

WINTER 2007
www.pencilfoundation.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Enrico J. Pennisi, Jr.
Chairman

Marty G. Dickens
Vice Chairman

Robert Fisher
Treasurer

Brian Abrahamson
DeVan Ard, Jr.
Sue Atkinson
Camilla P. Benbow
Pamela Carter

Mary Cohn
Thomas Conner
Jana Joustra Davis
Teresa Dennis

V. H. Dixon, Jr.
Bryan Fastenau
Joan M. Gallagher
Pedro E. García

Brian J. Geraghty
Marcela Gomez
Jeff Gregg
Chris R. Johnson
Sarah L. Knestruck

Karl Lang
Cindy Mabe
Drew Maddux
Steve Masie

Edmund D. McClure
Nancy Flatt Meador
Kathy Nevill
Robert J. Obrohta

Gracie Porter
Bill Purcell
Jennie Renwick
Jeff Sanborn

Sue Spickard
Kelli A. Stokes
Denine Torr
Byron R. Trauger

Claire Tucker
John Van Mol
Betsy Walkup
Jason K. West
Vivian Wilhoite

Connie Williams
Executive Director

PUBLIC EDUCATION NEEDS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP

TEEN LEADERS MAKE A LASTING IMPACT AT MT. VIEW



Every Thursday, something special takes place at Mt. View Elementary. Forty kindergarten students anxiously await the arrival of their “buddy” – an Antioch High School student participating in the Alignment Nashville Leadership Development Class. Offered at Antioch and Maplewood High Schools, this class is designed to give students the skills they need to become great leaders, with the ultimate goal of creating a better learning environment in school.

Alignment Nashville (AN) represents a collaboration of area nonprofits that have the common goal of supporting Metro Schools in its mission. PENCIL works closely with AN to support projects. PENCIL’s Reading Partners Director Ann Johnston trained the Antioch students and will keep track of the Mt. View students’ progress. Beginning soon, Maplewood high school students will work with Tom Joy Elementary students.

The Leadership class members are excited to be acting as positive role models. Part of their assignment was to evaluate their student on the first day and research ways activities that would best help the student learn. They created activity boxes and work with their student for an hour each week.

Kara Jones knows her student learns by memory so she created a box of activities to play on that strength. “She has been improving and improving,” said Jones. “It’s rewarding to see you’re actually helping somebody. Each week she gets closer to me and more comfortable.”



Kindergarten teachers at Mt. View are grateful for the tutors, some of which are bilingual and have been matched with ELL students. Teacher Leann Claussen thinks this is a huge asset because the children feel comfortable with older students who have the same native language. “This has made a

major difference for the students that needed that extra push,” she said. 📖

OUR MISSION LINKING COMMUNITY RESOURCES WITH NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE ACHIEVE ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND PREPARE FOR LIFE

PENCIL IT IN!

www.pencilfoundation.org

BOARD MEETINGS 2006-07

March 2

Hillwood High School

June 8

PENCIL Foundation

COMCAST REALLY DOES CARE!

Diane Christie (right), senior director of Government Affairs at Comcast, presents a check from The Comcast Foundation to PENCIL's Executive Director Connie Williams in recognition of Comcast Cares Day. Two hundred local Comcast employees their families added a fresh coat of paint to the hallways at Isaac Litton Middle School.

