



Creating Community, Transforming Lives

LEADERSHIP & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:



Colin Pinkney is a highly respected and award-winning community leader who has spent well over twenty years bringing leadership and change to the most distressed communities in Charlotte. Entering his fifth year at the helm, he has leveraged his community influence to launch key partnerships with Urban Ministry's Room in the Inn, Fashion & Compassion, West Meck High School, Urban Promise, NC Works and Charlotte Rescue Mission – with a vision to decrease the number of situationally homeless men and women in Charlotte.

In less than two years in the new headquarters, The Harvest Center of Charlotte is having a major impact in the homeless service network across the city. Under Colin's leadership, The Harvest Center has doubled the staff, enhanced core services, increased the housing capacity for homeless men and women and improved the financial position to grow core programs. His work to transform the community has been chronicled in a recent book, commissioned by Johnson C. Smith University President, Dr. Ronald Carter, entitled "*Ten Men: Examining the Passion Progress of Black Men on Charlotte's West Side*". Award-winning author and journalist, Ron Stodgill, recognized Colin as a "dynamic change agent able to leverage his voice and power to build a more prosperous Charlotte."

Colin's devotion to underserved people, particularly men, spans the most affluent athletes to the most vulnerable - young people. In 2008, he founded "We are World Class" book club for male high school students, helping over 250 students graduate from high school on time. As team Chaplain for the NBA Charlotte Hornets, he serves as spiritual mentor to some of the NBA's most talented athletes and was recognized in 2011, by sports legend and philanthropist, Michael Jordan as a Hometown Hero. His first book, ***Blueprints: Mentoring Designs for Young Black Males***, has garnered local acclaim, and his soon to be released second book, ***Forgiving Our Fathers, Healing our Homes***, is set to bring solutions to the generational decay in underserved communities.

He has a bold vision to propel The Harvest Center of Charlotte as the premiere faith-based organization focused on the homeless, poor and unemployed in the city. He and his wife, Terry, have been married for twenty-two years and are raising six amazing children – four daughters and two sons.