

Paige Pitts
Founder and Chairman of New Hope Academy



Pitts' responsibilities include leadership of the New Hope Academy Board of Trustees in the visioning and implementation of an educational community of hope, vision, and faith. New Hope Academy began in 1996 as a vision of Pitts; she believed that all children should have the opportunity to learn side by side with and from one another.

A 23-year Williamson County resident, Pitts is invested in the City of Franklin and wants to learn more about its people and places. She has served the low-income communities for 20 years, seeking to provide justice and positive opportunities for those who find themselves in circumstances of poverty.

Pitts' leadership activities span the arenas of education, religious, civic, and community volunteer, including New Hope Academy, serving as Board Chair, Curriculum Director, and Principal; Strong Tower Bible Church, Volunteer in Children's Ministry; Nashville Symphony, Williamson County Advisory Board; Jericho Community Law Office, Board Member, 1999-2000; and Franklin Community Ministries, Founder/Director, 1991-97.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Furman University, where she was a member of the Senior Order Leadership Honor Society. In 1999, she received the Urban and Mercy Women in Leadership Award.

Anticipating the Leadership Franklin experience, Pitts states, "I look forward to learning so much about the City of Franklin. Although I have lived and served in this community for 23 years, there is so much I do not know. I also am excited about meeting new people, learning from them, and becoming a more effective and connected leader."

Pitts feels housing for low-income residents continues to be an issue, with many of the City's hard-working, low-income residents who were raised here now having to move to other cities for affordable housing. She feels that solutions to the situation need to be actively sought.