

Lisa Thorpe-Vaughn

Lisa Thorpe-Vaughn is Program Officer/Director of National Recruitment for Amachi. (*Amachi is a West African word meaning "Who knows what God has brought us in this child?"*) This position is overseen by the Founder/Director of the National Amachi Initiative; Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode, Sr., former Mayor of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Public/Private Ventures; a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the effectiveness of social policies, programs and community initiatives.

In May of 2001, with honors, Lisa completed a Master's degree in English, with an emphasis in Intercultural Rhetoric, from Carnegie Mellon University. Lisa graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor degree in Business and Communication.

Lisa's previous position was as Executive Director of Amachi Pittsburgh, an initiative of the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation (PLF) in partnership with other local non-profits, churches and agencies, which matches mentors from local congregations with children of incarcerated parents. Lisa led this city-wide network of "People of Faith Mentoring Children of Promise." In its first



year Amachi Pittsburgh received presidential recognition at the 1st National Conference for the Whitehouse Office of Faith/Community-based Initiatives, as one of eight programs nationally who are successful at President George Bush's "Compassion In Action".

In addition to Amachi Pittsburgh Lisa served as the Chief Program Officer and the Director of Training for the PLF. The Chief Program Officer was responsible to the President for providing administrative oversight to all projects, maintaining strategic alliances with partner organizations and fund development.

Annually in her role as Director of Training, Lisa organized/presented a national training institute for the Leadership Foundations of America (LFA). The intended outcome of this event was to provide quality training, promote national speakers, showcase national best practice models, and provide networking opportunities for established as well as up-and-coming leaders.

In 2004 Lisa was showcased locally as one of Pittsburgh's "*50 Women of Influence*" as a woman who continues in service while balancing a family and career. Lisa received national recognition in the Fall 2005 edition of the Precious Times magazine as one of "*The 50 Faithful*" (people doing the work that God appointed so that His will is done on earth).

Adding to her work experiences Lisa served as Program Manager for The Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern Pennsylvania, specializing in faith-based and community-based programs. While with The Mentoring Partnership, Lisa developed the Church Based Mentoring Network (CBMN), a volunteer organization with over fifty local churches actively involved in mentoring.

In addition to these career positions, Lisa mentors a group called Junior Noblewomen, a mentoring program for pre-teen/teenage young women in Pittsburgh's inner city.

Lisa is a licensed evangelist/missionary in the Church of God in Christ, worldwide. She and her husband, Elder James Vaughn, met through their responsibilities as leaders in their respective churches. They have been married 15 years and are active in Northside Institutional C.O.G.I.C. (where both of Lisa's parents have been pastors for more than 35 years). They have two children, JaLisa (14) and Carrington (10).

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- Objective** To obtain a professional position where I can utilize my academic and professional skills as well as experience.
- Personal Experience** A stress tolerant, energetic, enthusiastic individual who enjoys working with people, new challenges and leadership responsibilities.
- Education**
- Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA
- M.A., English, Intercultural Rhetoric.
 - Academic Honors
- University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA
- B.A., Communications/Business
- Experience**
- 2005-Present Private/Public Ventures Philadelphia, PA
- Program Officer/Director of National Recruitment for Amachi**
- Provide consultant services to P/PV for training and technical assistance to the Corporation for National and Community Services; which includes working with VISTA, Senior Corps Americorps Programs and Department of Labor; Ready for Work/Re-Entry programs
 - Conference planning in multiple locations around the country
 - Training and technical assistance for groups who are interested in creating an Amachi program
- 2000-2005 Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation Pittsburgh, PA
- Executive Director, Amachi Pittsburgh**
- Managed a federal grant of more than \$300,000.00
 - Hired, trained and evaluated grant staff
 - Wrote supporting grants for the program, raising more than \$150,000.00
 - Recruit, manage and supervise Vista; federal public service volunteers
 - Disbursed seed grants of more than \$40,000.00 annually to local congregations
 - Developed a local partnership of non-profit agencies, faith/community-based organizations, government, foundations and universities to support the implementation of the Mentoring the Children of Prisoners federal grant
- Chief Program Officer**
- Assist the President/C00 in the supervision and coordination of all activities.
 - Managed program budgets totally more than \$500,000.00
 - Collaborated with department assistants on the production of all PLF public relations materials, i.e., brochures, annual reports, newsletter, etc.
 - Conducted outcome-based evaluations on all programs/projects
 - Expand the assets of the Foundation by teaching leaders how to

offer effective services, increase organizational capacity forge working partnerships and achieve measurable results, i.e., collaboration, organizational development, strategic planning, board development, fiscal integrity, funding stability, public leadership and public service

Director of Training Institute

- Annually planned and organized a national Training Institute for over 26 cities of the Leadership Foundations of America
- Provided the development and coordination of training programs for PLF projects, local and national ministries and the Christian Church, targeting laity, clergy and other non-profits organizations as well as their executive boards/staff

1997-2000 The Mentoring Partnership of SWPA Pittsburgh, PA

Program Manager

- Developed mentor training manuals and annual informational directories for over 125 non-profit organizations
- Organized monthly meetings for all member agencies of the Greater Pittsburgh Mentoring Association, Kujichagulia Mentor Training and Church-based Mentoring Network (CBMN)
- Developed the CBMN, which consisted of 75 churches and faith-based organizations

1995-1997 Children's World Learning Center Sacramento, CA

Center Director/Manager

- Responsible for all aspects of the Child Care Center including the recruitment, selection, training and supervision of 25 staff; development and implementation of policies, procedures, programming and activities consistent with national, state and local standards; management of budget; attainment of national accreditation, and promotion of the center to the local and surrounding communities
- Managed a budget of over \$550,000.00 annually

Interests

Writing, music, computers, mentoring

Reference Upon Request