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By Kim Kaine
2010 Crown Affair Publicity Chair

To look at challenges as opportunities to continuously improve is an attribute Harry Allen displays in his life. He praises his brother, Erick, and his sister, Camilla, for teaching him not to focus on the problem, but rather to look forward to the possibilities and to pursue your dreams. Another strong supporter is Chandra, Harry's wife, who is a chaplain at St. Thomas Hospital.



Harry Allen

As Vice President of Finance and Administration at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee, Harry daily oversees the fiscal management, grant development and administration, facilities management and human resources — while still giving his time and talent to numerous organizations.

In 2006, he was appointed to FiftyForward's Board of Directors and did such an outstanding job, the Board asked him to serve a second term.

Harry served several years as board secretary, an Executive Committee position. He is also co-chair of the Program Resources Committee, which serves as the primary interface between the board and the

FiftyForward's centers, programs and community service projects.

Although Harry is committed to FiftyForward (FiftyForward is one of Nashville's most precious assets — an advocate and resource to our older adult population.), Harry's generosity also reaches out to Belmont University, where he is Treasurer for the Alumni Board of Directors.

He also serves on the Board of the John L. Glenn Residential Center and on the Mt. Zion Baptist Church's Financial Advisory Board, and he is part of the ministry team at his church, St. Luke Christian Methodist Episcopal.

The list goes on — from Men of Valor to the United Neighborhood Health Services.

In 2008, nominated by SunTrust Bank, Harry was the Financial Services division winner of the Emerging Leaders Award presented by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and Young Professionals Nashville.

At this year's Crown Affair on April 15, Harry Allen will be recognized with the Shining Star Award, Established in 2005, this award annually honors an individual under the age of 40 who has demonstrated a strong commitment to volunteerism — benefiting both FiftyForward and the wider community.

The 21st annual event, which also will honor Margaret Ann Robinson and Bernard Werthan with the Crowning Achievement Award, will be held at the Patricia Hart Building. Reservations can be made by contacting Elizabeth Ralph, FiftyForward event coordinator, at eralph@fiftyforward.org or 743-3409.