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**Amachi Pittsburgh Nominated for a  
2010 RISE ChangeMaker Award**

*–Public Allies Pittsburgh Recognizes Amachi Pittsburgh as an Organization on the Rise–*

**PITTSBURGH, August 25, 2010** – [Amachi Pittsburgh](#), a faith based organization dedicated to helping children in Allegheny County with incarcerated parents, has been nominated for Public Allies Pittsburgh’s RISE ChangeMaker Award. The accolade recognizes organizations and individuals on the rise that have demonstrated leadership and a positive commitment to the region.

“A committed mentor can change a child’s life, especially a child who is faced with the harsh reality that their parent is behind bars,” said Anna E. Hollis, executive director of Amachi Pittsburgh. “At Amachi Pittsburgh, we’re tapping into the power of mentorship, and we are pleased that Public Allies Pittsburgh recognizes the work we are doing. We are honored to be nominated for the RISE ChangeMaker Award.”

A partnership of secular and faith-based groups, Amachi Pittsburgh provides a mentoring system and support resources to children with at least one incarcerated parent. The organization is dedicated to helping Allegheny County’s children fulfill their God-given purpose through mentoring relationships.

Established in 2005, Public Allies works to identify and develop diverse, young leaders that are committed to working for community and social change in 15 communities across the United States, including Pittsburgh. As part of its mission, Public Allies acknowledges outstanding individuals who continue to lead effective and compelling community impact efforts.

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## **Amachi Pittsburgh Nominated for a 2010 RISE ChangeMaker Award (cont.)**

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Members of the public may vote for Amachi Pittsburgh to receive the 2010 RISE ChangeMaker Award by going to [www.publicallies.org/pittsburgh/rise](http://www.publicallies.org/pittsburgh/rise). The online portal will remain open until September 3, 2010. The winner will be announced on September 30, 2010 at an awards ceremony to be held at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts.

### **About Amachi Pittsburgh**

*Who knows what God has brought us through this child?* Since 2003, Amachi Pittsburgh has been dedicated to helping Allegheny County's children fulfill their God-given purpose. We take our name – and our inspiration – from a Nigerian Ibo word that affirms the potential that exists in each and every child. Through a unique partnership of secular and faith-based organizations, Amachi works to mentor young minds, ensuring that all children are rightfully recognized as children of promise. For more information, visit [www.AmachiPgh.org](http://www.AmachiPgh.org).

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