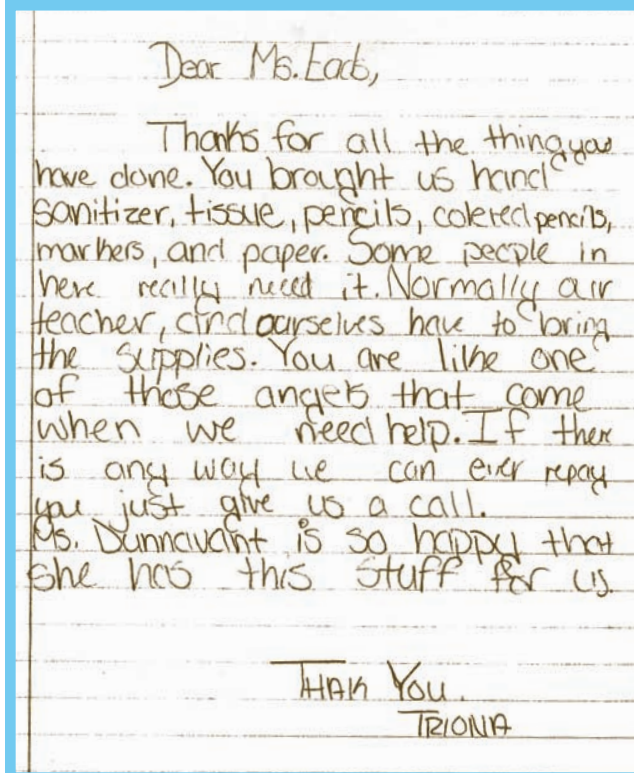


THANK YOU

Julia Green Elementary students for providing the entertainment at PENCIL's December Board of Directors meeting!



LP® PENCIL BOX NEARS \$100,000 IN SUPPLY DONATIONS



Teachers and students are grateful for the extra help. This letter was sent to Melissa Eads with Kroger. 🛒



Metro teachers enjoy their free shopping trip to LP® PENCIL Box.

The fall semester has been a busy one for LP® PENCIL Box! Thanks to the support of PENCIL Partners and LP® PENCIL Box donors, we have reached nearly \$100,000 in supply donations and have served around 7,500 students!

WE SALUTE LP® PENCIL BOX TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS!



Una Elementary teachers take a shopping break to pose for a picture



Teachers from Margaret Allen Middle School enjoy some Saturday shopping at LP® PENCIL Box



Thanks to these Vanderbilt student volunteers 100 children will receive backpacks filled with needed school supplies!

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS WITH PENCIL PARTNERS

FA-LA-LA-LA-LA.....



Park Avenue Enhanced Option fourth-graders entertained **Marsh** employees with Christmas Carols. Marsh provided the transportation and treated students to snacks following the performance.



GOOD CHEER AND CHILI

Metro Juvenile Court staff delivered gift bags for 550 students at Stratton Elementary. The court raised the money by hosting a chili cook-off during the month of November and donated an additional \$200 to the school.



MMMM...PIZZA!

Highwoods Properties hosted a pizza party for students at **Upper Murrell School**.



A CEREMONY OF WELCOME AND THANKS

Isaac Litton Middle School extended a warm welcome to their two PENCIL Partners, **Sam's Club**, **Rivergate** and the **Inglewood Neighborhood Association**, with a partnership ceremony held in January.



WE'LL MISS YOU!

PENCIL's Communications Director Paul Cotton retired in early November after 6 years with PENCIL and over 30 years as an educator in Metro Nashville Public Schools. Paul has made tremendous contributions to PENCIL over the years, including the launch of this newsletter. Paul, you will truly be missed by all. Best wishes from your friends at PENCIL! 🍷

DONORS

AIG American General
Aladdin Industries Foundation
Alignment Nashville
Lenna Allen
Nelson and Susan Andrews
AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc.
Anonymous (5)
David K. Anderson
J. Hunter Atkins
Richard & Michelle Anthony
DeVan & Karen Ard
Sue Atkinson
Bank of America
The Bank of Nashville
BBA Fiberweb
BellSouth
Belmont University
Camilla Benbow
Lisa Bleed
George & St. Clair Blue
BlueCross
BlueShield of Tennessee
The Blum Family Foundation
BMI
Frank & Julie Boehm
Boult, Cummings, Conners & Berry, PLC
Pamela Bowker
Charles & Renee Bradford
Bradford Family Foundation
The Honorable Philip Bredesen & Ms. Andrea Conte
William J. Bryan, Jr.
Frank & Ann Bumstead
James S. Cage
Caremark Rx
Deana K. Carter
Caterpillar
Financial Services
CDM
D.F. Chase, Inc.
Will Cheek
Gill & Sue Chilton
Diane Christie
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas G. Cigarran*
Mr. & Mrs. William Coble II
Coburn Music Inc.
Melanie Collins
Comcast
Comcast Foundation
Jim & Hanna Compton

