizational Endowments for individuals, families, local businesses and nonprofit organizations; and assist them in fulfilling their philanthropic interests.
- Serve as a community leader, convening agencies and coordinating resources to make good things happen in the community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

www.hpcommunityfoundation.org

CHASING THE VISION - 19 YEARS LATER

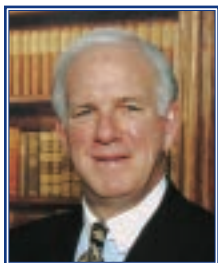
A Conversation with Jim Morgan

It was in the fall of 1990 Jim Millis, Sr. and Jim Morgan attended the Duke Power Scholarship Interviews in Winston-Salem, NC and met a man named Bob Sailstad from Davidson College who was an enthusiastic proponent for the Community Foundation movement that was just beginning to expand on the national level. It was this meeting combined with the vision and hard work of a very special group of High Point community leaders that launched what today is known as the High Point Community Foundation.

The Acorn thought that as we move toward the 20 year anniversary of this original genesis of our great endeavor, it would be interesting to look back on the original vision and see where the dream has led us. Jim Morgan, the Foundation's founding and longest serving Chairman, still remembers the day that he and Jim Millis, Sr. attended the Scholarship Interviews. He shared his thoughts about the progress that has been made over the past 20 years.

ACORN: It has been almost 2 decades now since you and Jim Millis, Sr. met Bob Sailstad at the Duke Power Scholarship Interviews where the inspiration of the Community Foundation began. What are your memories of those early days?

MORGAN: I had actually first learned about the Community Foundation concept when I was serving in the State Legislature and already had a level of interest before I met Bob; however, it was at the Duke Power Interviews that Jim and I both



really caught the fever. Bob was a real believer in the importance of Community Foundations and the more we heard him talk about it the more sense it made to us. We felt like it would be an extremely valuable organization that could make a big difference in High Point and even then we realized how important it would be down the line to have a long-term, reliable community funding resource.

ACORN: Looking back what would you say was the most challenging aspect of establishing the Foundation?

MORGAN: Well, Jim, Sr. really got excited about the enormous potential this philanthropic vehicle could have and he was convinced that we should get started on it immediately so I went to work drawing up the legal paperwork. The greatest challenge we experienced in the beginning was educating the leadership of our community so that they too could see how important this resource would be to our future. As I look back I would say that the first 8 years was a time of educating, consensus building and painting the long-term vision. The seminal event that really pushed us over the top was the telephone call I received from Jim, Sr. and Jesse Millis who committed to giving the Foundation a \$5 million initial gift to open the doors. It was late on a Friday afternoon and all I could get out was "wow" before Jim, Sr. told me that he would catch up with me on Monday - it was great way to start the weekend!

ACORN: What were the key early decisions that you feel were critical to the ultimate success of the project?

MORGAN: First, the outstanding individuals we asked to serve on the first Executive Board were enthusiastic and came on board immediately. Second, as we made decisions and invitations

for the first Board of Trustees, we had positive response from everyone we talked to, not one person turned us down. Third, we selected a very diverse and well-rounded Board of Trustees who began our endeavor with a very open mindset, which I believe truly represented the width and breadth of our community.

ACORN: Would you say there was one event that you could describe as a milestone in the early going?

MORGAN: The best decision we made was to hire Paul Lessard as our Executive Director, who was strong and respected. We found that Paul, who has been our Executive Director for the past 10 years, has a passion for our mission and works with integrity. I wanted someone who would be looked to when one has had a philanthropic need in High Point. Paul has been that man!

Second, the decision to begin making grants, even though we did not have a large endowment, was very important as it sent to the community that our doors were open for business. Some felt that we ought to wait to build the endowment, but Phil Phillips helped a great deal and this proved to be the correct decision.

ACORN: The Foundation is known for the Annual Grants Program, were there particular grants that you believe were key in terms of the Foundation's impact upon the community at large?

MORGAN: We have made so many grants over the years and every one of them has been important to us. If I had to choose, I would say that the \$42,000.00 grant we made to the 2009 Project which underwrote literacy teachers who came into our local schools and taught our teachers how to teach more effectively was a really

big one for us. We had three schools that were in danger of being taken over by the State and this program saved all three and I should also note that this investment was a catalyst for several million dollars from the Guilford County Board of Commissioners that have given over the years to replicate this program in other schools.

Another key grant we made was an investment we made in underwriting the building of the Hispanic Center at Christ the King Church. It was made just as the first large group of Hispanics moved into High Point and I believe it set a tone for acceptance that has made their assimilation in our city much smoother than in other communities.

Finally, I would say that grants to such critically important projects like the Miracle League Park, Early Childhood Intervention with the United Way of Greater High Point, and Rabbit Quarter Ministries (who has done such great work with the homeless) have initiated important, positive change in our community.

ACORN: Where do you feel that

Foundation is in terms of fulfilling the early vision you, Jim Millis, Sr. and the first Executive Board had so many years ago?

MORGAN: The short answer would be that we have far exceeded our original vision and part of the reason for this is that along the way we have learned more, grown faster, and have seen our role in the community expand almost every year. For instance, we knew that Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) would be important, but I don't think we had any idea how important. Consider this, in our Annual Grants in 11 years we have given away approximately \$3 million and in this same time period our Donor Advised Funds have given over \$17 million! The DAFs are becoming incredible valuable vehicles for change and impact in our city and they will only get bigger in the future. Another area of impact has been the Foundation's ability to help initiate and/or partner with important projects and organizations in our community. We have seen this happen over and over again with projects like the Guardian Fund at the High Point Police Department, the Plank Road

Foreman Statue, the Core City Project, and especially in our schools with the new Principals' Fund. Thanks to Jim Millis, Sr. and other great men like George Erath, Herman Bernard, Bob Amos, George Marsh, Yogi Yarborough, Robert McInnis and so many others for the torch we are carrying for all of them. I know that in the years to come this Foundation will only become more important to our community.

ACORN: Any last thoughts you might want to share?

MORGAN: I would say to everyone reading this interview that this Community Foundation belongs to you, the entire community of High Point and I hope that everyone will at some point contribute to the endowment fund as it will be there forever helping High Pointers - you can and should be an important part of this movement. We love the large gifts, but we also need the small ones and the medium size ones as it is those kinds of gifts given over time that will keep us growing and enabling us to give more money away in the future. 🍷



James F. (Jim) Morgan

Jim was not only the first Chairman of the High Point Community Foundation, he also established the organization and later filled the billet as the longest serving Chairman. During this time Jim built the Foundation from the ground up and played a very significant role in the establishment of the Annual Grants Program. He has provided his invaluable legal, business, and leadership gifts to promote the growth of the Foundation. He is indeed one of the "Founding Fathers" and will continue to play a crucial role in the future development of the organization.

Jim has been involved in so many organizations in our community and has been recognized numerous times for his leadership, here are just a few examples of his lifetime of contributions;

- Founding Chairman, High Point Community Foundation, 1990-2003
- Founding Chairman, Guilford Education Alliance, 2001
- President/Chairman of over 60 non-profit organizations, 1969 to present
- Legislator of the Year by four different organizations
- Distinguished Service Award of High Point, Young Man of the Year, 1973, 1974
- High Point Enterprise Citizen of the Year, 1991
- High Point Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen Award, 1998
- High Point University Distinguished Service to Community Award, 1999
- Two-time Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award, highest State recognition
- High Point Human Relations Commission Humanitarian of the Year, 2002
- American Diabetes Association Father of the Year, 2009
- North Carolina/High Point Bar Centennial Award - Exemplary Community Service, 1999
- Guilford College Algernon Sydney Award for Humanitarian Service, 2006

DR. NIDO QUBEIN AND ED PRICE HEADLINE FOUNDATION'S 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the High Point Community Foundation, non-profit leaders, and friends of the Foundation gathered at the High Point Country Club on Wednesday, May 13th to celebrate 11 years of building and growing philanthropy in the High Point Community. Since 1999 the Foundation has granted over \$18,000,000.00 from its Unrestricted and Donor Advised Funds impacting non-profit organizations in High Point, across the state and country, and throughout the world.

One of the highlights of this year's Annual Meeting was the naming of this year's Spirit of the Foundation Award, the Community Foundation's flagship award that recognizes individuals who have given of their time, energy, and resources to impact the High Point Community. This year's Award, the sixth in the Foundation's history, was given to Ed Price for his lifetime of compassion, philanthropy and leadership that has impacted High Point's most needy. Through



Dr. Nido Qubein & Ed Price

the years Ed has been a coach and organizer of numerous youth sports teams, and involved in projects such as raising money for local schools, the Boys and Girls Club of Greater High Point, Leslie's House, Miracle Field, His Laboring Few, and many others.

"Ed is a remarkable man who has left an indelible mark upon the community of High Point," notes Joe Rawley, Chairman, HPCF. "He has an insatiable desire to create a fair, just, and equitable community. He has been, and always will be, committed to helping the



Dr. Nido Qubein



*Jan Samet, Bill Horney, Joe Rawley, Nido Qubein,
Rev. Robert Williams, Paul Lessard*

DR. NIDO QUBEIN AND ED PRICE

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Max Meeks & Jan Samet



Boys & Girls Club of GHP

underdog. His greatest legacy will no doubt be the many young people he encouraged and underwrote to attend college."

