

ENVOY

Giving of Self for the Advancement of Others

THE
Emily J. T. Perez
 FOUNDATION

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Emily's Way is on its way

The Emily J. T. Perez Foundation has kicked off its inaugural mentoring class by welcoming sixteen girls into the program.

Emily's Way is an enrichment and mentoring program open to young women interested in reaching their maximum potential. By participating in programs with peers in their age group, girls will develop their own voice, opinions, and leadership skills. Program leaders work with each girl to develop her own unique strengths and show her how to apply that confidence at home with her family, in school with her classmates, or in the community.

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The 2010 charity banquet approaches



Save the date for the second inaugural Emily J. T.

Perez Legacy and Scholarship Banquet to be held on February 20 at the Colony South Hotel and Conference Center in Clinton Maryland.

The proceeds from the event will be used to teach young girls and women the importance of courage, commitment and self-determination in obtaining their goals – Emily's Way. Join us! The Emily J. T. Perez Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) organization and all donations are fully tax deductible to the extent of the law.

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letter from the president

Dear Members,

GREETINGS from the Emily J.T. Perez Foundation, Inc.! We are truly thankful and deeply blessed that you have decided to be a part of our progressive organization. I look forward to writing to you about how our Foundation is trying to instill in young people the importance of “Giving of Self for the Advancement of Others.” Selfless service is the genesis of creating well-rounded and fundamentally sound adolescents that will continue to flourish and grow throughout a lifetime.

Many truly amazing things have transpired since our inaugural dinner in February of 2009.

- We have presented a scholarship to Ms. Jumoke Akinola.
- We kicked off **Emily’s Way**, the Foundation’s mentoring and enrichment program.
- We began the process of having a VFW post named after our beloved Emily J.T. Perez in New York.
- We welcomed three new members to the Foundation’s board of directors.

In this issue of **ENVOY** you will find out more information about all of these subjects.

SAVE THE DATE! The next Emily J.T. Perez Foundation Legacy and Scholarship Banquet will be held on February 20 at the Colony South Hotel and Conference Center in Clinton Maryland. Our keynote speaker will be Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards, 4th District of Maryland. We hope to see you there!

In closing, I’d like to offer a heartfelt **thank you** to all of the donors and volunteers that have helped to strengthen and grow the Foundation. We could not have accomplished any of these things without you.

Warm Regards,

Daniel Perez

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Jumoke Akinola Receives 2009 Scholarship



THE Emily J. T. Perez Foundation, Inc. is proud to announce Jumoke Akinola as the 2009 scholarship recipient. Miss Akinola accepted this honor at the Oxon Hill Awards Program in May 2009

Miss Akinola is currently a freshman at the University of Maryland in College Park. After learning of a classmate's struggle with a heart disease, she decided to pursue a career as a cardiac surgeon. "He taught my friends and me about the disease and what needed to be done for this particular condition. Just knowing that an operation could help enhance his life and all the difficulties that came with it

amazed me. I knew from then on that being a cardiac surgeon was what I wanted to do. I want to make a difference in the lives of others..."

Our annual scholarship is open to graduating seniors of Oxon Hill High Schools. Applicants are evaluated on their academic achievement and character. Each applicant must complete an application package along with a written essay on a provided topic. After identifying three final-

ists, these individuals will participate in an interview by a panel comprised of members from the Foundation's Board of Directors.

The design and purpose of the scholarship is to help young women reach their career goals through higher education, enabling them to give back to their communities, a value which Emily epitomized in her life work.

2010 Emily J. T. Perez Legacy and Scholarship Banquet

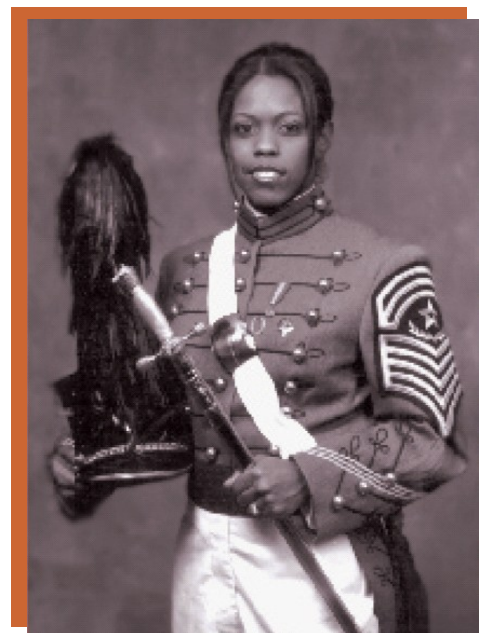
PLANNING for the second annual legacy and scholarship banquet is well underway.

Our keynote speaker will be Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards, 4th District of Maryland at the 2010 Legacy Scholarship Banquet on February 20, 2010 in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Over 250 supporters attended last year's event,

and this year we hope to have even more. All proceeds from this fundraising event go directly to Emily's Way mentoring program and the Emily J.T. Perez Scholarship.

Please save the date of February 20, 2010. For more information, please contact Mrs. Vicki Perez by email at emilysway@comcast.net or by telephone at (240) 724-6175.



program highlights

Emily's Way is On Its Way

ON Saturday morning, October 17 2009, sixteen young women entering their freshman year of high school made the vision and three year anticipation of the enrichment and mentoring program, Emily's Way, a reality.



