

Kia Butler '00

From Sunday school helper to camp counselor, Kia Butler has been passionately involved in the lives of children. As a pre-teen Ms. Butler could be found helping out in Sunday school classes at Grace Presbyterian Church in Jenkintown. Toddlers were her favorites. She continued on as she grew working as a counselor at a local YMCA camp.

It was a stretch of the imagination to find Ms. Butler earning a bachelor's degree in sociology at West Chester University. She was equipping herself to be of more service to children. While at school she volunteered at a West Chester Kindred House for homeless families. As a member she also was deeply involved in community service projects with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. In 2010 Ms. Butler received her Master's degree in education from the University of Phoenix.

In the years after college her love for children in the community continued to grow. Kia began her career at Progressions, a behavioral health agency where she worked with children between the ages of 5 and 15. Her commitment to children led her to Northern Children Services in 2003 where she worked as a school-based case manager. In 2006, she was promoted to the supervisor of the school-based case managers. In 2008, Kia became the Director of Community-Based Programs. Some of the programs within this division include truancy prevention, community change initiative, the After School Beacon program and juvenile justice prevention. These prevention programs assist children throughout Philadelphia and surrounding counties. Currently, Kia holds the position of Director of Foster Care at Northern.

Her enthusiasm and drive has kept her focused on the needs of children who often are overlooked by society.

'If you change the life of one child, you have changed the world,' Ms. Butler said. Her love and active role in the lives of scores of children are a testament to that motto.

James Williams '59

Colonel (Ret) James E. Williams, Jr., a prostate cancer survivor diagnosed in 1991, has been active as an advocate for 23 years. He is a retired U. S. Army Colonel and a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR). After retiring from the Army, Jim worked as a human resources administrator for 15 years. He is presently the principal of Jim Williams and Associates, a management consulting firm specializing in prostate cancer awareness, education, and advocacy.

Jim participates in numerous organizations. He is the Chair, Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition; the Immediate Past Chair, Intercultural Cancer Council (ICC); He is also Vice President of the ICC Caucus; Board Member, Dauphin County (PA) State Health Improvement Plan, the Alliance for Prostate Cancer Prevention. Jim is also a member of the Editorial Board of *CR Magazine*.

Recent honors include a National Institutes of Health Certificate of Appreciation for his work as a member of the National Advisory Council for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Certificate of Commendation for his bold leadership in developing a Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan to reduce the burden of cancer for all citizens, and a Certificate of Appreciation from the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs for his work on the National Prostate Cancer Project. Recognition at the Centennial Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research for his outstanding contributions and enduring commitment towards the eradication of cancer. Jim has appeared on NBC's "Weekend Today" program and was featured in *Good Housekeeping* magazine in an article on prostate cancer treatment and prevention.

Jim holds a BS and an MS in Secondary Education and Administration. He lives in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Lois. They are the proud parents of three children and two grandchildren.