This year's Annual Meeting set a new attendance record with over 420 guests filling up the ballroom at the High Point Country Club to hear one of America's most sought after motivational speakers, Dr. Nido Qubein, who delivered the annual keynote address. The theme of his talk focused



Paul Lessard, Terry Price, Bill Millis, Irma Price, Joe Rawley, Nido Qubein, Ed Price



Leslie Graham, Steve Key, Lora Songster, Tammy & Jack Hendrix, Kay Maynard, Preston Yarborough, Martha Yarborough



Lenette Burris, Rachel Moss, Tom Dayvault, Zaki Khalifa, Courtney Best, Julie Samuels

upon the Foundation's mission for serving the unmet needs of the community. Dr. Qubein, in his finest form, delivered one of his most passionate speeches that drew a resounding standing ovation. Along with Dr. Qubein, Joe Rawley delivered a Chairman's address, Jan Samet updated the gathering on this year's grants program, and Paul Lessard, the Foundation's President, gave a "State of the Foundation" report that highlighted the outstanding progress made over the past year.

The Foundation, which is now entering its second decade of existence, has already developed deep roots within the community ensuring strong and steady growth for years to come. 🍷

2009 SPIRIT OF THE FOUNDATION AWARD

The 2009 "Spirit of the Foundation" Award recipient is no stranger to anyone in this community as he is a man who has a heart as big as High Point, an electric personality that is truly unforgettable, and an insatiable desire to change the world, one life at a time. Whether it is helping young men stay out of trouble and find their way to college, building a shelter for homeless women, or making sure that children who struggle with intellectual and physical handicaps have a specially designed "Miracle Field" on which to play, this year's award recipient, Ed Price, exemplifies the compassion, the vision, and the willingness to lay down one's life in the service of others that serves as an inspiration to us all.

Born to Bill and Irma Price on June 8th, 1949, Ed is a true son of High Point who has never hesitated to serve the community he has always called his home. Ed's formal education began at Ray Street Elementary, continued at Ferndale Middle School, and ultimately took him to High Point Central High School where his reputation was forged as a friend to all who always had an extraordinarily strong sense of compassion. His love and commitment for these schools has continued to this day and has included his moral support, generosity, and most of all, his leadership.

After high school Ed attended Wingate College and he ultimately moved on to graduate from Wake Forest University where legend has it that the suspense of his actual graduation lasted right up to the final moment. His time in college was consumed with friends, road trips to Ocean Drive, lots of fun with local kids, summer life-guarding at Emerywood Country Club Pool, and a well-earned reputation as a ladies' man. Throughout it all Ed's devotion to his hometown friends, his love for High Point, and his innate desire to reach out



Ed, Terry, Holly, Will, Katie

to those in need continued to define him as man whose stewardship would one day impact so many people in so many ways.

Upon graduation Ed went to work for the Idol, Green Real Estate Company where he discovered his life's professional calling. After learning the business he went on to establish the firm of Chambers and Price Realty and ultimately ended up with his own company through which he has taken great joy in helping generations of folks become homeowners.

While Ed has had a very successful business career what has truly defined the man has been his willingness to pour his heart and soul into serving others. His generosity has literally known no bounds and has touched almost every quarter of our community. Whether it is helping underprivileged children, finding money for overwhelmed Principals, rallying support for deserving nonprofits, coaching swimming, little league baseball and basketball, and reaching out to the poorest of the poor, Ed has indeed been a force for hope, compassion, and charity that has always come through and never fails to inspire.

It has been said that a man's life can ultimately be defined not by what he accumulates, but by what he gives away and with that as a measuring stick Ed's sphere of influence has been astounding. If it were left up to Ed, High Point would never know how much his leadership, energy, vision, and resources

have impacted others over the years. The only way to really comprehend the width and depth of his lifetime of service is to hear it from those people whose lives have been changed because of one man's heart.

One of the driving forces in Ed's life are the people he loves the most; his Mother, Irma, his wife, Terry, his son Will, his daughter Katie, and daughter Holly and her husband Bryan, her son Conner and the twins, Hannah and Hunter. Over the years they have supported Ed in his many projects and his children are already starting to emulate the example they have seen in their father's good work in the High Point Community.

"Ed is a very special man who has always led with his heart and his willingness to serve others has literally touched thousands of lives in this community and beyond," states Paul Lessard, President, HPCF. *"I know that his example calls all of us to be more giving, more compassionate, and more responsible to our brothers and sisters in need."*

Of course one can't talk about Ed without mention of his life-long friends who are affectionately known as the "Butt Heads." In addition to these folks there are the hundreds who have known and loved Ed, worked with him, and have been blessed to see a man who always thinks of others, who never fails to serve, and who has left and continues to leave his mark on the lives of so many.

The High Point Community Foundation is honored to recognize Ed's incredible history of service, his undying compassion for those in need and his commitment to organizations and causes he has always been there to support. It is with great pride and deeply felt gratitude that the High Point Community Foundation presented the "Spirit of the Foundation Award" to High Point's very own Ed Price. 🏆

DYNAMITE COMES IN SMALL PACKAGES

Martha Yarborough: the energy and passion behind the Heart of High Point Fund



The Heart of High Point Fund was established this past year with the intention that it would provide for the "basic needs" in the High Point Community in perpetuity. Basic needs, as they apply to this project, have been defined as food, shelter, clothing, medical and rehabilitation care. The Fund was started with a vision that this reservoir of assets would recreate the "safety net" that was once provided by some of High Point's more wealthy businesses and individuals. The result of the partnership between the Millis family and the Foundation has created a fund that has the potential to provide for the most needy in our community for generations to come.

Once the Heart of High Point Fund was established; the next critical move was to find a chairperson who could bring energy, integrity, and leadership to the cause. The search did not take long as the Foundation corralled a very special woman who has long been known for her passion for good causes, her enormous capacity for organizing and hard work, and most of all her commitment to serve the poorest of the poor.

Martha Yarborough and her husband Yogi, who was posthumously named as the Philanthropist of the Year in 2006, had always been folks who stepped up when a need was identified. They were well known philanthropists who had long supported

such organizations as the *United Way of Greater High Point*, the *Arc*, *Greensboro College*, *High Point University*, *The Lighthouse Project*, the *High Point Community Foundation*, the local schools, and countless acts of individual giving when they saw a need that needed to be met. In 2006, when Yogi passed away, Martha stepped in to serve the remainder of his term as a member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees and is now serving her own first term as a Trustee.

Anyone who knows Martha will tell you that she is a bundle of energy who is still the same petite, beautiful red-head whose father was once the Minister at Wesley Memorial Church. She maintains a very full schedule with her volunteer work, her mother and grandmother duties, and running her own private farm that is stocked with sheep, horses, dogs, and includes a fishing pond. In addition to all of these commitments, she also works as an usher at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex which keeps her working with all sorts of interesting people and up-to-date on all the important area events. Most of all she enjoys serving others, a skill she mastered during the many years she worked with *Communities in Schools* where she helped special needs students find and hold on to employment throughout the community.

"I like to think of Martha as a force of nature who has a heart as big as High Point," states Paul Lessard President, HPCF. *"She is a dear friend and a truly remarkable woman who always leads with her heart and has the energy and the smarts to make things happen. She is absolutely tenacious when she is committed to a project and there is no one I'd rather have by my side when I am facing a tough challenge."*

Martha is the first Chairperson of the Heart of High Point Fund and she works with the members of the Committee who are each assigned to be an advocate for a nonprofit whose mission qualifies them for the Heart of High Point Fund support.

"Our Committee is made of remarkable folks; most of whom do not serve on the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation but are committed to helping our nonprofits succeed," shares Martha. *"Each of them becomes a part of the organization they are advocating for. Together we evaluate the request and decide if it fits the Fund's criteria. I am so thrilled to be part of this project as I do believe that so many of our nonprofits are facing challenges that we never even thought about two years ago."*

Martha and her Committee are blazing trails that will have long-term impact in the community of High Point. She is a leader whose background and knowledge of the community and nonprofits makes her a uniquely qualified arbitrator for this new endeavor.

"Martha is a hero to me in so many ways," noted Sherri Scott, Director of Administration and Donor Services at the Foundation. *"She is a strong woman who leads with authority and yet is always compassionate and seeking to serve others. She embodies all that this Fund stands for and I feel so honored that she has chosen to give so much of her time and talent to this important initiative."*

As the saying goes, "dynamite comes in small packages" and for the High Point Community Foundation, Martha Yarborough has literally become a secret weapon whose vision and commitment will change the lives of many in powerful ways. 💎

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A STUDENT'S BEST FRIEND, VICKI MILLER

HEADING UP THE NEW PRINCIPALS' FUND

When most of us were youngsters, one of the authority figures that loomed very large and prominently in all our lives was the school's Principal. They were the ultimate authority, the final arbitrator, a wise and daunting figure who always seemed to have eyes and ears throughout the school. Many things change in this world, but one remains constant. It is the critically important role of the School Principals who are continuing to influence and positively impact the lives of our current generation of students in High Point.

