



40 Acres Art Gallery Director to Step Down in December

Sacramento, CA (August 12, 2009) - The director of St. HOPE Academy's 40 Acres Art Gallery announced her plans to resign effective December 23, 2009, which is the final day of *Amazing Wonders: Quilts by African Americans in the Northern California Region*, an exhibit opening on October 13. Kim Curry-Evans has been the director of St. HOPE's art gallery since its establishment in 2003.

The St. HOPE Academy Board of Directors is saddened by Kim's decision to leave the organization at the end of December. For seven years, Kim has worked tirelessly for St. HOPE to accomplish more in the arts arena, and specifically at the 40 Acres Art Gallery, than ever imagined. The Academy is forever thankful for her dedication to the arts, to the community and to the young people the Academy serves.

St. HOPE Academy's mission is to revitalize inner cities through public education, economic development, civic leadership and arts enrichment. Together with the Guild Theater, Starbucks, Uncle Jed's Cut Hut, and underground books, the Art Gallery provides the Oak Park neighborhood a community gathering place and increased exposure to the arts.

Through the remainder of the year, the Academy and its Board of Directors will work with local schools and the arts community to continue to make art an important part of the community. The Academy will look to maintain the gallery space to showcase the artwork of Sac High students and as a venue to enhance local schools' arts curriculum.

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