



# Empowered Sounds

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## CEO'S CORNER



*Carol Houston*

The Board Members of Eagle Empowerment are saddened by the loss of our dynamic member John Alston. John served faithfully until his horrible medical crisis. Our love and appreciation is extended to his wife, Karen and family. New advocates strengthened our Advocacy Program last fall. We are believing for excellence in each classroom with quality teachers. This is a season of possibilities. Students we work with weekly are improving tremendously in their academics.

## THE LOSS OF A GREAT WARRIOR



This past January we lost our dear friend and brother, John Alston. He was not only a beloved member of the Eagle Empowerment Board, but he left a lasting impression on those in the Bethel Unspeakable Joy Church family. We were privileged to be inspired by his enthusiasm for life and motivational words.

Skillfully utilizing humor and the power of a story, John Alston was an internationally known keynote speaker and award-winning author who traveled the world infusing knowledge and inspiration. John encouraged many individuals in his audience that they too could become "successful and good people." We were so fortunate to have had John serve as a member of the Eagle Empowerment Board. All of us at Eagle Empowerment send our condolences to John's family. We exhibit our deepest appreciation for John's work and the great legacy he leaves behind. We commemorate him in making mention of how he inspired so many people worldwide. We will miss him and may he rest in peace.



## ADVOCATES ON FIRE



Five new advocates generated great momentum for students in the Fall of 2010. Olga Houston, Anita Birt, Myrna Braithwaite, Jacque Wright and Rita Steel joined our team of advocates. Students are smiling and encouraged as volunteer adults take special interest in their total person. A focus on achieving high academics is vital. Additionally, advocates are available to hear weekly stories on how their student is progressing. Several students are challenged with family problems which causes a decline in academic performance. Anita Birt stated that, "To be an advocate for the first time is an honor. It gives me the opportunity to mentor students to be the very best in life." Rita Steel declared, "What a joy to be an advocate to the next generation of global leaders."

## QUALITY TEACHERS

The documentary "Waiting for Superman" has created quite a stir with regards to the quality of teachers and education in America. Many have weighed in on this film, including Mr. Bill Gates, an advocate for educating minority youth.

Our educational system is in trouble. Education should keep students venturing beyond the norm. As most of you know, Eagle Empowerment's main focus is about stretching our students beyond what they typically experience in school. Our goal is to enrich their lives by exposing them to opportunities not normally afforded children in our inner-city schools. Although it is our desire for the educational system to one day supply all children with what they need to become successful, we can not wait for Superman, the government or anyone else to come up with a solution to the problems within our education system. For this reason, Eagle Empowerment is committed to fulfill the unmet needs of each student.

Thankfully, our generous donors share our vision and support in ways that allow Eagle Empowerment to reinforce the fact that someone cares and exudes positive, hope and enthusiasm. When children know that teachers, parents and other love ones care, they stand a little taller, speak a little louder and work a little harder. Those who give and go beyond what our schools provide are the Supermen and the Superwomen that our children need right now!



## A YEAR OF GREAT POSSIBILITIES

Eagle Empowerment students are in the midst of a phenomenal academic year. The Advocacy Program is the weekly heartbeat of our organization. Students are stunned when advocates appear on campus to have dialogue with teachers. Interaction with students on their campus brings much needed support to the child,

administration, and teachers. Parents are amazed when advocates support them in the campus life of their child. While on the school grounds, fellow peers of our students are in awe of the presence of supporters empowering their classmates to excel. Because we believe in our children, they are assured of their dreams coming to pass.



### EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO BELIZE

Students are thrilled at the launching of fundraising for an educational trip to Belize with Pathlight International, July 2012. Pathlight serves at risk children by providing educational opportunities that integrate faith and learning. Our first Motivational Session is Saturday, February 26, 2011 @ 11:00am in our home office located at 8724 South Central Avenue. Your financial support is requested.

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of Eagle Empowerment is to provide enlightenment for the community of South Los Angeles. We empower children and adults to think globally by using various educational tools such as travel, advocacy, personal growth seminars and tutorial instruction. Additionally, we prod individuals to dream. We support students in discovering their potential.

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