Their job responsibilities have expanded over the years and the challenging issues they are dealing with today have intensified from the more standard school discipline issues to dealing with such things as drugs, physical abuse at home, extreme poverty, hunger, and even gangs. Needless to say, our Principals are serving an even more critically important role than ever and the Community Foundation now has a secret weapon in its arsenal to provide help and support to these most important community assets. Her name is Vicki Miller. The former area Principal is serving as the very first Chairman of the *Principals' Fund*, a new Fund at the Foundation that will provide grants for needs in the schools serving the High Point community. Vicki is a perfect selection for this new fund as she has had first-hand experience with many of the situations this new Fund Committee will be facing.

Vicki, who is married to David Miller (a well-known community leader),



Vicki Miller

has worked in the Guilford County Schools as well as the Thomasville City Schools for over 30 years. In that time she has served in a variety of roles ranging from teacher, to Assistant Principal to Principal. She has worked in schools that have served student bodies that consisted of the very affluent, the middle class, and the poorest of the poor. Her final assignment with the Guilford County Schools was serving as the Principal of Parkview Elementary School at which 95% of the students were living at or below the poverty line, so Vicki has plethora of experience with the kind of needs this Fund will be addressing.


"I have always loved positively impacting the lives of students," notes Vicki Miller. "This new Fund is something that I would have loved to have had when I was a Principal as it would have taken away a lot of the worry and hard work that often falls on our Administrators to raise money for worthwhile opportunities for our kids."

In 2008, an anonymous Donor established a new financial resource for the High Point schools which has become known as the "Principals' Fund and its mission is as straight forward as its name, to help local High Point

Principals with expenses that may come up from time to time that they simply do not have funds to cover. This has long been an issue in our schools as many of our economically impacted schools simply do not have the resources in their immediate community of parents who traditionally have helped Principals through PTA organizations.

The Fund can be considered a much needed safety net, or last resort dollars, for these schools that run into financial situations that their budgets simply have not provided for, and for which they have no alternative funding. The logistics of the Fund are simple by design; a request is sent to the Foundation from a Principal, the Foundation reviews the request and then it is forwarded to Vicki Miller. Vicki will contact the Principal for more feedback to help determine whether or not to send the request to the entire committee.

"Thanks to the dedication and support of Vicki and the entire Principals' Fund Committee, we have created an asset that provides leadership, funding and advising. What we are learning is that there are often resources out there that are simply not being tapped into and a wonderful byproduct of this grants process has been the identification of these resources," states Sherri Scott, Director of Donor Services and Administration. "There will always be a shortage of much needed dollars for our schools and we believe that this Fund will grow and become a valued resource for our schools for many years to come."

If you are interested in contributing to the Principals' Fund please contact Paul or Sherri at the Foundation office, 336.882.3298. 

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIGH POINT

Over 150 years ago our City's Forefathers could not have known that one day a resource would be established that would become a reservoir of hope and opportunity, but as we are in the year of the Sesquicentennial celebration, the Community Foundation continues to become more and more involved in projects and initiatives that focus upon improving the quality of life in High Point. Over the past eleven years the Foundation Trustees and staff have gone to great lengths to invest their leadership, vision and financial resources in several projects that have promoted the historical as well as the future significance of the High Point community.

"As most people know, the three-pronged mission of the Foundation is: one, raise an endowment that will serve the community forever; second, to oversee an Annual Grants program that will provide for the unmet needs of our local nonprofits; and third, to manage and nurture a family of Donor Advised Funds that will enable philanthropists in High Point to give more effectively and efficiently," shared Paul Lessard, President, HPCF. *"The fourth unofficial prong of our mission is to initiate worthwhile projects in the community that will make High Point a healthier, more vital and successful place for all of us to live. The Sesquicentennial Celebration is a remarkable milestone in the history of High Point and we at the Foundation are honored to be able to contribute to the future of this wonderful community that we love so much."*

Back in 2005, one of High Point's most symbolic links to the past was celebrated with the creation of the Plank Foreman Statue which had become one of the city's patriarchs, Jim Millis, Sr.'s, last big projects. Jim,

Sr., Jim Morgan, and Aaron Clinard began raising money for the creation of a statue sculpted by High Point's David Dowdy who has had artwork displayed all over the state. The Foundation also managed all the funds for the project that would immortalize High Point's original naming inspiration. For those of you who did not know, our beloved city just happened to be located on the "high point" of the famous Plank Road which played a key role in turning High Point into a thriving commercial center. Also, with the statue came the commissioning of a Bill Mangum painting of the Depot and the Plank Foreman Statue that can now be found in offices all over the city.

Other key roles that the Foundation has played in the upcoming celebration had been raising funds as well as managing the *Guardian Fund* which has underwritten the commissioning of the Sesquicentennial Police Badges that all officers are wearing for this most important anniversary year. They will then retire the badges in 2010 and the officers will keep them. In addition to this, the Foundation has played a key role in the commissioning of the *Guardian Statue* that will portray a High Point Police Officer. This will serve as a magnificent tribute to all High Point Police Officers, past, present and future with a special remembrance for those Officers who have died in the line of duty.

The Foundation has participated in other partnerships with the city that include such projects as the establishment of the Miracle Field Park. The Foundation managed a fund and also played an active role in raising funds for this innovative program that will be one of two in the state of North

Carolina. Again, this was an opportunity that the original founders of the High Point Community Foundation could foresee for the future where a financial resource that was built for permanence could enable High Point to accomplish great things.

Most recently, the Foundation has taken a very active role in supporting the Core City Project working with its Donor Advised Funds and corporate partners in the community to facilitate a critically important project that has the capacity to dramatically change the future of High Point for the better.

"The Foundation shares this community's optimism about the future of High Point. It is a privilege to serve as a resource, for this generation and beyond," said Joe Rawley, Chairman of HPCF. *"Our original Executive Board had the vision, courage and generosity to establish the Foundation as a way to encourage and facilitate philanthropy. We are grateful to all those who have invested assets, time and support to build on that foundation."*

The City of High Point will celebrate 150 years of striving and enduring to become a shining example of what ingenuity, hard work, and faith can produce. The High Point Community Foundation is proud to serve a supporting role in this great endeavor and we salute the enduring spirit of High Point. 🍷



FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WILLIAM AND VIRGINIA CORRIGAN FAMILY DONOR ADVISED FUND

This past May when Virginia (Ginnie) Loeb Corrigan passed away the High Point community lost a dedicated servant leader and philanthropist who was committed to serving the elderly and feeding High Point's most vulnerable populations.



*Virginia Corrigan and grandchildren
IV, Charlotte, Virginia, Sam, Will & Mac*

"Mrs. Corrigan was a woman who was deeply committed to her Catholic faith which she lived out through her service to her church and to those in our community who are often forgotten and neglected," stated Paul Lessard, President, HPCF. "We are deeply honored and very thankful that Mrs. Corrigan chose our Foundation to help continue her support of the organizations she cared so much about."

Ginnie, who was born in Rochester, NY on December 23rd, 1927 to Carl H. and Isabelle C. Loeb, was a graduate of Sacred Heart School in Suffern, NY. After a career with the United States State Department she married William (Bill) McRae Corrigan and moved to High Point, NC where Bill worked as an executive for Lilly Industrial Coatings.

Family was tremendously important to Ginnie and she took great pride in the accomplishments of her loved ones. She and Bill raised two daughters; Louise Corrigan Havens who now lives in Connecticut and Sallie Corrigan

Hendrix who resides in High Point. Together Ginnie's daughters gave her six grandchildren; William, Charlotte, Samuel, and Sophie Havens, and Trela R. and William McRae Hendrix who all brought great joy to Ginnie's life.

Ginnie's friends remember her as a woman who worked very quietly and humbly to help others. One of her great passions was her work at *Maryfield* where she was known as a prayerful and giving woman who

liked to serve the needs of those who were physically or financially unable to do things for themselves.

"Virginia was a wonderful woman who was very well liked and who had a true servant's heart," remembers Sister Lucy, President, Maryfield. "She always put the needs of others first and she was very committed to her faith and believed in the power of prayer. She faithfully served in our Chapel's 'perpetual adoration' prayer ministry and really understood the spiritual importance of integrating both faith and works."

Ginnie was also a dedicated volunteer for the *Reach to Recovery* program, a program for breast cancer patients served by breast cancer survivors. She served for many years as a volunteer and eventually became Program Chairman on the Board of Directors for the *American Cancer Society*.

Other volunteer interests for Ginnie included *Mobile Meals of High Point*, an organization committed to providing meals to people throughout the city who are unable to either afford or are physically incapable of feeding themselves.

"Mom wanted to insure that people all over this city received the food they needed," noted her daughter Sallie. "She understood that we are all God's children and that everyone has value and all deserved to live with dignity."