Thomas Conner
Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Cook, Jr.
Cornerstone Financial Credit Union
Jennifer Corsaw
Corzine & Co.
Paul E. Cotton
Country Music Association
Creative Artists Agency
CAA Foundation
Crosslin, Vaden & Associates, P.C.
Cummins Business Services
Gil & Liz Cunningham
Davidson, Golden & Lundy
DeLisa Dangerfield
Tarsheka Darwin
Jana Joustra Davis
Dell
The Dell Foundation
Vern & Betty Denney
Teresa Dennis
William & June Denny
Marty & Betty Dickens
Sonnye & Gail Dixon
Dollar General Corporation
Lori H. Donahue
Scott & Maureen Donehoo
Elizabeth Dozier
Gloria Dumas
DuPont
Dye, Van Mol & Lawrence
Lloyd & Clara Elam
Mrs. Annette S. Eskind
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Eskind
The Jeffrey & Donna Eskind Family Foundation
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Eskind
The Steve & Laurie Eskind Family Foundation
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Ezell
Abu Fakhruddin
Bryan & Shari Fastenau
Alison Fein
Carole & John Ferguson*
First Tennessee
Marguerite E. Fish

continued

DONORS *continued*

Robert Fisher
Fleetguard
The M. Stratton
Foster Charitable
Foundation
Mr. & Mrs.
Chet Foster
Henry &
St. Clair Foster
Freeman Webb
Company Realtors
Mike Fussel
Joan Gallagher
Heather Gammon
Gannett Foundation/
The Tennessean
Pedro &
Priscilla Garcia
Pam Garrett
Mr. & Mrs.
John Gauder
Gaylord
Entertainment
Company
Genesco
Mr. & Mrs.
Ross Genovese
Gerard &
Susan Geraghty
Amy Grant Gill
Mr. & Mrs.
Joel C. Gordon
Joel C. Gordon &
Bernice W. Gordon
Foundation
Janet Goss
Greater Nashville
Association of
REALTORS
Jacque Green
Mary Guidry
Robbie Hampton
Mr. & Mrs.
Edward Hardin, Jr.
Cordia W. Harrington
Emily Harris
Kirk Hawkins
Joanne F. Hayes
HCA
The HCA Foundation
HEERY
Arnold Heiser
Ted &
Mary Beth Helm
Senator Douglas
Henry
Denise F. Hickerson
Cheryl Louise Heirs
Robert Hilton
Wanda Holman
Don Hong
Kevin Hooper
Hootie & the
Blowfish
Susan S. Hudgens
Mr. & Mrs.
James V. Hunt, Sr.
Sally Huston
Susan Hutchins

Mary Pope Hutson
Mr. & Mrs.
David Ingram
Martha and Bronson
Ingram Foundation*
John Jeske
Chris &
Shelly Johnson
Keith &
Nancy Johnson
Melvin N. Johnson
Jan Jones
Kelvin Jones III
Eugene Kamarasy
Kimberly Kane
Ricky & Vicki Kelley
Walter & Sarah
Knestrick*
Kraft CPAs in
memory of
Joe Holder
Kenneth Larkin
Ellen & Ron Leifeld
Susan Lewis
Vic Lineweaver
Irv & Barbara Lingo
Joel Logiudice
LP Building
Products
The LP Foundation
MAC Presents, LLC
Brent Malak
Marsh
Charles N. Martin, Jr.
Ellen Martin
Donna Mason
Mrs. Jack C. Massey
Pamela Matthews
Judge Carol McCoy
Mary Ann McCready
& Roy Wunsch in
honor of Jana
Joustra Davis
Michael McGraw
Charles McKinny
The McWhorter
Foundation*
Nancy Flatt Meador
Ken & Lynn Melkus
The Memorial
Foundation
Melba Boyd
Merriwether
Nikki Meyer
Linda C. Miller
Sandra Moorman
Dena Murphy
Nacarato Family
Fund to Benefit
Families and
Children in Need*
Nashville Area
Chamber of
Commerce
Nashville Career
Advancement Center
Nashville Drug
Court Support
Foundation

continued

THREE CHEERS FOR AMEC!

If you took a visit to Apollo Middle School, you might think that employees at AMEC Earth & Environmental are paid staff members. They are there every week – volunteering with PENCIL's Math Partners program, presenting CHOICES seminars and providing environmental presentations to science classes. This is in addition to donating school supplies, creating banners for school events and running concession stands at the homecoming game.

