



KISNER RECEIVES COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS AWARD - 12/10/08

Kim Kisner has been selected as a 2008 Community Champion for her work with the Junior League of Pittsburgh and the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management, where she provides pro bono employment law services to other non-profits. During her five-year Junior League tenure, Kim has twice served as a board member, assisted the personnel committee with revision of employment law policies and practices, and held leadership positions in the 2005 and 2007 Designers' Show Houses. During the 2006-2007 League year, Kim co-chaired the 2007 Designers' Show House, raising a record \$122,000 for League's playground build and other mission-driven projects. Kim is a three-time recipient of the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award.

Community Champions is sponsored by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, Heinz Endowments, and The Pittsburgh Foundation. Each year, community representatives pick 50 Community Champions. Every Community Champion is honored with a public service ad in the *Post-Gazette* and at a reception given in their honor. The ad featuring Kim will appear in the December 10, 2008 *Post-Gazette* and the reception will be held in February, 2009, at the Carnegie Music Hall, Oakland.

Following the Community Champions selection, the *Post-Gazette* submitted the 50 honorees to the American Institute for Public Service for consideration of a Jefferson Award. In 1972, the American Institute established the Jefferson Awards for Public Service, founded by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, U.S. Senator Robert Taft and Sam Beard. The awards were created to recognize and encourage outstanding community and public service and are considered the Nobel Prize for volunteer service. Jefferson Award winners will be announced at the February, 2009 reception.