The William and Virginia Corrigan Family Donor Advised Fund has been established to perpetuate those philanthropic interests that Ginnie supported during her lifetime. Her daughters, Louise and Sallie, will serve as Advisors to the Fund and will one day pass this responsibility on to their children.



William and Virginia Corrigan

"The High Point Community Foundation loves to see families become involved in intergenerational philanthropy," noted Joe Rawley, Chairman, HPCF. "It is a wonderful way to teach children stewardship as well as perpetuating those values that the family holds dear to the next generation."

Bill and Virginia Corrigan have left a very significant legacy behind and through their daughters this Fund will continue to support those things they cared about most.



Catherine & Diane

"The Kenya Partners Project has been an amazing experience for me and my family," notes Hamrick. "I have seen God move in powerful ways to bring people in High Point together with Josam's village and in the process totally bless both parties. The Project has become a big part of my life. It has taught me that God's plans are bigger than all of us and that being a small part of incredible work can change your heart in so many ways."

The wide ranging project includes the construction of a Boarding School for orphans to attend who, up to now, have been just drifting in the winds of conflict, poverty, and hopelessness. It will provide orphans and vulnerable children with a very safe and healthy environment in which to live, learn and grow. Opening with its first students in January, 2009, it already has 383 students and will be able to accommodate 600 children when completed.

The project initially focused on up-fitting and supporting a small church-owned clinic. This facility now operates 24/7 and includes a full laborato-

ry, a maternity clinic, and a dental clinic. The medical clinic is also benefiting from the services of visiting Doctors and Dentists from High Point and many other areas throughout the US.

Another High Point donor-funded construction project was to build a small learning and feeding center at Squatter's Hill slum, where the poorest of the poor can receive both basic education and much-needed food, the only regular meal that many of these children may have. There are currently 150 pre-school children at this Center receiving teaching and 2 meals each day, six days a week.

Future plans include construction of two dormitories and a multi-purpose hall at the Boarding School (boarding students currently reside in classrooms set up as temporary dorm rooms). Also planned is full implementation of the agricultural project at the School, which will

not only help sustain the school, but will also serve as a demonstration project for the entire community to help combat the famine that is causing many to die of malnutrition.

One of the tools that Diane has used to educate potential Donors are mission teams that have come from various cities in the US that have exposed the visitors to the culture, the people and most of all, the dire needs that can be met with proper funding and prayer.

"We have had several of our Donor Advised Funds invest very significantly

in this project with both their financial resources and their time," shared Paul Lessard, President, HPCF. "It is so gratifying to see folks from High Point who are making philanthropic investments that are truly saving lives and bringing a whole new dimension to giving. This also helps us to understand how truly blessed we are."

One very powerful development with Josam's ministry occurred last year during a time of great political unrest in Kenya when thousands were being killed and abused. In the midst of all the violence and death, it was Josam's village that reached out and helped those who were being persecuted. It



Kenyan Children

underscores the awesome power of giving; for when it is done right, it empowers those who receive and as in this case the recipients in turn pass the blessing forward.

The Kenya Ministry is still very much a work in progress and they will continue to need additional funds and new supporters. If this project is of interest to you and your family's philanthropy, we would welcome your call at the Foundation 336.882.3298 and we will get you in touch with High Point's own Angel of Kenya, Diane Hamrick. 🙏

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY ATHLETES

SERVING HIGHER CAUSES

It will come as no surprise that High Point University is leading the charge in still another important arena in our community. These days with new buildings cropping up every few months on campus, exciting new developments in both academic programming and the student lifestyle, which continues set new standards for college living, High Point University is always on the move. Dr. Nido Qubein, who has been a loyal and generous supporter of the Community Foundation since the very beginning, is always focusing upon the nurturing of moral, ethical, and spiritual awareness in his student body. No where has this been more evident than in the University's enhanced expectations for community service within their students. One particularly productive group has been the HPU varsity athletes who are setting the pace for service above self which is dramatically changing the High Point community while also teaching life lessons that the athletes will never forget.

"As a former High Point University athlete, I can tell you without reservation, that some of the most important life lessons I learned were taught to me on the athletic fields at HPU and through the volunteer work I did as a student," remembers Paul Lessard, President, HPCE. *"It is amazing to me how these experiences formed my commitment to serving others and that so many of the relationships I enjoy today came about through volunteer experiences with the local soccer club, the NC Shakespeare Festival, the soccer clinics our team would do, and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Programs."*

The High Point Community Foundation's staff has had the pleasure of working with many of these



High Point University Athletes at American Children's Home

athletes over the years and has greatly appreciated the willingness of the administration, coaches, and athletes to lend their time, energy, and compassion to promote good causes. Their track record speaks for itself and it includes: five HPU Teams working with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Baseball Team's affiliation with the establishment of the Miracle Field, the extensive involvement with the Special Olympics and the United Way, the monthly visits to the American Children's Home, and a long-term relationship with a local soccer club, PTFC, where they serve as coaches and referees.

"Our athletes are truly remarkable young men and women who do see the big picture and want to be able to touch the lives of those who are in need, or who may not have been blessed with the same opportunities they have enjoyed," stated April Wines, Assistant Athletic Director, High Point University. *"Athletic Director Craig Keilitz and our entire Athletic Department are committed to developing our Athletes into leaders who care and understand that we*

are all called to contribute in whatever way we can to make our world a better place - we believe that this is an essential part of the HPU educational experience."

The community service undertaken by the athletes is spread throughout the community where they are serving as YMCA field Marshals, raising money for the local Pregnancy Crisis Center, supporting the good work of the Amani Foundation that is serving orphans in Africa, helping with the "Dig for the Cure" which raised over \$4000.00 for the Susan G. Koman Foundation that is working for the cure of breast cancer, and even unloading pumpkins for a local church's fundraiser. Other charitable work has included building homes for Habitat for Humanity, serving as volunteers for the Annual Warren Rives Run that benefits the local Heart Strides Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program, and volunteering at the Allen J. Community Center. Finally there is always a

HP University athletes... ➤ page 23

FOUNDATION WORKS WITH GLENN CHAVIS TO PUBLISH BOOK ON HIGH POINT'S BLACK HISTORY

For those of you who are familiar with Glenn Chavis' writing, it will come as no surprise that he has now completed a book that will chronicle the last hundred and fifty years of Black history in High Point. Glenn has become a well known personality for his articles in the High Point Enterprise that share interesting bits and pieces of a life that many of us, the African-American Community included, have never known. He is not the kind of historian who treads gently and he has always been willing to dispel historical legends and mistakes. Before he dove into his historical mission, he had lived the life of a very successful corporate man who made his reputation on his unceasing drive and his ability to always get the job done right. He is a man of great integrity and he is extremely detailed oriented which makes him the perfect historical sleuth.



Glenn Chavis

"I believe that history should be the yardstick by which we measure our social conscience and it should always drive us to do those things that are fair, just, and noble," states Chavis. "This is why I think it is so important to accurately chronicle and always remember those things that have happened in the past."

Over the years Paul Lessard, President, HPCF, who has long been an admirer of Chavis' writing, began discussing the possibility of underwriting the publishing of the collected works of Chavis. In the last year this conversation became more focused and gained a new partner in the High Point Museum staff, and in particular, Edith Brady. Most recently, Edith and Glenn found a publisher and the Community Foundation went to work to assist with fundraising to have the book published.

"Glenn is a High Point original and his work is extremely important to the High Point African-American Community and the community at large," notes Paul Lessard, President HPCF. "We began talking to Glenn years ago and

encouraging him to pull his material together so it could be published because we believed that this was information that future generations needed to have. We are so pleased to see the Museum step-up and shepherd this project and I am very proud of the support the Robert and Sallie Brown Family Fund has so generously given to this project."

The publishing of the book is actually being done by a company that has High Point roots and the owner, Kathy Carter, is a former professor at High Point University who has established a publishing resource that focuses upon smaller book projects and magazines. The local connection seems very appropriate for the spirit of the project and it is anticipated that the book will be out soon.

"Glenn is a very special man who has a great love for our community and it is such an honor to work with him on this project," shares Edith Brady, High Point Museum. "This book will be the culmination of many years of hard work that truly deserves to be preserved for posterity." 🍌

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steady stream of HPU athletes doing free clinics for local youth sports programs and providing a consistent presence in our local schools.

If this sounds like a remarkable commitment on behalf of these athletes, it truly is when you consider that these athletes are also juggling a full schedule of classes along with a very demanding NCAA Division 1 training and playing commitment. Many other University Athletic Programs might look at this and wonder why this additional responsibility would be placed on the athletes. The answer can

be found in President Qubein's belief in the importance of every student learning that they must always seek "significance over success" in life to truly impact their world.

"At High Point University we believe in developing the whole person, intellectually, spiritually, morally, and physically for that is what our world needs more than ever today: intelligent leaders who are driven by a moral and social conscience," states Dr. Qubein, President, High Point University. "We believe that our graduates should and do stand out in the work place because they understand that life is more than just the accumulation of wealth. It is

instead, our individual capacity to change our world for the better every single day."

