



TenthFuture, Inc.' S GRP10

Helps Paul Quinn Students Stay In School and Graduate

TenthFuture Inc., the non-profit arm of the 10th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church announces a new project to benefit financially struggling students at Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Texas. The project is called GRP10, which stands for Graduation and Retention Program of the 10th Episcopal District. The goal is to help students who have minor tuition balances to stay in school or to graduate from this historically black college.

“We have a great opportunity to assist the students who drop out of college because of unforeseen financial difficulties. Many students cannot get financial help from families who are already financially strained. They are also faced with other expenses such as childcare, healthcare and transportation that have a major impact upon their ability to continue their college education,” stated Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Chair of the Board of TenthFuture, Inc. and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Paul Quinn College. “Many times the only thing standing between a student staying in school or graduating is a few hundred dollars.

Funds will be raised through TenthFuture Inc.’s Annual Golf Tournament. This year it will be held May 14, 2014 at the Bear Creek Golf Course, Dallas, Texas. This annual event also supports scholarships, community projects and congregations who provide services across the state of Texas.

In a recent survey published in the New York Times by Public Agenda it showed that of the 2.8 million new students enrolled in college each year two out of five graduate in six years from a four-year institution. The survey suggests that students who are paying for tuition themselves may not be able to afford the extra years.

On the surface it may appear that students leave school because they do not want to work hard or are not interested in more education. Jean Johnson, executive vice president of Public Agenda was quoted as saying the opposite is true. “Most work and go to school at the same time, and most are not getting financial help from their families or the system itself.”

TenthFuture, Inc. hopes to help students who need those last few dollars to stay in school and graduate. It is not a project to encourage students to escape their financial obligations but to help those in uncertain economic times stay the course through graduation.

“We are investing in the bright future of our students,” said Bishop McKenzie.