



CARING THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

(Working Together To Create A Network Of Safety For Our Children Going To And From School)

Trumpeting The Cause

Wednesday, July 27, 2011 is a day to remember because on that day over 150 individuals, businesses, community organizations, faith based and law enforcement entities from the northwest and other areas of the city came together to have a conversation about our children and what we could do to keep them safe going to and from school in the upcoming school year.

Leading the conversation was the Rev. Dr. Alyn E. Waller, Sr. Pastor of Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church and M. Christine Wiggins ("Mama Chris"), Founder/CEO of Imhotep Institute Charter High School and Co-Chair of the Northwest Community Coalition for Youth (NCCY).

The issue of protecting our children is very near and dear to "Mama Chris" because many of her students have been the victims of bullying and confrontations going to and from school. But it's not only Imhotep, many of the schools in the northwest can

attest to similar situations and many of those students are members of families who attend Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church. Pastor Waller, over the years has demonstrated a great affinity for young people and thus has opened his heart and his church to embrace and take on the issue of bullying and safety for our children.

Three initiatives were put forth and signed-up for on Wednesday, July 27th: **Safe Havens**, **Safe Corridors**, and the **Hot Line**. The Commitment and participation of **YOU** the "Village" will enable the success of these initiatives!



The "Village" coming together for the safety of our children

Student Safety Project Update

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Bullying Hotline

- Will be a resource to share incidents of current or future bullying
- Will provide information on where to go for help and safety if you are being bullied or know someone who is
- Will run the length of the school day
- Will be manned by trained volunteers
- Hotline training will take place on Wed. 9/7/2011 @ PCAT (2111-31 Eastburn Avenue) @ 3 pm

Safe Corridor Volunteers: *Working In the Community To Insure Student Safety*

Safe Corridor Volunteers will serve 45 min.—1 hour either before or after school around NW area schools. Volunteers will be trained by **Townwatch Integrated Services (TWIS)** and will receive radios and ID Badges.

Trainings have been scheduled for **Wed., 8/24/2011 @ 6 pm @ Imhotep Institute Charter High School**, **Thurs., 8/25/2011 @ 6 pm @ Finley Rec. Center**, and **Mon., 8/29/2011 @ 6 pm @ Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church**

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET? To register call Doug Evans, TWIS Community Support Specialist @ 215-686 1424.

The Safe Haven Initiative

The **Safe Haven Initiative** is not a new initiative, but in this atmosphere of bullying, flash mobs and increasing concerns about the safety of our children going to and from school, one that we have embraced as a support for those students.

We have called out to businesses, community and faith based organizations, and you have answered, loud and clear. 39 of you signed on to

provide a "Safe Space" for children who might feel threatened going to and from school.

THANK YOU!

The only thing that we ask is that you open your doors to a student who might need a safe place, call the appropriate school contact or 911 if an incident occurs and document the incident

A workshop has been sched-

uled for **Thurs. 8/18/2011 from 3 pm—5 pm @ Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church**. If you are a business, community or faith based organization in NW Philadelphia, we welcome your participation in this workshop and this initiative. Information and tools will be shared and you will be equipped with the knowledge that you will be making a difference in the life of a young person.