



## **The Good Samaritan Foundation**

*"Serving Youth. Building Leaders."*

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

***"Hope In The City: Ground-breaking Ceremony for The Good Samaritan Foundation in Southeast, Washington, D.C."***

(Washington, D.C.) On Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 10:30am, Co-founders and former Washington Redskins Art Monk and Charles Mann, will participate in the Ground-breaking Ceremony for The Good Samaritan Foundation at 2405 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, in S.E, Washington, D.C. 20020. Other guests of honor who will speak at the ceremony are District of Columbia Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and Ward 8 Councilman Marion Barry. Both of these leaders were early supporters of the organization acquiring the property that once was the home of the Old Carver Theatre. The renovations of the 11,000 square foot brick building will house the Foundation's Student Opportunity Center and Administrative Offices.

"This is a great day, for a great community", said Charles Mann." Our kids work year round to meet and exceed expectations of their schools, families and themselves", said Mann. "It is all about relationships, friendships, partnerships and genuine caring. This project is testament to partnerships from such organizations as United Bank ,D.C, Revenue Bond-Enterprise Zone Program, RAB Management, Inc., and Clark Construction to name a few," said Mann.

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The Good Samaritan Foundation benefits and serves inner city youth primarily in Southeast. The focus is on helping youth prepare for college and future employment opportunities as well as become leaders in the community and workplace.

“Service to others and giving back to community is important to me personally”, said Art Monk. “Many investments are being made in Southeast, Washington D.C. We know investment in young people, especially high-school age, is necessary to help them become quality employees, business owners, teachers, lawyers, doctors, scientist, and engineers, raise families and become leaders in the workplace and in the community”, said Monk. “Charles and I, with the active board members and dedicated staff, stress the importance of ethics and values in all that they do”, said Monk.

In 1993, Monk and Mann, along with former Washington Redskin teammates, Tim Johnson and Earnest Byner, combined their resources to create a philanthropic organization to serve the youth within the District of Columbia. Currently serving 35 high school students and 22 alumni in Southeast and Northeast, the Foundation achieves its mission of “preparing youth for leadership in the community and workplace”, through its year-round youth development program, the Student Training Opportunity Program (STOP). For more information visit us on the web at [www.gsf-dc.org](http://www.gsf-dc.org) For photos of the event, please contact Lawrence Dark or Mindy Lyle.

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