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Nabhi Christian Ministries honors Chief Darryl Jones and Dr. David G. Hall

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PITTSBURGH BUREAU OF FIRE CHIEF DARRYL E. JONES, DR. DAVID G. HALL, MD
(Photos by Courier photographer J.L. Martello)

Celebrating the valuable work of community leaders and advocates for youth and families, Nabhi Christian Ministries (NCM) of Pittsburgh honored two distinguished people at its annual NCM Awards dinner on Oct. 5 at the Rivers Club, Downtown, sponsored by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, UPMC Life Changing Medicine and the New Pittsburgh Courier.

Dr. David G. Hall, MD, noted as one of the finest family physicians in Pittsburgh, was voted one of Pittsburgh's Best Doctors by Best Doctors Inc. for four years in a row. Dr. Hall is the founding physician and Medical Director of East Liberty Family Health Care Center (ELFHCC) for the past 36 years.



DR. DAVID G. HALL, MD, *with remarks at the NCM Awards ceremony, Oct. 5.*

ELFHCC was founded in 1982 in the basement of Eastminster Presbyterian Church in the heart of East Liberty. The faith-based center is dedicated to providing day-to-day,

quality, whole-person health care to all, especially the poor, including the uninsured, underinsured and undeserved.

It now accommodates more than 40,000 patients each year in four locations; East Liberty, Lincoln-Lemington, Wilkinsburg and the Hill District.

“Dr. Hall’s work is impressive,” said the Rev. Jacque Fielder, pastor of Nabhi Christian Ministries and founder of the NCM Awards. “His contribution does significantly improve access to quality health care for all, including African American communities with higher percentages of poverty and chronic diseases. We are so pleased to honor Dr. Hall,” she said. “In addition, Dr. Hall provided a safe haven for teens and housed a local life skills-conflict resolution program in his center for young Black males during a time of rampant gang violence that endangered children and families and resulted in senseless deaths. His actions contributed to the success of Pittsburgh’s first gang peace rally held in Highland Park in 1996, which resulted in a public truce and cease-fire between five rival gangs, making him an ideal candidate for this award,” Ms. Fielder said.



CHIEF DARRYL E. JONES, speaking at the NCM Awards ceremony, Oct. 5, at the Rivers Club, Downtown.

Chief Darryl E. Jones, PhD, CFO, EFO, is the first African American appointed Chief of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire. Chief Jones is responsible for the leadership of over 650 uniformed personnel and all operations of the Bureau. Under his leadership, the Bureau expanded its Free Smoke Detector Program, initiated the Risk Watch safety program that teaches safety techniques to students grades K-6 as part of the health curriculum and refurbished its Company Inspection Program. One hundred percent of its personnel is certified to the Firefighter II level. Because of fire safety education, improved firefighter training, and upgrading of equipment and apparatus, the ISO rating for the City of Pittsburgh improved from a Class 4 fire department to a Class 1 fire department.

Chief Jones is an instructor for the National Fire Academy, the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy and Point Park University. Chief Jones has been a firefighter since 1986 and a chief officer since 1995.

“We are so proud of Chief Jones’ remarkable performance and leadership excellence in building strong communities through extraordinary degrees of risk and sacrifice in the heroic mission to protect life, property and the environment. He is an inspirational change agent,” Fielder said. “He is committed to the safety and training of Pittsburgh firefighters, as well as the citizens of Pittsburgh, making him another ideal candidate for this award.”

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Nabhi Christian Ministries to hold 2017 NCM Awards, Oct. 6 (Pgh. Rivers Club)

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LARRY E. DAVIS, PhD

Honoring their life's work and community leadership

Leadership builds safe pathways for the healthy development of children.

That's the theme for Nabhi Christian Ministries' 20th NCM Awards, to be held Oct. 6 at the Rivers Club, Downtown. The event is sponsored by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and UPMC Center for Engagement and Inclusion. This year, NCM of Lincoln/Larimer

will honor four distinguished individuals, including Larry E. Davis, PhD, the Hon. Cheryl Lynn Allen, Linwood Alford, and Shad Henderson.

Dr. Davis, according to the NCM press release, is one of the country's foremost experts on race relations. He is dean of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work, the Donald M. Henderson Professor, and founding director of Pitt's Center on Race and Social Problems.