Like the rapidly growing University, High Point Athletics is on the move and continuing to make a huge impact upon the community at large. They have become a tremendous force for good that is impacting people of all ages, incomes, and backgrounds with their energy, compassion, and service. The High Point Community Foundation salutes these very special young men and women and looks forward to many more philanthropic partnerships in the years to come. 🍌

LONGTIME FRIEND OF THE FOUNDATION RETIRES

Lula Cook of Bank of America heads off to retirement after 45 years

When the Community Foundation was still in its infancy, the Bank of America organization was handling two extremely important Donor Advised Funds. Part of the management team was a very nurturing and helpful Account Executive who came to be a dear friend of the Foundation, Lula Cook. She was the kind of partner who always stepped up when there was a need, who remembered and attended all the important Foundation events, and who always had a word of encouragement.

"Lula is a dear friend who has always

been there for the High Point Community Foundation," remembers Paul Lessard, President. *"She was the consummate professional who cared deeply about her customers who were in fact her friends. You could always depend on Lula to be there when you needed her and she has been a wonderful representative for Bank of America over the years. We will miss her deeply."*

Lula started her career at the North Carolina Bank which later became part of the Bank of America organization. She is one of the few employees of the Bank who can claim 45 years of service. Her entire career was spent in the Trust Department in the Winston-Salem Office which serves both Winston-Salem and High Point.

She was a Certified Trust and Financial Advisor and was a member of long standing with the Planning Council of Winston-Salem of which she was a past Chairman. Lula was the consummate professional who made all those around her better. Her impact upon the Bank and her kindness to the High Point Community Foundation will long be remembered and appreciated.

The leadership of the High Point Community Foundation recognizes the very significant contributions Lula has made over the years and thanks her for her loyal and committed service. The Community Foundation family wishes Lula God's speed and fair winds in this new chapter of her life. 🍷

HOMEGROWN LEADER WHO IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN HIGH POINT

James LeGrande

One of High Point's most needed resources today are positive male role-models for the African-American community. Currently our



James LeGrande

community has an overabundance of single African-American Mothers working and trying desperately to raise families at the same time. One of the consequences of this phenomenon are the rapidly growing numbers of young African American boys who are turning to gangs for male affirmation and what appears, on the surface, to be a more lucrative lifestyle.

In the past few years, there have been several remarkable African-American men who have stepped up to fill this leadership void. One of High Point's

finest examples of this new wave of compassionate, community oriented leaders is a homegrown product who was educated in our public schools and stayed in High Point to carve out a very successful business career. James LeGrande attended Andrews High School where he starred in football and participated in the concert band. After he graduated he went on to study at A&T University. Upon earning his undergraduate degree, he returned to High Point where he has been pouring his life into providing the mentoring and life example that he benefited from years ago.

To meet James is to immediately recognize a man on a mission. He is a fit, handsome man whose bright, friendly eyes and quick smile communicate a message of optimism, focus, and an undying desire to help High Point become a better place for all of us to live. His volunteer work includes being one of the founding members of the *Five Points Community Pride*

Association. He is very involved with the *United Way of Greater High Point* where he is a member of the Board of Directors and he currently serves as the Chair of the *African American Initiative* as well as a Committee member of *Children's Initiatives*. He also serves on the *NIA Community Action Center* Board of Directors (a local grassroots AIDS prevention and identification organization), is a member of the *Providence Church* Board of Directors, and is a member of the *Communities in Schools* Board of Directors.

"James is an outgoing, friendly, and very competent leader who is making a huge difference in High Point," notes Bobby Smith, President, *United Way of Greater High Point*. *"He is someone you can always count on and he truly has a vision, not only for the African American community, but for the community at large."*

James is the father of an Andrews High School Junior, Tierra, who is

getting ready to start making decisions about college and beyond. He is employed by the Richardson Safety Equipment Company where he serves as a Sales Manager and it is easy to see that James has never met a stranger.

This past year James was named to the inaugural Grants Committee of the new *Heart of High Point Fund*. This fund, which will be dedicated to

meeting the "basic needs" of the community, has been funded with an endowment that the Committee oversees and helps to distribute.

"James is a true gentleman and one of the most active and hardworking volunteers in this community," states Sherri Scott, Director of Donor Services and Administration, HPCF. *"High Point is*

fortunate to have a leader with such a compassionate heart."

It has often been said that the right man at the right time can change the world, and for High Point, that man is James LeGrande who learned so long ago that without a vision hope cannot flourish. James is one man we can always count on to keep this hope for High Point alive. 🍷

FOUNDATION RALLIES AROUND CORE CITY HIGH POINT PLAN

High Point is a city in transition these days with the dramatic change in our economic base which has depended upon manufacturing for decades. As the lion's share of these manufacturing operations has gone overseas High Point has seen a dramatic change in makeup of the downtown area. What was once a very active and busy downtown has since become dormant except for the activity of the Furniture Market that comes in twice a year.



Wendy Fuscoe
Core City
Executive Director

The High Point city leadership has recognized this challenge and in a bold move to address the issue, they have formed a new organization called *Core City High Point, Inc.* which will become more and more visible in the weeks to come. The mission is to redevelop and revitalize a key area of our city that will include; Eastchester/N. College/E. Lexington on the north, US311 Bypass on the east, West Market/Surrey/Business 85 on the south, and Westchester on the West.

The leaders in this most important

initiative include: Tom Terrell, Jay Wagner, Lisa Shankle, Julius Clark, Jim Summey, Aaron Clinard, Bruce Davis, Dennis Leach, Ray McAllister, Jim Morgan, Leah Price, Gary Simon, Ed Price, Hal Johnson, Janette McNeill, Marjorie Rorie, as well as City Council members Bill Bencini, Bernita Sims, Michael Pugh, and John Faircloth.

The Executive Director of *Core City High Point, Inc.* is an old friend to High Point, Wendy Fuscoe. She worked with the City years ago and played an integral role in the critically important Water Project that has been such a resource of High Point over the years. Wendy had spent the interim years between these two projects working in ministry. She worked on the leadership staff at Samaritan's Purse, a world-wide Christian relief agency, which is headed up by the well-known evangelist Billy Graham's son, Franklin. Her educational background includes engineering degrees from both UNC Chapel Hill as an undergraduate and NC State where she completed her Masters. Wendy brings a strong combination of skills to the endeavor.

"We are so fortunate to have someone of Wendy's experience, expertise, and char-

acter heading up this project," states Paul Lessard, President, HPCF. *"She has already brought energy and vision to this most important project and the Foundation is pleased to be able to play a role in helping her change our city for the better."*

The Community Foundation has taken a very active role in raising money for this cause. Some donations have come from traditional local businesses that have always supported the community, such as North State Communications and High Point Bank. Other donations have come from Donor Advised Funds, many of whom are affiliated with the families and companies that have been active and supportive of the downtown for decades. The Foundation is matching funds with the Hayden Harmon Foundation which has already pledged a very substantial amount of money to fund the marketing and early administrative needs of the new Core City organization.

As the *Core City High Point Plan* continues to unfold you can be sure that the Foundation will be there to support and encourage all efforts to make the High Point community a robust and successful place for all of us to live, raise a family, and run a business. 🍷

Reaching Students with New Technologies to Educate and Inspire

Today's students represent one of the most challenging generations to teach as they are, without doubt, the most media savvy this country has ever seen. Whether it is X-Box, facebook, HDTV, MySpace, or even Google, these kids can now get information within seconds and it is often delivered in a very entertaining and dramatic fashion. So, this presents a real challenge to educators. How do you reach this new breed of student with critically important academic, health, and character messages without putting them to sleep?

One of the newest approaches in education that is already positively impacting our students in High Point and the Triad is being presented by the *New Xperience Entertainment* organization and their Mobile Cinema Park Network. It is a system of programs that do indeed grab and hold the attention of our local students with technology, flair, and good old fashioned fun. The technology includes a high definition video presentation that incorporates advanced visual effects and unique sensory aspects that will remind many of Disney World, and a unique approach to learning that presents subjects in a very hip and exciting way which young people will relate to.

"The Community Foundation first heard about these programs a couple of months ago and could see immediately that this had the capacity to very positively impact the learning experiences of our local students," states Paul Lessard, President, HPCF. *"So many of our young people in High Point simply have not been exposed to experiences that*



every child should have, understand and be able to benefit from so that they can reach their full intellectual potential. We learned a long time ago that one of the best gifts we can give our kids is the gift of knowledge and exposure."

The system's offerings include: "The Human Experience" which is an examination of those elements that compose our life, the "Keep It Wild" program which takes a closer look at the animal kingdom, "Journey Through the Universe" which is all about our planet, the solar system, and space exploration, and "Addicted to Life" which is a multi-sensory educational program designed to promote prevention of substance abuse. All of these programs are presented with the help of different technologies which include; a 3-D projection system, laser lighting, and electronic audience interactivity. *"Teachers are looking for something that will engage their students,"* said Tamika Bain, Vice-President of New Xperience Entertainment. *"Our technology offers a high definition system that is so advanced that even movie theaters don't have this technology."*

The inspiration and energy behind this project is a husband and wife team, Tamika and Kenneth Bain, who found this new technology in Israel and could immediately see that it had enormous potential for helping students in the United States. Tamika is a graduate of A&T University where she studied human development. Kenneth is an entrepreneur and businessman while Tamika provides the marketing, energy, and passion for changing the lives of young people.

