

## **Larry A. McKenzie**

### **Catalyst For Change**

A coach, author, educator, Larry McKenzie, the First coach to win four straight state titles in the 100 year history of the Minnesota State Boys Basketball.

Larry is a long time community and youth advocate with 20 plus years of experience working with urban youth. His service to young people has earned him numerous awards and recognition including KARE 11's Eleven Who Care, KTCA's Everyday Hero, the Minneapolis Park Board's Volunteer of the Year, and Positive Image Father of the Year. In 2014 He became the first African-American Coach selected to the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

His commitment to the community has been valued as a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Alumni Chapter, serving on the Metropolitan Council Minority Issues Advisory Committee, and as a board member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Minneapolis, the North Community YMCA, , the Northside Development Council, a numerous other nonprofit organizations.

Larry's professional background includes 25 years of business experience in management, sales, and marketing—including 10 years in the non-profit sector. His experience includes serving as Executive Director of Hospitality House Youth Directions, an urban youth ministry, the Urban Director at Youth Frontiers which provides character education to numerous Minnesota schools, Executive Director and Charter School Liaison for Pillsbury United Communities.