Since becoming a PENCIL Partner with Apollo last year, AMEC has jumped in to help wherever they can. AMEC Office Manager Edwin Watkins explains, "AMEC views sustainability as an important function of our corporation. The Nashville office is committed to the Nashville community and we have worked to incorporate community activities into our office culture."

AMEC Math Partners volunteer JoVonne Mathiesen agrees. "Convincing a 7th grader that math is actually going to matter to them in their everyday life can be a challenge but it is so rewarding when you do make that connection and even elicit a smile or two."

Ninety-six students benefited from the Math Partners program in the fall thanks to dedicated AMEC volunteers and the company decided that presenting the CHOICES program to eighth-grade students was so important they purchased five licenses in order to do so.

Assistant Principal Lauren Rickey is happy to have the community support at Apollo. AMEC employees are reinforcing real-world practical application of math and science to students in the TAG (Top Apollo Grads) Team program. "We are delighted with the AMEC's willingness to actively provide leadership for our shared children in our Antioch community."

Lorie King, who coordinates the partnership for AMEC simply says, "we want to help in every aspect we can and the best part about this partnership to our staff is that we know that what we are doing is needed. "And what we are giving we are getting back ten-fold." 🍷

CELEBRATE READ ME WEEK



PENCIL's Reading Partners program is teaming up with Book'em to invite you to participate in **Read Me Week**. The 17th annual event will take place Feb. 25 through March 3. Volunteer to read to students during this week and promote the joy of reading! The staff at Book'em will be placing volunteers at school according to need so if you are a PENCIL volunteer and plan to participate, please contact Book'em at 834-READ. 🍷

NASHVILLE LEADERS BECOME PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

On October 12, 143 community leaders shadowed a Metro principal as part of the sixth annual Principal for a Day event. A partnership between Metro Schools and PENCIL, the event promotes community involvement Nashville public schools.

Guests spent the morning visiting classrooms, reading to students, monitoring hallways ... and even doing the morning announcements! Fifty-three of the participants were linked with PENCIL Partners.

The day concluded with a luncheon held at Belmont University's Curb Event Center, sponsored by Bank of Nashville. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event! 🍷

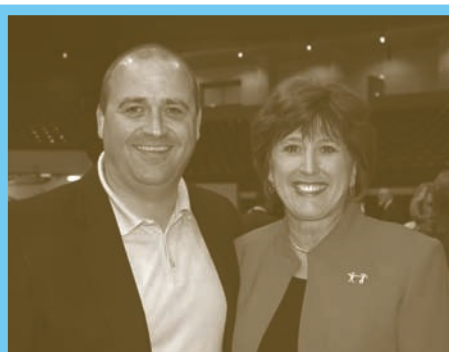
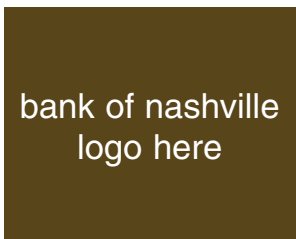
GUEST COMMENTS

"I certainly gained a new respect for the effort made to teach each child. Moreover, the principal's desire to create a new vision of life in all of the students was refreshing. He clearly believes in and is excited about the potential each child possesses."

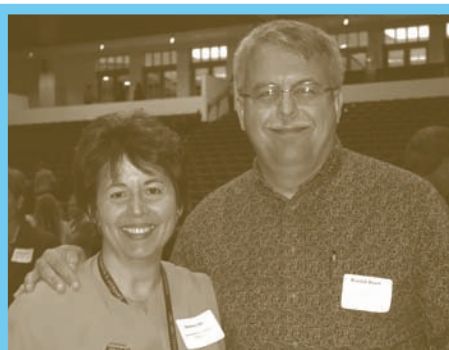
"I want to thank you for the opportunity I had yesterday to meet an exceptional leader! (Principal) was a great host and leads a great school at (school). I was extremely impressed how he disciplined the children and let them know that he loved them. I went there to observe but ended up receiving a great lesson in leadership. Thank you."

"Principal for a Day has been the most significant and motivational civic event I have experienced. I look forward to another great day!"

THANK YOU, PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY SPONSORS



Tennessee's Commissioner of Education, Lana Seivers spent the morning with Principal Robert Bohrer at Julia Green Elementary.



Principal Barbara Ide enjoys the luncheon with her Principal for a Day guest Randall Bauch, of Dell.

