

# Next in Line

The talented-ten profiled here are only a sampling of the wealth of leadership found within our community – a community that Greenville Mayor Knox White (elected to City Council when he was only 29 years old – and now in his 9th year as Mayor) describes as one that embraces those who want to make a difference regardless of age or culture. Because the talent pool is so large – our article could not be concluded without a glimpse into the lives of those whom Greenville's lyrical poet, Charlene Evans, calls – "The Next in Line."

*"The Tag Team"* **SONYA CALDWELL**, Real Estate Broker – Caldwell Broker LLC and **BABBETTE B. JONES**, Agency Principal, Babbette B. Jones Agency Inc – An Allstate Insurance Company

These energetic businesswomen refer to themselves as "servant leaders." Although accomplished in their respective fields, they share a common vision for women in need of a helping hand in our community. Stay tuned to see what's next for these "Mocha Moms," a group of mothers who get together to share joys and divide challenges. Their vision for the future includes a transition house for women as well as commercial office development.

*"The Lyrical Poet"* **CHARLENE EVANS**, Spoken Word Artist  
27-year-old Charlene Evans, also known as "Chiccy Baritone," plants seeds of hope through words of encouragement found in her freshman CD project entitled "Next in Line." What's next in line for the prolific lyricist whose inspiring works include "Hail to the Queen," "My Gift," "He Exists," and "Love," just to name a few? While the S.C. State graduate offers no quick answers to this question, we can be assured it will be for the glory of God.

*"The Healers"* **DR. KANDACE FARMER**, D.O. – Breast Imaging, Greenville Radiology and **JIMMIE FLYTHE**, P.T. – Owner & Clinical Manager, Carolina Physical Therapy, LLC

Introduced at the University of Maryland, this couple later married, then joined forces to make a difference in the community through healing. Dr. Farmer is one of three sponsors for the upcoming Susan G. Kohmen Foundation's 10th Anniversary Gala. Therapist Flythe, survivor of Hodgkin's Lymphoma, intersperses a dose of motivation with physical rehabilitation in his newly opened practice. Together, this power couple offer simple words of encouragement to those they serve: "Don't give up!"

*"The Advocate"* **TIMIKIA NESBIT**, Development Manager  
Greenville Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Development

Connecting the area's small business owners with some of its largest corporate citizens such as BMW, Michelin, and the Greenville Hospital System, is her goal. Through the Chamber's Minority Business Enterprise, Nesbit spearheaded the "Opportunity Advance" initiative, which led to contracts for small business owners totalling \$1.2 million. The overall mission is to improve business performance through mentoring programs, training, and breaking down barriers. Nesbit reminds the small businessperson that, "Every obstacle leads to an opportunity for maturity and growth!"

## "What is True Success?"

19th Century American author and poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson, aptly summarized the success that these leaders have achieved in such a short period of time, in these words:

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest criticism...to appreciate beauty and find the best in others; ... to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived – this is to have succeeded." As benefactors of their accomplishments, we cannot wait to see how this class of leaders will shape the definition of personal and professional success in the future. ■

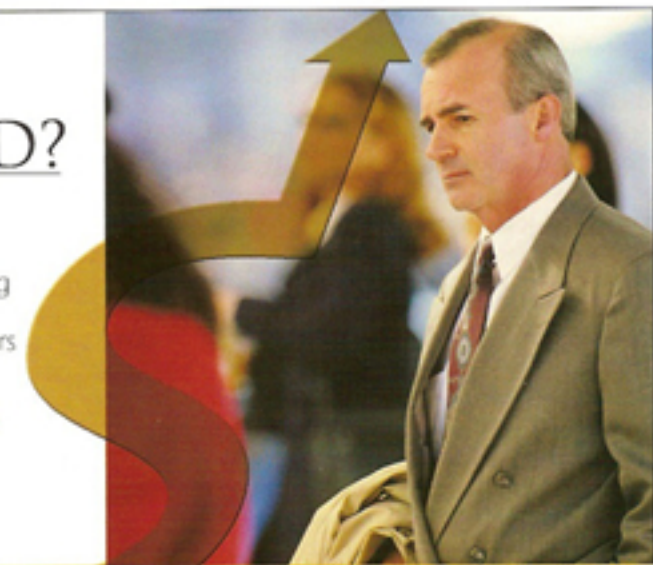
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