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The Pittsburgh Project Appoints a New Executive Director

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania – March 21, 2018 – The Pittsburgh Project (TPP) Board of Directors are pleased to announce that Wayne Younger will join the organization as the Executive Director effective March 26, 2018. Errika Fearbry Jones, Board President stated “Wayne Younger has the power to motivate, uplift, and touch the heart of any person that he comes in contact with. He embodies leadership qualities that can’t be taught, he’s a natural! We are excited to introduce Wayne as our new Executive Director during our spring fundraiser: Sowing Seeds to Harvest Greater Rewards on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. We hope that our TPP families, friends, and supporters will join us as Wayne shares his direction for the future.”



Wayne comes with extensive non-profit management and leadership experience, most recently with Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience (PULSE), whose mission is to cultivate a community of young servant leaders to transform Pittsburgh. “I am excited to return to The Pittsburgh Project in the role of Executive Director and to build on its purpose to develop servant leaders and uphold the dignity of vulnerable homeowners,” said Wayne Younger.

Wayne Younger, a native Pittsburgher, grew up and currently lives on the Northside in the East Allegheny neighborhood. He and his wife Leeann are the proud parents of three children, W. Shaw (19), Isaiah (18) and Kayla (14). Wayne and Leeann are the founding Co-Pastors of Cityview Covenant Church in Spring Garden. He studied Secondary Education and History at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky. Wayne has spent his professional life working in the social service sector and has worked with diverse populations across the span of his 20-year career.

“I am delighted that Wayne Younger will join TPP as its new Executive Director,” said Lisa Slayton, CEO of Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation. “Wayne is deeply committed to the Northside of our city and will bring a rich understanding of the needs of the 18 Northside neighborhoods and its residents. TPP has a long history of serving the most vulnerable in these communities and Wayne will be able to build on the legacy and work in this new season of ministry.”

The Pittsburgh Project is a Christian nonprofit organization developing servant leaders and upholding the dignity of vulnerable homeowners. TPP operates a progressive series of after-school and summer programs for more than 250 urban youth and deploys over 1,500 service camp youth to perform free home repairs for more than 130 of Pittsburgh’s elderly homeowners annually. Additionally, TPP provides recreation space to the community through the operation of Fowler Park and Pool.

Saleem Ghubril, Executive Director of The Pittsburgh Promise stated “Wayne Younger is a terrific choice for Executive Director of The Pittsburgh Project. He is gifted at building bridges between races, ethnicities, and communities of differing educational, economic, and faith backgrounds. He is an inspiring communicator and compelling leader. I am hopeful that The Pittsburgh Project’s best days are ahead of it.”

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