

Press Contact:  
LaNeshe Miller  
[laneshe.miller@gmail.com](mailto:laneshe.miller@gmail.com)  
203-522-0615



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 15, 2009

## **AWAY WE GO! YOUTH TRAVEL CAMP IS AWARDED ITS FIRST GRANT**

Philadelphia, PA- Away We Go! Youth Travel Camp founder Cheryl Gill received news that she was selected as an awardee of the Enon Community Reinvestment Ministry of Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church. This grant awarded Away We Go! a sum of \$8,000 to be used in continuing development of Gill's organization.

Away We Go! Youth Travel Camp is a nonprofit organization established for high school students, designed to promote global education through cultural exchange, language exposure and educational travel experiences. The goals of the program are to improve the average daily attendance of Philadelphia middle and high schools, reduce the annual suspension rate and increase the number of graduating seniors, by taking the classroom abroad. The tours help show students the world. Accompanied by an experienced tour director, teachers can bring their lessons to life by exploring a vast number of destinations, and experiencing other cultures first hand with their students.

"I am very happy to have received this award," says Gill, Founder of Away We Go! "This will go towards further establishing the Away We Go! programs. Away We Go! has an exciting and educational travel itinerary planned for the coming year. Gill remarked that the purpose of Away We Go! is to allow our children to not only to think **outside the box**, but to **travel outside the box** as well.

Each schedule trip will require a writing assignment prepared by our high school teacher and Lesson Plan Coordinator. The agenda will also maintain mission focus tailored toward teaching children that **giving back** in the community is most important.

Cheryl D. Gill founded Away We Go! YTC in 2008. Gill, sister of DeAnn White, Pier 34 victim, found a way to triumph over tragedy by helping young children see the world. After working in both travel and tourism, as well as in social work, Gill decided to combine her passions with Away We Go! An already established entrepreneur, Gill also founded Distinct Destinations Travel Agency in 1994.

###