HON. CHERYL LYNN ALLEN

“We are so pleased to honor Dr. Davis,” said Rev. Jacque Fielder, pastor of Nabhi Christian Ministries and founder of the NCM Awards. “His accomplishments at Pitt, as an author and national speaker, and in many more realms throughout his lifetime make him an ideal candidate for this award.”

The second Lifetime Achievement Award recipient is the Hon. Cheryl Lynn Allen, the first African American woman elected to Pennsylvania Superior Court. A former educator in the Pittsburgh Public Schools system and former judge in Allegheny County Common Pleas Court, Judge Allen has helped to change the lives of many young offenders and families.

“Judge Allen’s innovative ideas included establishing Birth Parent Mentoring programs and Youth Enrichment Services, and she has an extensive and impressive volunteer track record, making her another ideal candidate for this award,” Fielder said.



LINWOOD ALFORD

The third Lifetime Achievement Award recipient is Linwood Alford of Beaver County, vice president and director of Civil Rights and Economic Justice.

“Mr. Alford’s impressive early work providing safe havens for teens is augmented by his continual work to help African Americans, Latinos and other minorities combat poverty and inequitable rates of incarceration,” Fielder said. “His reach extends beyond Beaver, Lawrence and Allegheny counties to include accomplishments nationally and as an executive member of the Central Labor Council (AFL-CIO).”

The 2017 NCM Community “HERO” Leadership Award recipient is Shad Henderson, the director of Community Partnerships and Investments at Neighborhood Allies and a coordinator for Neighborhood Allies CDC and CBO partnerships.



SHAD HENDERSON

“We are so proud of Mr. Henderson’s work as a former educator of 4-H Youth Development for the Penn State Center in Pittsburgh, where he piloted a leadership initiative for young African American males of the East End so they could become

actively engaged in the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of local neighborhood improvement projects,” Fielder said. “He also deserves recognition for his passionate outreach work as a former senior executive assistant to state Sen. Jim Ferlo.”

(Ticket donations are \$75 per person, or \$600 for a table of eight. Purchase tickets online at <http://www.ncmawards.net> or at Dorsey’s Record Shop, 412-731-6607. Tickets are subject to a \$2 service fee.

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A Lifetime of Achievement – Nabhi Christian Ministries Awards bestows honors, Oct. 6

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Nabhi Christian Ministries bestows honors upon four distinguished individuals for their endless years of public service



REV. JACQUE FIELDER, NABHI CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES



THE HONOREES—sitting from left; Linwood Alford, the Hon. Cheryl Lynn Allen. Standing from left; Larry Davis, Shad Henderson. The four were honored during the 20th NCM awards, Oct. 6 at the Rivers Club, Downtown. Photos by Courier photographer J.L. Martello



ROBERT ALLEN SR., father of Cheryl Lynn Allen and KDKA-TV's Bob Allen



LINWOOD ALFORD, with children Larita Stewart and son Lynwood Alford



LARRY DAVIS



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LAURA WINN, CHERYL LYNN ALLEN

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Local leaders honored for community service

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Preston has lobbied strong for all children to have access to quality education. As a legislator, Preston voted “Yes” to many House bills keeping his constituents in mind. In 2011 Preston co-sponsored a bill to establish a tax credit for people who invest in business plans with potential to increase jobs and capital investment. He voted “yes” to establishing the Special Juvenile Victim Compensation Fund, among many others.

Sylvia Wilson was honored for her tireless dedication to service through teaching, working with the school board, and union representation.

After more than 40 years combined working in the Pittsburgh Public Schools system as a teacher and then with the District, Wilson, now retired, serves on the PPS School Board representing District 1. She has served on many union and district committees, and other boards, including treasurer of the Allegheny County Labor Council, Pittsburgh Chapter of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute, and Allegheny County Sanitary Authority Board, Small Seeds, Development, Inc, and many others.

Wilson thanked friends and coworkers for their support and assistance throughout her many career tenures.

As a humble individual, accepting this type honor was initially hard for Wilson. “I don’t like this type of recognition, but seeing how everyone came out like, ‘Hey we are here for you,’ it just made it a very special evening. It made me feel really good to be here,” she admitted.

Wilson admonishes people to always be willing to help. “In order to move forward and to do anything for yourself, you have to be able to do for others,” she said. “If you can’t reach out for others and take up a cause or participate in any way, why would others do it for you?”

