



# City of Pittsburgh

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## Text File

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**WHEREAS, the West Side Alliance Basketball League** was a vision of **Charmaine Turner**, a resident of Pittsburgh all her life, who was inspired by her nephews when she asked them what their dreams were and they replied they want to play basketball; and,

**WHEREAS**, having a passion for the youth and knowing nothing about the sport of Basketball, she asked for help from Mr. Robbie Minor and Mr. "Milk" Whitley who began a league for adults ages 18 and older;

**WHEREAS**, with one team under their belt and their first game on June 10, 2011, Charmaine wanted to start a Little League team for children under the age of eighteen; and,

**WHEREAS**, she pulled on help from Robert Minor, Shahif Wellons, Warren Whitlock, Ebony Harris and Shawntay Littlejohn, and other volunteers and presently the Basketball League reaches over 21 youth under the age of 18 in the West End and surrounding areas; and,

**WHEREAS**, the youth meet at Broadhead Fording Park every Saturday and if you are under the age of 18 and standing around Ms. Turner will encourage you to participate and even offer you a ride to the game; and,

**WHEREAS**, even though the basketball teams are co-ed, the West Side Alliance felt the need to reach out to girls in a different way by providing the resources to learn the art of dance which they will get to do while they raise awareness for sickle cell and in the recent destruction around the city everything we do the basketball games and dancing will give the kids a chance to be a part of storing the violence movement. So in other words if you can fit all of that in some way then yes you can put the girls in there

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Charmaine Turner, Robert Minor, Shahif Wellons, Warren Whitlock, Ebony Harris and Shawntay Littlejohn and other volunteers who are making a positive difference in the lives of youth in the City of Pittsburgh and give them a chance to be a part of something encouraging; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, August 30, 2011, to be "**West Side Alliance Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.