

Randall joins CHASF Board



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Charles "Chip" Randall.

Charles "Chip" Randall has recently joined the Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund (CHASF) Advisory Board and is excited to serve. "I was first introduced to CHASF when I attended the breakfast last year," Randall stated. "After hearing first-hand the direct impact it had on people's lives. I knew I wanted to be involved. This is an organization that is devoted to making significant, multi-

generational change for individuals, their families, and their community and I am excited to be a part of it."

Currently, Randall is a Private Banker with Morgan Stanley where he works with Wealth Management advisors and clients across the Carolinas and Eastern Georgia. Randall began his career in financial services in 2000. Prior to joining Morgan Stanley in 2010, Randall worked in Commercial Banking at Wells Fargo. Before that, he worked in Commercial Real Estate Finance with Lehman Brothers and in Commercial Real Estate Brokerage with Grubb & Ellis, New York.

Randall graduated with honors from the State University of New York at Albany with a Bachelor of Arts in English and French. Outside the office, Randall enjoys volunteering, playing golf, and traveling with his family.

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Please welcome "Chip" Randall to the CHASF family!

Save the Date: CHASF Awards Day July 26!

The 32nd Annual Awards & Recognition Celebration honoring scholarship recipients and graduates will be held on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Charlotte. For more information, please contact Millard McCluney at 704-336-5782.

McCluney earns CHA's Highest Honor: BRAVO AWARD

Every year, Charlotte Housing Authority (CHA) employees have an opportunity to nominate a colleague who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to the agency and/or the clients served by CHA. Their Senior Management Team then selects one (sometimes none, sometimes two) employees to win the CHA "Bravo Award," the agency's top honor.

Millard McCluney was nominated and won, but not for one special project or one special act of kindness, but for his exemplary service to CHA youth over his 16 year career with the agency. This includes his involvement with the Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund and his on-going commitment to ensure that every recipient has an opportunity to graduate from college and become a contributing member of our community.



McCluney & CHA CEO A.Fulton Meachem, Jr.

Congratulations to Millard McCluney for this outstanding recognition. The CHASF Family is proud of your work and continued dedication to our young people!

Teaching opportunity leads Mitchell to Louisiana



Ashley Mitchell instructs Advantage Charter Academy students

CHASF Alumna Ashley Mitchell has relocated to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to continue her career in education. Currently, she teaches fifth grade math and science at Advantage Charter Academy in Baker, Louisiana. Mitchell started as a teacher-in-residence. Although she loves Charlotte, the potential career growth and \$13,000 pay increase was an incentive that made her passion for education even more delightful!

In addition to teaching, Mitchell serves as the after-school tutoring coordinator and has been selected to be the summer school coordinator. She is being considered for a position as dean next school year, similar to an assistant principal role here in Mecklenburg County.

Mitchell expects to return to college in the future through a higher education program offered by her employer. They pay half of higher education costs for teachers and full costs for deans.

Mitchell was very active with the CHASF Alumni Association in Charlotte and plans to stay involved by reaching out to alumni in her new city. Congratulations to Ashley Mitchell on her new position and continued success!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Symone McGee

Name: Symone McGee

CHASF class of: 2011

College or vocational institution: Spelman College

Job/Career: Math Teacher - Sugar Creek Charter School

Favorite CHASF memory: My favorite CHASF memory would have to be the summer workshop series. I learned so many valuable lessons that I still carry with me today.

Who do you admire most and why? My Mom! She is my biggest inspiration.

What's your favorite food? Veggie pizza with extra cheese!

What type of music do you like? I love all types of music with the exception of heavy metal.

What's your favorite movie or TV show? Scandal!!

Symone McGee

What's the last good book you read? Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? Cairo, Egypt

Where do you volunteer? Habitat for Humanity

What are your favorite hobbies? Reading, journaling and painting.

If you could do anything in the world and money was no object, what would you do or be? An Oscar winning actress.

What's the best advice you ever received? To always believe in people and to believe in myself even if things get tough. It's important to have faith.

Favorite quote and who said it?

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others." - Marianne Williamson

CHASF Alumni Association Announcements:

The CHASF Alumni Cookout is slated for Saturday, July 25, 2015, so please mark your calendars. This event complements the Annual Awards & Recognition Celebration and offers alumni, current recipients, family and friends an opportunity to informally gather before Awards Day. Details will be announced very soon. Alumni are encouraged to join a committee to assist with this year's weekend of events.

The CHASF Alumni Association is encouraging alumni to update them with announcements pertaining to their personal lives including good news, as well as challenges. The association wants to be of support and through their "Sunshine Committee," connects with past scholars through cards, emails, and phone calls to offer best wishes! They are here to support in any capacity that they can. To share updates, volunteer or join a committee, please contact Committee Chair Sheila Weaver at tailormde2@hotmail.com.



The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund changes lives and if you have an event where you'd like to hear from our Founder, students or alumni, please contact us and we can schedule someone to address your group. For more information please contact: Faith Triggs, Director of Development: 704-572-7987 or <u>email</u>.

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