After a heartfelt welcome to this inaugural group and their families, Mrs. Carmen Diggs, Board member and assistant program director, introduced the parents of Emily, Vicki and Daniel Perez. It was with mixed emotions that Mrs. Perez thanked the young women for their participation and the parents for their trust in the program. She then explained the origin of the program's name. "The program is named

Emily's Way in honor of how our daughter Emily lived her life by caring for others. This is our effort to continue what she started – giving of self for the advancement of others." Mrs. Perez encouraged each participant to follow

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Way included sessions on self-esteem, facilitated by Edith Eubanks of Scottsdale, Arizona. Each participant completed a self-portrait along with collages depicting the character of Emily and their expectations of the program.

The day ended with a formal Kick-off celebration with words of encouragement provided by



Emily's example and instructions to "Start where you are, use what you got, 'cause you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you."

The inaugural day of Emily's



Congresswoman Donna Edwards; Council Members Tony Knotts (8th District, PG County) and Ingrid Turner (4th District, PG County); and Dr. James Dula, Chief Operations Officer, Image Consulting Group International and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Educare Resource Center.

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sionally. The program accomplishes this goal through exposing the girls to a variety of seminars, academic sessions, field trips, and networking with professionals and community service leaders. Anyone interested in

becoming a part of Emily's way may contact us by email at emilysway@comcast.net or via phone at (240) 724-6175.



Emily's memory continues to inspire soldiers in Iraq

The Foundation was pleased to hear from Major Chris McKinney, who was one of Emily's instructors while she was a cadet at West Point. Major McKinney wrote from Iraq, where he is deployed with the 3rd BDE of the 3rd Infantry Division. "There is a special place on my FOB [Forward Operating Base] that I took some pictures next to in order to share them with you," MAJ McKinney commented, and attached the photo below:



The **Emily Perez Treatment Facility**, dedicated in Emily's memory, continues to treat and inspire soldiers who are serving in harm's way.

Emily's Way needs you! Get Involved:

The Emily J. T. Perez Foundation is able to offer its services to the community because of the commitment of citizens like you.

Our mission is to ensure that girls from all walks of life have the opportunity to reach their maximum potential in life. There are many ways that you can help:

- **Get involved:** This is a grass-roots program that relies on the participation of the community. If you have a talent, skill or experience you'd like to share with the girls then give us a call!
- **Donate:** Our programs, facilities and activities are funded by the generosity of our donor community.
- **Join us** at the 2nd Annual Foundation Banquet to be held at the Colony South Hotel and Conference Center.

To learn more about the Foundation please call **240.724.6175** or visit us online at www.emilysway.org

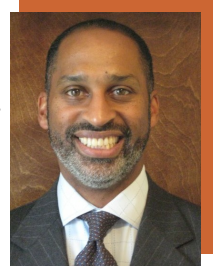
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New Foundation Board of Directors Announced

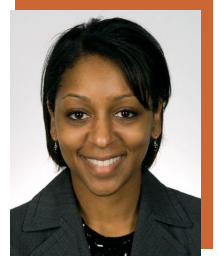
THE Foundation welcomes Lew Baker, Erica Jeffries, and Chris Smith to the Board of Directors.

The new directors join charter members **Daniel Perez**, **Vicki Perez**, and **Brandon Deas** along with members **Carmen Diggs**, **Pamela Jefferson**, **Tiffany Martin**, and **Lawanda Warthen**.

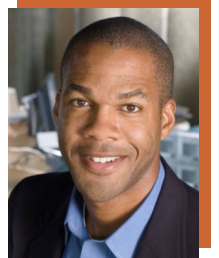
Lew Baker is the principal at Baker Schilling Inc., a D.C. based wealth management firm. Prior to founding Baker Schilling, Lewis was a Vice President at Morgan Stanley and a certified Financial Manager for Merrill Lynch. Lewis earned a B.S. from the United States Military Academy at West Point and served as an Infantry Officer in the United States Army.



Erica Jeffries is an Associate for Security Strategy, Defense and Analysis with Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. Prior to her current position, she served as a United States Army Captain for the 4th Infantry Division Aviation Regiment in Fort Hood, TX. Erica earned a B.S. from the United States Military Academy at West Point and a MA in National Security from Georgetown



Chris Smith is Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oil and Gas at the U.S. Department of Energy. In this position, he is responsible for administering domestic and international oil and gas programs, including technology development and policy analysis. Prior to his appointment he served in managerial and analytical positions in the private sector. He began his career as an officer in the U. S. Army and served tours in Korea and Hawaii. Chris holds a B.S. from the United States Military Academy at West Point and an MBA from Cambridge University.



The Board bids farewell with great appreciation to Mr. Harold Jefferson, Mr. Nathaniel Laney, and Mr. Grant Buster.



About the Foundation: Teenage years can be a period of great growth and discovery. They can also be a treacherous, uncertain time. This is particularly true for girls, who are particularly vulnerable to negative media images, low self-esteem, and bear the brunt of the consequences of unplanned teenage pregnancies.

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Established in the memory of Second Lieutenant Emily Perez, the Foundation is designed to encourage girls and young women to reach their maximum potential academically, socially and professionally by teaching and exposing them to various skill sets and professionals - but more importantly, teaching them to think about the world around them.