

**Freddrick L. Marshall, II – Founder and CEO of Bulldogs Nation Foundation, Inc.
("BNFI")**

Fred Marshall created BNFI so that he could give back to his former community. He wanted to use his popularity to gather student body and athletes to come together, as well as the community at large to do something positive for the graduating students at his old high school alma mater Westinghouse. The number one mission of BNFI is to be able to give at least two (1 male and 1 female) senior scholarships, per year, to assist with their post-graduate education. The Board of Directors of BNFI will rely on the community to support the social functions and events that are given, as a way of raising funds, in addition to soliciting sponsorships for various events.

Education is very important to Fred. He remembers how all through grade school he found himself struggling and questioning the education he was receiving. He was not getting the necessary assistance he felt he needed from both school and home life, and at one time considered himself as being illiterate. He re-examined his situation growing up and knew that he had to do something quickly so that, like so many inter-city males, he would not head down a path of destruction. Being that he always had a passion for sports and an undeniable talent in football, this was the path he took to improve his quality of education, as well as his self-esteem. Once entering high school, Fred joined Westinghouse's football team at the quarterback position. Joining a team of brotherhood among his players, Fred realized that this gave him discipline, structure, and taught him how to work through adversity.

Being a City Championship Quarterback, Fred realized that his talent would open up many new doors of opportunity. Assisting other inter-city graduates with extending their education is so meaningful to Fred, because he knows first-hand what it's like to not have additional assistance to extend his post-graduation education. Although Fred was a student and athlete that had no financial support from his parents and family, he was fortunate that he was offered multiple athletic scholarships to attend college. Fred remembers when he was in college how he needed a lot of things that he felt contributed to his stability, so now hopes that the scholarships that BNFI is giving, will help the recipients as they pursue their educational endeavors.

For decades Fred has been doing positive things for not only his former community in Pittsburgh, but also his current community in Florida. You can go as far back to over 32 years ago when his very first community organization was started back in 1986. He created the Thomas "Junebug" Howard Association Summer League Basketball Camp. Fred currently is a self-made successful businessman and is now sharing the blessings amongst those who truly need them.

The most important community service that Fred has ever given was fatherhood. His primary goal in life was always to raise his children in a better environment that he grew up in, and to prepare them for college and main stream America, but also making sure they know the importance of always giving back to the community. Some of his proudest moments were when his children achieved scholarships to college and advanced their careers to play professional sports.