

# W. H. ADAMS YOUTH FOUNDATION



## William H. Adams Youth Foundation Newsletter

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### Village Elders Named

ATLANTA - On Father's Day the William H. Adams Youth Foundation announced new inductees into the Circle of Village Elders. Village Elders are premier contributors who help sustain the Foundation or others who are recognized for outstanding community service that is aligned with the Foundation's mission. The Village Elders concept is based on the African proverb, "It takes a whole village to raise a child".

The inductees include Emile and Shari Johnson of Chicago, IL; Mary Ann Brown of Lima, Ohio; Carson Kipfer, Sport Ngin, Inc., Minneapolis, MN; and Alan D. McKnight, retired Director of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. The new Village Elders join inaugural member Gregory L. Harris of Los Angeles, CA.

Emile Johnson is founder and president of Goode Foods, Inc., a distributor of foods that are low in sugar, low in sodium, low in fats and high in whole grains. Goode Foods was founded on the belief that diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and obesity as can be controlled and eradicated through proper nutrition consumption.

Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Harris are both former residents of Columbus. Foundation Executive Director Rodney Adams said "Shari and Greg are examples of how the sons and daughters of Columbus, who have traveled far and wide, still love their hometown and the communities they grew up in. We appreciate and are thankful for their support". Harris has also agreed to serve on the Foundation's Advisory Board.

Mrs. Brown was inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for her work with people with developmental disabilities in Allen County. For 60 years she worked across northwest Ohio to ensure all persons with disabilities were able to live within their community, go to school and grow to become contributing citizens.

Carson Kipfer is Co-Founder and Chief Evangelist for Sport Ngin, a Minneapolis based provider of website development services, technology and media platforms focused exclusively on the youth and amateur sports market.

McKnight retired in May of 2015 with over 38 years of service to the city and eight as the department's leader. He worked closely with Bill Adams who was a member of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Commission. McKnight lead the effort to rename and dedicate the William H. Adams Community Center at Krumm Park in 2013.

More information about the Village Elders inductees can be found on the website at [www.whadamsfoundation.org](http://www.whadamsfoundation.org).



Emile Johnson



Mary Ann Brown



Alan McKnight



Carson Kipfer



Greg Harris

## Shop Amazon Smile - Support the Foundation



COLUMBUS - The William H. Adams Youth Foundation is now part of the AmazonSmile program. On-line shoppers can enjoy the wide selection of products, low prices and conveniences found on Amazon and have 0.5 percent of their purchases donated to the Foundation.



The AmazonSmile Foundation will make the contribution to your designated charity when visiting [www.Smile.Amazon.com](http://www.Smile.Amazon.com), a website operated by Amazon. Once registered the site will automatically remember the selected charity and continue to donate a percentage of your purchases.

Be sure to shop on [www.Smile.Amazon.com](http://www.Smile.Amazon.com) and select the William H. Adams Youth Foundation!

## Martin Works to Connect the Neighborhood

Mario Martin, Manager of the W. H. Adams Community Center at Krumm Park, was recently featured in the Columbus Dispatch. The August 14th article focused on Martin's work in connecting the Black and Latino communities in the East Columbus neighborhood.

Although the neighborhood remains majority Black, Latinos grew from under 3 percent of the population to more than 21 percent. East Columbus now has the third-highest percentage of Latinos in the City and the highest on the East Side.

The article points out that in a neighborhood where 27 percent of residents are younger than 18, the sooner you start bringing groups together, the better. Martin doesn't need any convincing. Bringing people together and bringing children into the center, regardless of what color they are, is second-nature. "For me, I don't see Hispanic kids, I don't see African-American kids," Martin said. "I just see kids."

See the complete Dispatch story [here](#).



## GuideStar Exchange

The Foundation is now registered with GuideStar, a public charity that collects, organizes and presents information on non-profits in an easy-to-understand format. Corporations, government organizations and individuals use GuideStar to validate non-profits and to justify financial support.



## Corporate Giving

The W. H. Adams Youth Foundation welcomes investment by business, government and other community organizations. Corporate employees are encouraged to ask their benefits administrators about Matching Gift Programs.

## **About the Foundation**

### ***Building Upon a Legacy of Community Service***

The William H. Adams Youth Foundation supports programs and opportunities for residents of the East Columbus Community in Education, Health & Wellness, Personal Growth & Responsibility and Community Service. The Foundation will provide financial support for qualifying programs offered by the William H. Adams Community Center, East Columbus Elementary School, the Boy Scouts of America and other organizations that serve the East Columbus neighborhood. The Foundation is a tax exempt, nonprofit association registered with the Ohio Secretary of State and the IRS. Additional information can be found on the website at [www.WHAdamsFoundation.org](http://www.WHAdamsFoundation.org).