These programs have already been used in local schools and the results have been impressive. The kids not only pay attention, but learn faster and retain more because of the mode of delivery. Some of these young people have never been out of High Point, never flown on a plane, never stayed in a hotel, or visited a museum or a university. Mobile Cinema Park provides a unique method to bring the field trip to the students and as of today, this technology can only be found in High Point.



If you are interested in learning more about Mobile Cinema Park, contact Tamika Bain at 336.294-7770. 📞

FOUNDATION SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S INITIATIVES AT UNITED WAY OF GREATER HIGH POINT

Foundation grants come to the rescue of Daycare Scholarship Program

One of High Point's most challenging issues, at this point in our history, is the daunting task of raising the level of education in all of our economic populations. Currently, High Point has one of the highest rates of high school dropouts and illiteracy in the Triad. There is also a significant lack of adults with either a two-year associate degree or a full four-year degree living in our community. The local historians will trace these issues back to High Point's historical manufacturing economy which employed thousands for decades with jobs that did not require advanced education.

These days with the manufacturing jobs now relocated overseas, the community is evolving towards the new economy which many believe will be in the fields of technology, commerce, and exhibition. The common denominator in all of these new industries is the absolute need for advanced education and therein lies the challenge. How does High Point change this mindset and create an environment in which current and future generations are educated and ready to become productive in the new economies that will take High Point forward? If you ask Barbara Frye of the United Way of Greater High Point she will tell you that it must start early.

"The most critical time in the development of a child's mind is during the first five years," notes Frye. "A quality daycare scholarship program is the single best way to insure that each child has the proper exposure and preparation to be successful in school and in life."

This past year the High Point Community Foundation's Grants



Bobby Smith, Kem Ellis, Barbara Frye, Bonnie Craig, Terry Aiken, Paul Lessard

Committee underscored the organization's commitment to education by allocating \$32,000 to support a United Way program that is addressing the issue of placing economically challenged children in quality 4 or 5 star daycare programs in High Point. The Foundation partnered with the United Way in an effort to match this grant.

"The Foundation believes that our community's future rests upon our ability to educate all of our children. We can not afford to leave any behind," states Lessard. "This issue goes beyond altruism and is now a question of social justice and plain morality... every child's life in the community is precious and preparing these children is a moral imperative."

Matching funds were contributed by gifts from two Donor Advised Funds established for children's educational programs. In this case the Bonnie Craig "Commitment for Quality Day Care" Fund, which was initiated with assets from the Developmental Daycare organization, has given \$10,000 to match the Foundation's investment. This investment certainly rings true to Craig's life-long commitment to caring for children.

Terry Aiken, Chairman of

Developmental Daycare, hopes that this will serve as an inspiration for others to support this most important cause.

"Bonnie believes that every child is a miracle that needs to be nurtured, invested in, and loved," notes Aiken. "We are honored to make this gift to the United Way's program and we hope that this will inspire others in the community will do likewise."

In addition to the gift from the Bonnie Craig Fund, an additional \$10,000 was donated from the Violet Hutchens "Children's Education" Fund that honors a woman who spent her life investing in the lives of young people and working with her family's business, Glenn's Sewing Machine Company on English Road.

"Mrs. Hutchens was a remarkable woman who loved children and spent her life making sure that the needs of High Point's young people were met," shares Lessard. "I know she would have been very excited about this program and I'd like to think that every child who goes through this scholarship program will take a little bit of Bonnie's and Violet's spirit with them as they successfully move through their educational careers." 🍀

DETERMINATION PAYS OFF FOR KIRKMAN PARK PRINCIPAL

This past winter the teachers and administrators at Kirkman Park Elementary School were facing a quandary as their field trip to Washington DC was rapidly approaching and they were beginning to get desperate to secure adequate funding. For the first time, Kirkman Park had the opportunity to take their fifth graders to Washington, DC. They planned to tour the city; see the national monuments, the capital building, the White House, Mt. Vernon, and the Smithsonian Museum and much more. It was an important rite of passage for these young people as it would be the first time many of them had traveled outside of High Point, the first time they would stay overnight in a hotel, and definitely the first time they have ever had the opportunity to rub elbows with members of our country's Congress and House of Representatives. Despite the rapidly approaching date and lack of funding the one

secret weapon the 5th graders from Kirkman had in their corner was a Principal who simply would not take no for an answer.

The Principal in question, Naquita Brewington-McCormick, is a hard-charging career educator who rose up from very difficult beginnings and knows a thing or two about overcoming challenges. She entered the world as the daughter of an unwed high school senior who almost everyone had written off. What they didn't realize was that the Brewington girls had big dreams and they were also blessed with a sense of "true grit" that enabled them to sacrifice, strive and ultimately overcome any obstacle the world might throw their way. In the end Naquita's Mother pulled herself up with her own bootstraps to become a successful career woman who inspired and motivated her daughter to not just graduate from A&T University, but to also earn a

Masters Degree and become one of the standout Principals in the Guilford County School system.

So, when the fundraising efforts for the Washington Trip failed to raise enough money, Naquita remembered hearing about the new Principals' Fund that had been established at the High Point Community Foundation. She went after a grant with the same intensity and laser focus that she brings to everything else in her life.

"Naquita was very passionate about the importance of this trip for her students," stated Sherri Scott, Director of Donor Services and Administration, HPCE. *"It was obvious to me and the entire Committee that this woman really cared about her students and was willing to go to any lengths to insure that each one of them got the opportunity to make this trip."*

After receiving the grant request it became very obvious to the





Kirkman Park 5th graders & Senator Richard Burr

Committee that this was a project that not only fit the Fund's criteria and was for last resort dollars, but this Principal was very strong and effective with her follow-through. After the Principals' Fund Committee discussed the project, they voted to support it and the check for the trip was in Naquita's hands in less than a week. The students got to make the trip of lifetime, they learned all about the history of their great nation, and most of all they learned a lot about themselves and the world outside High Point.

"We are so pleased with this grant and could not think of a finer group to receive our first grant," shared Vicki Miller, Chairman, Principals' Fund. *"When Mrs. McCormick invited our*

Committee over to meet the students who made the trip, we were impressed with their behavior, their appreciation for the trip, the outstanding condition of their school and the professionalism of the Teaching and Administrative Staff. They presented us with a wonderful notebook that told us all about the trip and it was very obvious that the students were still excited about the trip and they had learned a lot in Washington. We could not be more pleased with the outcome of this grant."

The Trip will no doubt be the first of many for these young students, but there is something magical about your first time away from home and the memories of this trip will no doubt stay with them for some time to come. The Principals' Fund

Committee also learned a lot with this first grant as they saw the incredible power for positive change that good teaching and strong leadership can bring for a school. The Kirkman Park students are indeed led by a woman who is not afraid to take on a challenge; and isn't that a life lesson that every child should be exposed to? We salute Principal Naquita Brewington-McCormick, her Staff, and most of all her wonderful students who we will all be watching with great expectation to see what great things these special students will accomplish in their academic careers.

If you are interested in contributing to the Principals' Fund please contact the Foundation office, 336.882.3298. 🏛️

SHAVITZ FAMILY FUND CREATING A LEGACY AT THE AMERICAN HEBREW ACADEMY

Nestled in a quiet, upscale suburban neighborhood right here in Greensboro, North Carolina is one of the most extraordinary private learning institutions in the world. The American Hebrew Academy which was established in 1996 was the dream of a remarkable visionary named Maurice Sabba affectionately known by all as "Chico." His idea was to create a "first of it's kind" academic community in which Jewish teenagers from around the world and from all Jewish denominations could come together to enrich their knowledge of Jewish culture, history, and religious practice while being rigorously prepared for admission into the finest Colleges and Universities in the world.

The culmination of "Chico's" dream began in 1999 with the purchase of 100 wooded acres with lake-frontage which appeared tailor-made for his educational vision. Following a national architectural competition for the design of the campus, Frank Lloyd Wright's associate architect, Aaron Green was commissioned to create the master plan for the campus and the building designs for every building the Academy would eventually need for the immediate future and beyond.

In 2001 the American Hebrew Academy opened its doors to 77 pioneering students ("Chalutzim) and during the first year both students and

faculty endured on-going construction across the entire campus. Today the Academy, whose buildings were constructed using stone quarried and shipped from Israel, is a breathtakingly beautiful collection of state-of-the-art classrooms, world-class athletic facilities, an unsurpassed park-like campus, and a hi-tech security system was designed by former members of Israel's legendary national security agency. Over the past eight years the Academy has graduated students who have continued their educational careers at some of the finest higher learning institutions in the world.

One of the Academy's most ardent and enthusiastic supporters was a well-known and beloved High Pointer whose generosity in our community has touched many lives. Stanley Shavitz, a respected leader in our business community, caught "Chico's" vision early on and not only invested financially, but also used his well known lobbying skills to build important relationships for the school.

