



**Rapid Response Recovery News  
Mission Statement**

The Rapid Response Recovery News highlights community businesses, leaders, civic and charitable organizations, faith based organizations and private citizens who have contributed to uplifting our communities. This "sunny side" of the news will focus on those who have developed and implemented projects and programs that contribute to those multifaceted issues which improve and sustain our community. Special interest will be given to education, literacy, housing, health, nutrition, and homelessness, ex-offender programs that reduce and/or eliminate the possibility of their returning to prison and active military personnel from the local community.

**Senior Citizens**

We will publish articles on Senior Citizens who continue to work and serve. We will tell the untold stories, of those who are actively involved in non-for-profit agencies, Faith Based, mentoring programs, civic organizations, etc. We will be sharing their memories, expertise, and skills with others.

**Children**

We will showcase the success stories and achievements of children in our communities. Emphasis will be placed on children who are excelling academically, volunteering in the community, church involvement and participating in Leadership Programs, etc.

**Academics**

The Rapid Response Recovery News will address and highlight community schools, trade schools and universities that contribute to the community in education.

**Community**

Highlighting achievements of community leaders and citizens, as well as federal, state, city, county and local government elected officials displaying their goals and plans for their communities, as they purchase products, goods and services.

**Faith Based Organizations**

We will print articles that demonstrates what the religious community, all faiths and denominations, are doing to promote programs that center on providing their members with day care centers, job training educating centers, economic development, entrepreneurial possibilities, reduction in recidivism, etc. Highlighting those institutions involved in social change as well as, spiritual enhancement.

**Non-For Profit**

We will be highlighting all service organizations that seek to uplift their constituents out-side of the church. Those organizations striving to shape and mold them to higher life skills in-order to better the community in which they live, raise the standard of living for their families, and garner life skills that will elevate their personal growth as well.

**Corporations**

We will identify and spotlight through print, those corporations such as Insurance Companies, Banks, Casinos, National Chain Restaurants, etc. that purchases products, goods and services from small businesses, minority, women owned, veteran and handicapped enterprises.

**Small Businesses**

Our publication will highlight endeavors of small businesses that supplies products, goods and services and are owned and operated by small businesses, minorities, women, handicapped, veterans, and home-based businesses who are contributing to the community by involvement, hiring and

**Military  
First Responders**

We will publish articles and Editorials that showcase the fire, police and emergency support units, such as, Red Cross, Salvation Army. These units are the "first" to arrive at almost all disastrous and dangerous situations that communities and the residents who live in them, face

**Consumer**

We will be showcasing those American Citizens who have helped support our economy by getting better training to becoming better equipped to be hired by Corporations and small businesses, volunteered their time and talent to help raise the level of competency of our young students, and the level of literacy for elder citizens, provided meals, homes and other services to seniors who couldn't help themselves, helped non for profit agencies extend their products, goods, and services to those in need, specifically identifying those persons who have helped themselves and others contribute to the betterment of their communities. We will also address the situations of jobs, housing, education, medical, food, transportation, electronic commerce, insurance and a virtual smorgasbord of other opportunities for this sector.

**TEN STEPS RITES OF  
PASSAGE PROGRAM**



The Honorable Judge Dan Moore Presents Mayoral Proclamation to Paul Washington the:



39 Hungry Young Men Enjoy the Best Pizza in Town - Tubby's



Young Men from Lake County Ten Steps Rites to Passage Program Thank the City of Jeffersonville and the Rapid Response News



<p><b>2 Large 1 Topping Pizzas</b> \$17.95</p> <p><small>One coupon per customer Expires 2-1-10</small></p>	<p><b>Medium Specialty and Medium 1 Topping</b> \$19.99</p> <p><small>One coupon per customer Expires 2-1-10</small></p>
<p><b>FREE Small Spaghetti</b> With Purchase of Large Spaghetti at reg. price</p>	<p><b>Family Feast</b> 1 Lp. Specialty 2 House Salads &amp; 1 Gal. Iced Tea \$24.00</p> <p><small>One coupon per customer Expires 2-1-10</small></p>

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**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION CITY OF  
JEFFERSONVILLE**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor of the City of Jeffersonville wishes to commend and support those individuals and organizations who contribute to the growth and well-being of our community through their services and deeds; and

WHEREAS, the late Ron Johnson, Founder of the National Family Life and Education Center in 1986, developed the Ten Steps Rites of Passage program. The program originally began as an outreach ministry of Ward African Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, California. It was designed as a model program to assist African American boys in disadvantaged circumstances in making a successful transition from adolescence to manhood; and

WHEREAS, this model Ten Step Rites of Passage Program has been implemented by the Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Indiana. The mission of the Ten Steps Rites of Passage Program is to work with "at risk" youth, their families, and support systems to build individual character, promote self-discipline, self-awareness, and self sufficiency for self determination. The program has a significant impact on the middle school students who participate in the program's one-on-one mentoring services. The youngsters do better in school, are less likely to use alcohol, take drugs, or join a gang and have improved attitudes about their future, their peers and their family; and

WHEREAS, through the program, volunteer adult mentors meet with youngsters for an hour each week for a minimum of one year. The meetings, which alternate between school sites and community locations, offer meaningful educational, recreational, and developmental opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Director Paul L. Washington, Jr., develops programming that provides technical assistance, exposure and other valuable resources necessary to address the needs of the program

participants and their families; and .

WHEREAS, thirty-nine participants embarking on a journey to a brighter future, have toured historical Black Colleges which included college preparatory seminars, historical monuments and memorials; and

WHEREAS, the Ten Step Rites of Passage participants were invited by the Rapid Response Recovery News and the Men's Fellowship of Bethel AME Church and Tubby's Pizza to visit the City of Jeffersonville in Clark County, Indiana, located on the Ohio River adjacent to Clarksville.

WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark expedition is an American story. An odyssey all Americans can share. There is something in the Lewis and Clark expedition for everyone. If you're interested in science, you are introduced to new plants, new animals and new territory. If you are interested in Native Americans, you learn about the American Indian culture before it is transformed and you can share in the excitement and dangers encountered by the expedition.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas R. Galligan, Mayor of the City of Jeffersonville, in the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim October 25, 2009

**TEN STEP RITES OF PASSAGE DAY**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Jeffersonville to be affixed this 21 st day of October, 2009.



*Thomas R. Galligan*  
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Mayor of Jeffersonville