DONORS *continued*

- Nashville Gas
- Patrick & Kathy Nevill
- Julie Jones Newton
- Jennifer Nokes
- Hazel O'Leary
- Meghan Oliver
- Greg Patterson
- Diane Pearson
- Mr. & Mrs. Enrico J. Pennisi, Jr.
- Pam & Philip M. Pfeffer
- Ken & Anne Pinkston
- Justin Pollack
- Florence Powell
- PrimeTrust Bank
- Publix Super Markets Charities
- Purity Dairies, Inc.
- Purity Foundation
- Eric Raefsky & Victoria Heil
- Randstad
- Jennie Renwick
- Anna Reynolds
- Robert Orr--SYSCO
- Lyverta Robertson
- The Rodgers/Dale Family Foundation
- Rogers Group, Inc.
- Charles & Anne Roos
- Laura Ross
- RPM Management, LLC
- Saint Thomas Hospital
- Jeff & Star Sanborn
- Johnetta Scales
- Michael & Elizabeth Schoenfeld
- Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Scott
- SESAC
- Vicki Shaw
- Scott & Dana Shillington
- Shaylondia Simmons
- W. Lucas Simons
- R. Timothy Sinks
- Southwestern/Great American, Inc.
- Carmen Sparkman
- Dr. & Mrs. Anderson Spickard
- Spring Industries, Inc.
- Mr. & Mrs. Rusty Stephenson
- Bill & Kelli Stokes
- Students and Friends of gail McDaniel Award
- SunTrust Bank
- Earl Swenson Associates
- T&T Family Foundation
- Andrew Ta
- Tennsco Corp.
- The Tennessee Credit Union
- Tennessee Department of Education
- Tennessee Department of Human Services
- Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development
- Byron & Aleta Trauger
- Mr. & Mrs. Phillip M. Trela
- Claire Tucker
- The Cal Turner Family Foundation
- United Way of Metropolitan Nashville
- U.S. Bank
- Mr. & Mrs. Walter H. Vance, Jr.
- Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- Mr. & Mrs. John Van Mol
- Vought Aircraft Industries
- Patricia Wallace in honor of Sue Spickard
- Betsy Walkup
- Washington Foundation
- Betty & Bernard Werthan Foundation
- Jason West
- Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Wilkerson
- Ed & Connie Williams
- Mr. & Mrs. Donald R. Williamson
- Mr. & Mrs. Ridley Wills, II
- The Oprah Winfrey Foundation
- Kimberly Wissert
- Woodmont Kiwanis Club
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Wray
- Donna Yurdin
- Shirley Zeitlin
- Shirley Zeitlin & Company Realtors
- Raymond Zimmerman Family Foundation

**The Advised Fund of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee*

continued

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

A LITTLE NIGHT of MUSIC

TUESDAY, MARCH 6 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME® & MUSEUM
FEATURING
MARTINA McBRIDE
& GUEST LITTLE BIG TOWN

Presented by Creative Artists Agency and benefiting PENCIL Foundation

For more information, call 242-3167 x222

DONORS continued IN-KIND DONATIONS

20th Century Fox TV
Adventure Science
Center

Alpha Kappa Alpha,
Upsilon Psi Omega
Chapter

AMEC Earth &
Environmental, Inc.

David Anderson

Andy Barrett
Catering, Inc.

Assistance League
of Nashville

Atkinson Public
Relations

Bank of America

Baptist Hospital

Bass Berry

Batten & Shaw, Inc.

Belle Meade

Belle Meade Plantation

BlackBerry

Bliss

Blue Collar Comedy

Branstetter, Staunch,
& Jennings

Daryl Brown

Buford Lewis Company

Bungalow 360

Business Technology, Inc.

Buzz Management

Capital Cash

Caremark

Centennial Sportsplex

Centurion

Cheekwood
Botanical Gardens
& Museum of Art

Cingular Wireless

Click Five

Comcast

Paul Cotton

Country Music
Association

Country Music Hall
of Fame and Museum

Country Music
Television

Creative Artists Agency

Cummins, Inc.

Sonya Dakar

Georgia Daly

Dell

Deloitte & Touche

Dessert Designs, Inc.