One of the fruits of Stanley's generosity is the *Stanley Shavitz Language Lab* which offers the Academy Students a state of the art linguistics program from which they can learn not only Hebrew, but seven other languages as well. Like the entire school, the Lab is designed to be interactive with the students' laptops which

allows the students to simply "plug-in" and go to work. With a unique audio driven learning program, a student can access software through a completely automated language learning system that serves all of the students in learning Hebrew, and assists the Academy's international student body which represents 14 foreign countries, to date.

The Language Program, like all other classes at the Academy, integrates the Jewish faith and culture into its curriculum and even provides live television programming directly from Israel allowing the students to test their language skills in a real-world environment.

"My Father unfortunately did not live long enough to see this incredible learning lab in its finished form," states Steve Shavitz, Stanley's Son. *"I know that he would have really loved the final product and it is a source of great pride for my family to have my Father's name memorialized in this room."*

Stanley's beautiful wife Phyllis sees the Academy and the Language Lab as an investment in the future, not only for her Jewish community in Greensboro, but for the entire Jewish world community. The perpetuation of the spiritual and cultural history amidst the excellence of the academic environment is a gift that the Shavitz family knows will keep on giving for generations to come.

"Members of the Shavitz family are dear and greatly valued friends of mine and the Community Foundation," shares Paul Lessard, President, HPCF. *"I am so proud of the work they have done at the Hebrew Academy and I am honored that our Foundation is able to work with an organization like the Academy that strives for excellence in body, mind, and spirit."* 🕯️



American Hebrew Academy Campus



FOUNDATION LOSES DEAR FRIEND AND SUPPORTER

Ray Burrow, a man of compassion and generosity 1929-2009



The High Point Community Foundation lost a dear friend and one of the original members of the inaugural Board of Trustees when Ray Burrow passed away on January 9th, 2009. Ray, a well-known and respected local businessman and community leader, was a gentle man who had great compassion, a true commitment to the High Point Community and a deep and abiding love for his family.



Kester Ray Burrow

Ray was born March 20th, 1929 to Kester and Alene Corn Burrow in High Point, North Carolina where he lived, went to school and worked all his life. He attended High Point High School. After school, Ray co-founded Wayne Trademark Printing and Packaging Company which quickly grew into a very successful business that both of his sons eventually joined making it not only a family enterprise, but also a shared passion.

He was member of Lebanon United Methodist Church where he served on the Administrative Board as well as other various Church Committees over the years. He was a member of the High Point Lion's Luncheon Club and served as their President (1984-1985). He was a Board Member of the High Point Cancer Society and an honorary Board Member of the High Point Red Cross where he played a critical role in the building of their new corporate offices. He was a Board Member of the United Way of Greater High Point, a member of the North Carolina Zoo's President's circle, a member of the Methodist Vision Builder's Society, a supporter of Mobile Meals of High Point, and a

Board Member of Habitat for Humanity.

"Ray was a dear friend to the Community Foundation as well as many other nonprofit organizations in our community," states Jim Morgan, Founding Chairman, HPCF. He understood that life is so much more than the accumulation of wealth.

Ray was a loving and caring husband to his beautiful wife, Tanya Harris Burrow, with whom he shared all of life's blessings, challenges and joys. He was a man of faith and compassion. He was a faithful friend, a community leader and volunteer, and a role-model to his family and all who were fortunate enough to know and work with him.

"Ray was one of the very first to commit his leadership and his financial support to our fledgling Community Foundation," notes Paul Lessard, President. "But more importantly, he was someone I could always go to for advice. I so admired his compassionate heart. He may have been one of the most gentle men I have ever known and he loved his family so deeply that it always made me want to be a better husband and father. I will miss Ray and I am so thankful that I had the chance to be his friend."

Ray was a thoughtful man who went to great lengths to support those endeavors that he truly believed in and this manifested itself in leadership as well as financial investment. The philanthropic vision of Ray Burrow included generous gifts to High Point Regional Health System, High Point University, Lebanon United Methodist Church, and the Ministries of God mission to Belize for which he underwrote the construction of a church in an area that had been

oppressed by voodoo paganism for generations.

The High Point YMCA was another organization that Ray believed in and to underscore this he donated a house to them to support their future programming. The American Red Cross of High Point now resides in a beautiful, modern facility on Phillips Drive in High Point because of Ray's financial generosity. This organization is still benefiting from the Burrow family leadership through his sons who continue to honor their father's memory with their service.

Ray took great joy in covering the costs of sending Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes overseas for over 12 years, he was a long-time donor to UNC-TV, and for five years he was in charge of his Church's night at Open Door Ministries for which he provided all the food. Perhaps what was most emblematic of his heart for Christ, Ray made crosses for church members to put in their yards at Easter for which each family made a donation to the Youth Fund at Lebanon. Ray's commitment to giving brings to mind the wisdom of the proverbs that reminds us all that where a man invests his money so goes his heart.

Ray was a member of the Founding Board of Trustees of the HPCF and he was also one of the Foundation's most generous supporters with very substantial gifts during his lifetime and through a very generous bequest. Most importantly, Ray was truly committed and passionate about the Foundation's mission of serving the unmet needs of the community. We wish his greatly beloved wife Tanya and his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren God's grace and blessings and our prayers for their profound loss. 🙏

REVEREND SONNY REAVIS IS A DANGEROUS MAN

... and he has a vision for the Ward Street Community that just might change things forever

Anyone who has worked with Sonny Reavis will tell you that the man is a visionary and like T.E. Lawrence, of Lawrence of Arabia fame, who wrote in his memoirs, *"The dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dreams with open eyes to make them possible."* Reavis has been acting out his dreams in the Ward Street Community for six years now and while his official status is that of Pastor of the Ward Street Mission Church it is safe to say that he is the "go-to" man for those who live in that area. When Reavis first arrived in the community it was infested with drugs, crime, and poverty that went beyond the material- for it was a poverty of the mind and the spirit. The congregation of the Church he inherited had nearly faded away. There was a sense of helplessness that prevailed throughout the community.

"We would call our community the "Oh my gosh" part of town for if someone wandered into it by mistake that was the first phrase that would come to mind," remembers Reavis. *"There were so many needs it was almost hard to figure out where to start, so we simply began to address the most obvious ones."*

This work began with the establishment of a pantry and community kitchen because people were hungry. Next they established a thrift shop because people needed clothes. Next came a library, a bicycle pass-back ministry, and things just seemed to grow from there. A daycare program was established. AA and NA chapters were formed to address the prevalence of drug and alcohol abuse which impacted almost everyone who lived in the area. Soon there were classes for area residents, programs that cared for school age children in the after-

noons, and a music ministry that was helping to grow the church.

"We could see early on that this community had little or no resources so we did what any good mission church would do, we looked to our sister churches for help," notes Reavis. *"In time, money, resources, and volunteers came into Ward Street and with them came hope."*

A partnership with Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church grew into a vibrant relationship that would bring one of the most diverse collections of people together every Thursday night when they served a community meal. The program grew and with it came a renewed sense of hope that began to spread throughout the community. Open drug trafficking began to disappear and people began to feel safer in their neighborhood.

"We have so many different nationalities in the Ward Street Community and in the past, people just didn't interact; and what you don't know you tend to fear," shared Reavis. *"When the people of the community saw that we were here to stay and truly cared about them, we began to build relationships and ultimately it is all about relationships."*

As the community programming grew so did the church. Today there are leaders in the congregation who were once crack addicts, homeless, and even engaged in criminal pursuits simply because that was the norm of the old community. Today these folks are investing back into their community and with help from the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church and grants from the High Point Community Foundation, the Ward Street area is evolving. Now one can



*Pastor
Sonny Reavis*

see a true community forming where people know and care for one another and where hope is more than just an attractive concept in a sermon.

This new vision would be the creation of a rehabilitation center that would address the issues of drug and alcohol abuse in a much larger and more impacting manner. The program would be one that is patterned after other projects around the country where education and healing take place through programming in the center; but unlike most, the help would not end at the completion of the course. Instead of shipping the graduates out, the Ward Street Center would simply transition them into the community and keep them in an environment that would continue to encourage their healing.

"At some level we all strive to be in community, we all want to be around people who know us and love us," states Reavis. *"We have actually seen people who attend a rehab program immerse themselves in a therapeutic community that fosters healing and accountability; they graduate and then almost immediately relapse. We believe that many folks relapse because they are sent out on their own, often to the places where they got in trouble to begin with."*

Reavis sees this project as a perfect fit for a part of town that is, in many respects, isolated and cast off. The Rehabilitation Center would fit in very nicely with all the other programs that the Ward Street Mission is currently running and it would attract new funding to an area that desperately needs it. Like all the other things Reavis has helped establish, this project would promote a new level of community and healing that could impact the lives of many over the years.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Ward Street Community or wish to contribute resources or volunteer labor please contact Sonny Reavis at 336.884.1379 🍷



A REMEMBRANCE OF ALLEN TILLEY

Friend, Supporter, and Inspiration



The High Point Community Foundation, the community of High Point, and the Triad lost a beloved leader, philanthropist, and friend in June when Allen Tilley passed away. Allen was a remarkable man who loved his God, his family and his community. He lived out the words found in the book of Micah that instructs each of us to "do justice, to love kindness, and walk humbly with our God."