Edward Tibbs has served as District judge in the 12th ward since 1981. With his retirement in 2002, Tibbs became the first Pennsylvania African American to gain Senior Magistrate District Judge status. He continues to lend his judicial knowledge in arraignments and hearings throughout Allegheny County. He also serves as a Hearing officer with the Pittsburgh Parking Authority.

As a member of the Elks, Tibbs received the honor of Exalted Ruler of Greater Pittsburgh Lodge #115, and was appointed Grand Exalted Ruler in 1982.

“It’s a fantastic honor to be considered by people from your own neighborhood. And I’m really honored. I can’t express it any better than that,” Tibbs said regarding his award. He advised young ones to pick an individual who has accomplished something and “shadow that individual until you develop those same qualities and then try to take somebody with you and go from there.”

In 1994 Oscar Petite Jr., resigned from his position as an adult probation officer on a “leap of faith” to run for the vacant 5th Ward District Justice seat held by the late Jacob Williams, who was retiring at that time. Having come from a family legacy of public service, this leap only seemed natural for Petite. In 2001 he earned his Juris Doctorate from Duquesne University’s School of Law.

Along with his duties as a district magistrate, Petite also voluntarily hears cases in Pittsburgh’s Municipal Court including arraignment court, criminal court, domestic

violence court, child's court, traffic court, government code violations, and homicide hearings.

Petite thanked his parents for paving the way for him and his siblings by way of their example in community service. He named his wife and family for his continued motivation. "The journey has been long, there have been difficulties, but it's all been worth it. And the journey continues to this day," Petite said. "Much of what I do is behind the scenes," Petite said after the program.

"Not every one sees what I do. When I have a mother in the courtroom who is having a problem with her child or when I have a person who stops me on the street with a personal problem and doesn't know how to deal with it, or someone who may have a conviction and thinks that their life is over asks for advice. I can tell them that their life isn't over."

NCM was founded in 1996 and since 1997 has honored leaders committed to upbuilding the community. According to CEO, Tracee Kirkland, NCM formed in response to the rampant gang violence that endangers families through its Concerned Citizens of Greater Pittsburgh outreach program. In 1996, through CCOGP's mediation, a public peace truce was reached between five rival gangs. Expansions include the Educational Mentoring Program, which address risk factors to academic success through reducing truancy. In 2014, NCM teamed up with the Kingsley Association forming a program allowing males to have leadership roles in the Larimer and Lincoln-Lemington neighborhoods.

The organization runs a robust Toy and Coat Drive and on Dec. 17, with Faith Lutheran Church, will celebrate the annual Children's Christmas Reunion and Gingerbread House contest.

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‘Hop’ Kendrick honored for 60 years of service

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LOUIS ‘HOP’ KENDRICK

On Oct. 9 some of Allegheny County’s who’s who of the last 30 years assembled to pay homage to a man who never considered himself disadvantaged but fought for the disadvantaged every day of his adult life.

The Nabhi Christian Ministries Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Public Service was held in an ornately decorated room in the River’s Club Ballroom at One Oxford Centre. Jazz from Jared Wilson and Vibe poured out of their saxophones as well wishers poured into the room and wine poured into crystal glasses to toast to Louis “Hop” Kendrick.

Hosted by “Black Horizons” host Chris Moore, the event served a dual purpose as a celebration of the life work of Kendrick and also as a fundraiser for the Kingsley Center in East Liberty.

Kendrick, affectionately referred to as ‘Hop’ said he got the nickname as a kid. “I was playing a game at about 10 or 11 and I got pushed off a wall and I fell and couldn’t walk so they started calling me Hop along Cassidy, and Hoppy, and finally shortened it to Hop.”

Councilman Rev. Ricky Burgess; syndicated talk show host Bev Smith; former Allegheny County Coroner and friend for more than 70 years, Cyril Wecht; and former Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onorato were among a few of the more well-known participants and speakers.

The main theme of the night surrounding Kendrick is that he didn’t care who he was talking to when he spoke his mind. As the director of the Minority Women Business Employment program he fought to make sure that contracts from the county were given to Black businesses for work. He didn’t mind being a thorn in anyone’s side to do it.