Digigraph Design, LLL

Jen Doll

Dollar General

Dye, Van Mol
and Lawrence

Earl Swensson
Associates

Edgefield Baptist
Church

Elementary School

Embassy Suites

Entertainment
Marketing

ESPN 106.7 The Fan &
Super Talk 99.7 WTN

ESPN Mobile

Exchange Club of
Donelson-Hermitage

First Tennessee

First Tennessee
Financial Center

Fleet One

Food Lion

Framers & Gallery

Frazeious Medical
Center

Priscilla Partridge
de Garcla

Gaylord Entertainment

Gaylord Entertainment
Center

Gaylord Opryland
Resort and Convention
Center

Debby Gould

Jacque Green

Gresham Smith
& Partners

Harley-Davidson
of Cool Springs

HBO

HCA

Herb Graham
Management

Faith Hill

Hilton Nashville
Downtown

Hilton Suites

Hody's Florist

Holly Henson Cotton

Hootie & the Blowfish

Horizon Wine & Spirits

Hot Topic

John Huie

Ingram Industries, Inc.

Internal Revenue Service

J.L.M. Office Products

Alan Jackson

Jars of Clay

Jacob Johnson

Ann Johnston

Jonathan

Joslin & Son Signs

Walter and Sarah
Knestrick

Knestrick by Design

Knox County Schools

KPMG

Kroger Company

Leadership
Donelson-Hermitage

Lifetime TV

Barbara & Ire Lingo

Jeremy Lister

Loews Vanderbilt Hotel

Lone Wolf Management

Longhorn Steakhouse

LP Building Products

Maria Lyons

Maggiano's

Ruby Major

Management

Corporation

Mayor's Office of
Children & Youth

gail Mcdaniel

McDonald's

Reba McEntire

Tim McGraw

Steve McNair

Mead MJ, LLC

Thomas Meding

Memphis Grizzlies

Metro Airport Authority

Metro Juvenile Court

Metro Parks and
Recreation

Metropolitan Nashville
Public Schools

Millennium Maxwell
House Hotel

Robin Morates

Darin Murphy

Nashville Airport Hotel

Nashville Ballet

Nashville Drug Court
Support Foundation

Nashville Electric
Service

Nashville Kats

Nashville Predators

Nashville Trunk & Bag

Nashville Zoo

National Federation of
Independent Business

NBA Entertainment

Chris Neese

Gary Newman

Brandi Oelkers

OfficeMax

OfficeMax, Hermitage

Opry Mills

Paper Plus

Parallel Entertainment

PENCIL Foundation

Tracy Perlman

Praxis

Publix

PUMA

Eberhard Ramm

Randstad

Real World Tours, Inc.

Rebecca Youngblood
Designs

Regions Bank

Susan Robinette

Rogers Group

Leela Roof

RPM Management

Cassandra Ruotolo

Linda Sack

Scott Ellis Photography

SESAC

Vicki Shaw

Katrina Shepardson

Shop At Home Network

Beth Sloan

Tish Smedley

Dan Smith

Sony BMG

Southwest Airlines

Springs Industries, Inc.

Staples, Hermitage

Starbucks

Starbucks, Belle Meade

Starwood Amphitheatre

Staunch, & Jennings

Stone & Exteriors

SunTrust

Super Talk 99.7 WTN

Target, Brentwood

Tennessee Performing
Arts Center

Tennessee Titans

The Beverly Hills Hotel

The Children's
Shop/Especially Baby

The Fairmont Chicago

The Grand Ole Opry

The Hermitage

The Hermitage Hotel

The Mad Platter
Restaurant and Catering

The Nashville Symphony

The Oprah Winfrey
Show

The Paper Place

The Parker Palm
Springs

The Renaissance Center

The Tennessean

Thomas &
Maryle Albin

Trent Tomlinson

Trick Pony

Turnberry Associates

Ethelyne Turner

Union Station Hotel

Keith Urban

Vanderbilt Institute for
Clinical & Translational
Research

Vanderbilt University
Medical Center

Verizon Wireless

Victoria's Secret

Visual Risk
Technologies

Vulcan Materials

Walgreens, Bell Road

Wal-Mart, Hermitage

Suzanne Warner

Watkins College of Art
& Design

Connie Williams

ZZ Top



pencil
foundation

421 Great Circle Road
Suite 100
Nashville, TN 37228

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 285
Nashville, TN