He was faithful to his family. He and his beautiful wife Nancy had been married for 50 years and it was immediately obvious when you were with them that Nancy was his true north, his one very special true love with whom he shared everything in life. He was a father who loved with compassion, patience, and wisdom and his daughter Tracy and her husband Michael, his son Gregory, and his son Scott and his wife Shelby were his treasures on earth. He was also a dotting and gentle Grandfather to Tyler,

Ragan, Samantha, Scout, Taylor, Madison, and Hudson for whom he has left a priceless legacy of modeling what it looks like to be a faithful husband, father and grandfather.

Allen had long been considered one of the deans of the triad investment community in which he worked for 45 years. During that time he founded two successful investment businesses, Independence Securities in Greensboro and the Merrill Lynch Office in High Point. He cared deeply for his clients, his co-workers and his friends.

Allen was faithful to his community. He was a generous and committed community leader, a philanthropist, a dear and valued friend of the High Point Community Foundation, he was active with the Glenwood Community Breakfast, the Glenwood Lion's Club, the Rotary Club of High Point, and Mobile Meals... he was a man who understood the importance of sharing God's blessings.

Allen was a Marine who understood the value and significance of the Latin words *Semper Fidelis*, "Always

Faithful". To anyone who has served in the Corps these words are forever burned into their hearts and minds.

They represent a sacred covenant, a life philosophy, and a promise that simply means that in all things, in all ways, a Marine is faithful to his God, his family, his friends, his country, his Corps, and his mission. In a time in which so many things in our world have become gray and subjective, when commitment and honor are often thought as anachronistic; it is reassuring to know that this commitment to be "Always Faithful" is and always will be inviolate... and it will always stand for that which is most noble and true in our humanity.

I can think of no higher praise to give a man than this; he loved well, served faithfully, honored his God and poured his life into his family, his friends, and his community and in the process left this world a better place simply because he has lived. 🕊



SAVE THE DATE ~ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009



The Miracle League of High Point is now in the process of building a specially equipped baseball field that will give mentally and physically challenged children the recreational opportunity they deserve. The "Field of Dreams" is located at the High Point Athletic Complex on School Park Road in High Point.

The Miracle League of High Point is now recruiting coaches, buddies, and players for the first fall season and plans to have construction complete for opening day on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 10:00a.m.

Please visit www.high-point.net/pr/miracleleaguefield.cfm for more information.

WORLD RELIEF OF HIGH POINT EMPOWERING LOCAL CHURCHES TO REACH OUT AND SERVE THE WORLD

Right here in High Point there is an organization that has been working with local churches enabling them to touch the lives of the most vulnerable and oppressed in countries all over the world. Their core mission is focused upon transforming the lives of people from all cultures and religions economically, socially, and spiritually. They are doing this by providing disaster relief, child development, child survival, AIDS prevention and treatment, agricultural aid, micro financing, refugee care, immigrant services, and trafficking victim protection. If this sounds like a heavy load, you can be sure that it is and yet this is an organization that is committed to changing the world one life at a time.

The World Relief organization was established in 1940s when the leading American Religious denominations realized that they had a unique means of addressing the crucial needs of post World War II Europe. In the 1950s they changed their name from the War Relief to World Relief to reflect the evolving nature of their ministry. They expanded their sphere of influence beyond Europe to all parts of the world where they undertook economic development, set up TB clinics, supported orphans, and even went into land reclamation projects.

In the 60s and 70s they realized the need to foster long-term programs to prevent tragedies and empower the

poor. They were soon assuming critical roles in providing humanitarian relief in Bangladesh, Chad, Senegal, Ethiopia, Sudan, Haiti, and with the Vietnamese "Boat People" crisis. By the 80s and 90s World Relief had established over 10,000 new churches overseas and was playing major relief roles with in the Philippines and the famine in Africa with a \$7 million project in Ethiopia that fed over 90,000 people. They were also present in Afghanistan during the Soviet-led invasion and later played a key role in the relief work in the Balkans when they distributed medical supplies in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Most recently, World Relief has become a lifeline for those caught up in the famines in southern Africa, the massive earthquakes in El Salvador, India, and Iran as well as the tsunami in Indonesia. Their future focus has seen a dramatic expansion of the World Relief's HIV/AIDS ministries that is now reaching hundreds of thousands throughout the world with care, support and AIDS education.

Here in High Point the most visible sign of their work is the tremendous job they have been doing resettling refugees throughout the city. The job is daunting as many of these folks are still staggering from the physical and psychological wounds of their past, while at the same time, trying to adjust to a new and confusing culture. The families have been extremely well

supported by World Relief and because of their care and attention; these refugees have rapidly assimilated and become successfully productive citizens who are now adding to our tax base.

Tasha Lee who works at the World Relief office located at 2029 Centennial Street, High Point, sees the organization as vehicle through which everyone in our community can touch the lives of those in our world that desperately need help.

"We believe that every human life has value and we have seen over the years that the people in High Point are very willing to give of their time, their leadership and their vision to positively impact those who suffer and go without," stated Tasha. "We hope that by learning more about our organization we might be able to get more help with the families we are relocating locally as they are truly deserving people who can be a great addition to our city."

World Relief has come a long way since the 40's. Their continued impact throughout the world and especially in our own hometown will not only change the lives of those in need, but also dramatically touch the hearts and minds of those who reach out to help.

If you are interested in learning more about World Relief and how you can help them locally call the Foundation office - 336.882.3298. 🏠

WORLD RELIEF



LOCAL LEADERS FORUM



*AARON CLINARD, CHAIRMAN
CORE CITY, HIGH POINT, INC.*

Earlier this month and after the first Annual Meeting of the Core City High Point, Inc. Board of Directors, it finally hit me with a dose of reality. The community, its City Fathers and our City Council were enthusiastically supportive of changing the face of our City. It also gave me a wonderful sense of satisfaction that the many efforts of our Downtown Improvement Committee have paid great dividends. The members of that group were diligent in their efforts to make a difference. With no formal funding source, it relied on the generous and faithful contributions of many organizations to aid in funding many of the projects it either led or supported. The HP Convention and Visitors Bureau, the HP Community Foundation, the HP Museum, the HP Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Millis Family, young Nicholas Ruden, local building owners, and of course, the HP City Council and the Guilford County Board of Commissioners all stepped up to the plate in so many ways. I reflect with great joy in many of those efforts and mention a few, such as the historic plaques on buildings, the Plank Road Foreman statue by David

Dowdy, the Veterans Memorial, the John Coltrane statue and the soon to be installed High Point Heroes plaques. These early efforts not only made the traditional downtown more pleasant to be in for our citizens and many Market visitors, but also, I believe, helped to spur on the efforts and thoughts to what is now the very do-able Core City Plan.

As I humbly step into the role of the Chairman's seat for Core City High Point, Inc., I am so grateful to Tom Terrell for his early leadership as our organization's first Chairman. His enormous contributions of time and effort have now put us into the next phase of the Plan...to begin to see and realize the changes that we have all so anxiously awaited.

It must also be shouted from the rooftops that without City Council's and the City Manager's enthusiastic buy-in, this could never have occurred. Their monetary support on an ongoing basis with budgetary dollars is a strong indication of its can-do attitude and vision for our City. Just as their great planning and execution of so many positive things to improve the Furniture Market have helped to secure us as the Home Furnishings Capital of the World and NC's International City, they now are just as visionary in moving us forward with the Core City Plan.

It is so obvious that our City, to be fully successful, must have a vibrant core city. To have a quality of life that invites young professionals and upper management leaders to live, work and volunteer in our City, these efforts must not fail. To compliment the tremendous accomplishments of

President Nido Qubein at HP University, and to attract his graduates to stay and work in High Point, we owe our strongest support.

The time is now and in behalf of our Board of Directors, I pledge to all of High Point hard work, much time, diligent efforts and that new face for High Point that we are all looking for. We will begin this new year with not only implementation plans for years to come, but also objective progress that we can see. We will increase our efforts at education, involvement and participation. We will seek partnerships, incentives, funding sources, new businesses in the core and seize upon opportunities that are lying in wait with captive audiences.

After an insightful visit to the robust downtown of Greenville, SC with nearly 50 community leaders, we all returned home confident that we can do this. If a community of its size (nearly half our population) can succeed, surely, with our vision and expertise as already exhibited with Furniture Market and the Piedmont Centre area, so can we.

We encourage your thoughts and ideas; we seek your support and participation; and most of all, our Board looks to you, the citizens, for patience and loyalty. We will deliver and you will be pleased.

As our own Nido Qubein so wisely reflects, "Your present circumstances don't determine where you go; they merely determine where you start". Let's start now-let's be ever diligent-and let's get ourselves prepared for a new, vibrant and exciting City of High Point. 🍎





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