Onorato, who said he had many conversations with Kendrick, in reference to his bold honesty, said, “This guy is either the bravest guy I know or the craziest guy I know.” He went on to say, “I used to get those calls from Hop but I didn’t mind because I always knew when Hop was calling he was calling for a greater cause and not about him. It was about the community.”

When it was his turn, Wecht talked about their friendship and the sacrifices that he made to fight for the voiceless. “I think it has cost him a lot. There just aren’t many people like that who tell it like it is without any hesitation without reservation or rationalization.”

Kendrick said such independence and defiance came out of the fact that he had a father, and a father who would stand behind him in times of struggle. “My father used to tell me, as long as you didn’t do anything wrong, you can call me.” This allowed him to be arrested five times for civil disobedience during the Civil Rights Movement.

The night ended on an emotional turn as his three daughters came up to give their words on how their father influenced them adding, “Our dad didn’t tell us how to live. He lived and let us watch,” and “My dad held our hands when we were children and now he holds our hearts.”

Finally, Kendrick himself took to the microphone to a standing thundering applause as he received two big kisses from Bev Smith. He gave several humorous anecdotes about experiences with police growing up, and dealing with racism and battles with county officials. The main message, he said, he wanted to convey though was, “That Black people need to become more accountable for their actions...we have to rebuild the family structure. Until we rebuild the family structure nothing is going to change for us.”

Since he left county government in 2000, Kendrick said, “They haven’t given a contract to a Black company since. Nobody has the guts to say anything. I haven’t seen such cowardice in my life.”

That is “Hop” 83 and still keeping it real.

(See photos from the event in next week’s issue.)

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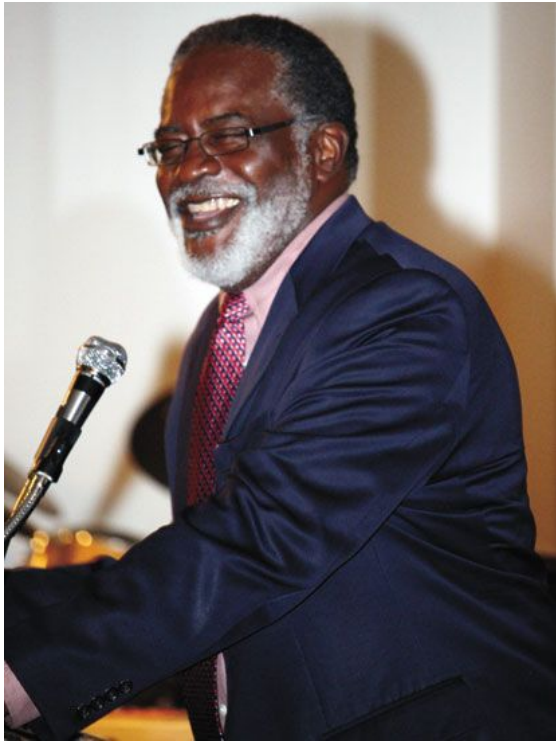
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STILL IN LOVE—Gloria and Hop Kendrick still in love after 63 years of marriage.



GATHERING OF FRIENDS—*Dr. Cyril Wecht, Hop Kendrick and Charles Powell sharing a laugh before the program commences.*

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Just Sayin'...Hop Kendrick deserved to be honored

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Every speaker, including Dr. Cyril Wect, who has known Hop since their high school days at Fifth Avenue, expressed their gratitude, respect and thanks to Hop for just being Hop. They stated that whether you agreed or disagreed with him or him you, he was going to always speak the truth as he saw it. In short he was honest in his criticism of both political parties and individuals, Black and White.

Most of the people attending said they first saw Hop at a political function, or working at different polling places when they went out to vote or visited polling places. I first met Hop in a smoke filled room in which the Black Ward Chairs were meeting under the leadership of Harvey Adams. Dock Fielder, Bubbie Hairston, Zack Winston and others whom I have forgotten their names, during the 1970s. Back when the Black Ward Chairs were one of, if not the most powerful, Black force in Pittsburgh. I still don't know what capacity Hop was in at this meeting.

I'm not much into awards programs or awards as a whole, because I think the success of a person's work should be reward enough. And many awards programs are simply money makers, but this appeared to be different. This was a sincere effort to give credit

where credit was due, to honor a man while he's still living instead of at his funeral.

So congratulations Hop, you deserve it. And congratulation to Mrs. Kendrick, who has been married to him for 63 years. Wow.
