This Seattle Media Mogul Never Forgets His Community

Christopher H. Bennett
H. Councill Trenholm Award (Black)

Christopher Bennett’s humble beginnings and distinguished community service have made him a notable humanitarian and Seattle media mogul. However, Christopher Bennett is not your average mogul. He cares passionately about his community and the most disadvantaged people in it.

He is Chairman of the Seattle Medium Newspaper, Kris Bennett Broadcasting, Chris Bennett Enterprise charities, and a lifetime NAACP member. Seattle’s Reverend Carl Livingston says, “Chris Bennett is a stalwart advocate for the broad interests of African Americans specifically as well as the poor in general, and he is a humanitarian who serves the needy in indispensable ways.”

Following the model of, “a message from the people to the people,” Chris has shared his media platform with other passionate advocates as well. On his radio program, community members have the opportunity to discuss opinions on the issues affecting the Black community such as the Seattle education system, the professional quality of life for teachers, and police violence, just to name a few.

Chris Bennett and his enterprises have saved local retirement centers and schools from closure; pioneered a coat drive, food drive and toy drive; and supported affordable housing to slash the homelessness crisis. He sponsors an annual local parade that brings together diverse people from the community to celebrate neighborhood pride and keep the culture of community alive and thriving.

What’s more, understanding the need to uplift Seattle’s youth Chris Bennett offers several internships for students who are interested in mass media. Through his Enterprise Charities, more than $50,000 in scholarships and transportation has been raised for African American college students.

Chris Bennett has held numerous positions in everything from the National Newspaper Publishers Association to the National Civil Rights Roundtable Group. NEA Director Valerie Fisher says, “Chris has been tireless in his efforts to combat poverty, gun violence, education inequality issues, and unemployment—all social justice issues that impact communities who traditionally have not had a voice.”