



# IN REACH, INC.

*Preparing Students for College, Work and Life*

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### Making Parents a Priority in Prince George's County Maryland

Hyattsville, MD | On June 14, 2013, **IN REACH, INC.**, held its *Second Annual Celebrating Amazing Prince George's County Parents Awards Program*, an event honoring outstanding parents with children currently enrolled in a Prince George's County Public School.

"I am absolutely elated to hold the Celebrating Amazing Parents Awards for a second year and look forward to growing it annually. Parents are an important component of **IN REACH**," said Executive Director, Ms. Toni Smith.

Congratulations again to our three 2013 Amazing Parent Award recipients:

**Mr. LaRone Clark**, recipient of the *Ingrid M. Turner Amazing Parent Award* for demonstrating a strong sense of community as a volunteer, coach and mentor.

**Ms. Lisa Ojeda-Brown**, recipient of the *Parks and Recreation Amazing Parent Award* for being an awesome and dedicated bridge builder in the lives of children.

**Ms. Karen Parker**, recipient of the **IN REACH, INC. Amazing Parent Award** for being an all around selfless individual, active in the school and community, and an incredible parent who best demonstrates a well-rounded presence.

**IN REACH** would also like to thank all nineteen of the 2013 nominees: Dr. Lubrina Bryant, Mr. LaRone Clark, Ms. Venus Ferdinand, Mr. Halomon Green, Ms. Kristan Hayes, Ms. Nikki Kelly, Mrs. Sharndell Branch King, Mr. Jermaine McFadden, Mrs. Cynthia Marolen, Ms. Bukola Molokwu, Mrs. Lisa Ojeda-Brown, Mrs. Sherri Lenell Paige-Robertson, Ms. Karen Parker, Ms. Cynthia Proctor, Mrs. Kimberly Robinson, Ms. Taunya Denise Said, Mrs. Jennifer Schumacher, Ms. Tonya R. Scott, and Ms. Elaine White.

"It was an honor and distinct pleasure to join Toni Smith, Executive Director for **IN REACH, INC.**, at her 2nd Annual Celebrating Parents event. Toni Smith has proven herself a strong advocate for parents and children in Prince George's County and this event celebrated the remarkable parents who are making a difference in the lives of their children and in their community," said Council Member Ingrid M. Turner, Esq., (District 4), about the event.

**IN REACH** thanks all of the individuals and sponsors who helped make the *Second Annual Celebrating Amazing Prince George's County Parents Awards Program* a success with a special thank you to Council Member Ingrid M. Turner; Shawna Facht of the Prince George's Department of Parks and Recreation; Ms. Amber Waller, Prince George's County Board of Education, District 3; and our guest speaker, Mr. Keith Singletary, Sr., Owner of Chick-fil-A at Largo and Steeplechase.

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