



## PINE FORGE ACADEMY FOUNDATION AUCTIONS LIFETIME DISNEY COLLECTION

***Proceeds from More than 3,000 Rare Disney Collectible and Other Special Collector's Items Will Provide First-Class Education For African-American Youth***

The Pine Forge Academy Foundation (PFAF) announced today a unique fundraising event to auction off a rare Manhattan Disney Collection to raise funds to benefit the students of Pine Forge Academy (PFA), one of only four remaining coed boarding academies devoted to developing future African-American leaders of tomorrow. The public will have the opportunity to bid or purchase more than 3,000 rare Disney pieces including art figurines, watches, coins, pins and other rare collections and other non-Disney items from this special collection by a generous benefactor.



One of the many rare Disney collectibles available for sale and the auction.

The PFAF Disney Auction and Sale Event will take place on **September 16 at the beautiful Ariel International Center located at 1163 East 40<sup>th</sup> Street, in Cleveland, Ohio from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

PFAF was formed in 2004 to raise and distribute funds for student scholarships and capital projects to create a rich learning campus environment. PFA, located in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, is dedicated to educating urban youth, primarily African-American youth, and preparing our next generation of leaders spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially through a holistic educational curriculum. ***PFA boasts a 100% graduation and college admission rate with many national and internationally renowned and distinguished alumni in business, technology, health, law, religion, education, music, and government to name a few.***

This rare Disney collection was presented as a gift to the PFAF from benefactors, Harvey Koepfel and his wife, Peg of Manhattan, New York. Mr. Koepfel, a former executive vice president with Citigroup and the current Executive Director of the Center for Chief Information Officer Leadership in New York, and his wife are committed to working with organizations dedicated to educating minority youth or youth at risk, like Pine Forge Academy. He has been collecting Disney art, memorabilia, jewelry and other items for several decades.

“We are extremely excited to hold this Disney Auction and Sale Event and very honored to be the recipient of this generous gift from the Koepfels,” said Dr. Melodie Mayberry-Stewart, Chairman of the Foundation. “The Koepfel’s lifetime collection includes a significant number of remarkable valuables and is a terrific opportunity for collectors and non-



**Harvey and Peg Koepfel, of Manhattan, generous benefactors to the PFA Foundation.**

collectors to find deals on rare pieces of Disney memorabilia, while helping to advance the mission of PFAF. Auction and sale proceeds will enable a number of African American students, who might not otherwise have the opportunity, to receive an excellent education at PFA where they can develop their academic and life skills to become a global citizen and leader of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”

“Every child deserves the right to receive a first-class education and I am proud to contribute to the efforts of the Pine Forge Academy Foundation,” said Harvey Koeppel. “The Foundation’s work to provide the resources and opportunities for so many underprivileged young people is helping break down the barriers to success. With a 100% graduation and college admission rate at Pine Forge Academy, the Foundation is helping prepare students for better opportunities in the future.”

Pastor Myron Edwards, of the Glenville SDA Church in Cleveland, Ohio, a church located in the urban center of the City, and an alumnus and supporter of the Pine Forge Academy stressed the importance of schools like PFA for developing our future leaders. "The greatest need in the world is not of academic excellence, but excellence in character. Character development doesn't just produce good people, but people of excellence in every area of life. That's what Pine Forge Academy is about. It develops leaders who prove excellence is no accident!" said Pastor Edwards.

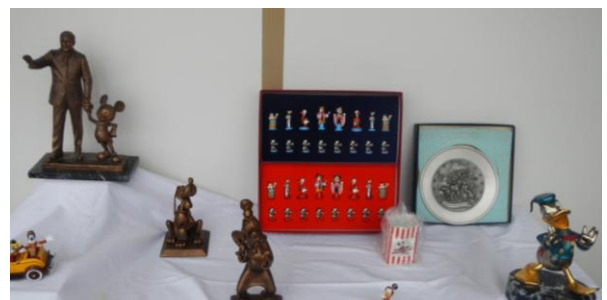
Sandra Kubit, Vice President and Planned Giving Manager with the Key Private Bank Non-Profit Services and an ardent supporter of PFAF pursuits to benefit our youth said, “Key Private Bank Non-Profit Services is proud to support the Pine Forge Academy Foundation’s worthy mission and their strong commitment to provide funds to ensure PFA can provide a well-rounded education by preparing students spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially. Today’s youth are tomorrow’s future leaders.”

Kazell Pugh, TLC Springwater President and long-time supporter of the Pine Forge Academy Foundation said, “TLC Springwater is proud to support the efforts of the Pine Forge Academy Foundation. “It is extremely important for TLC Springwater to work with organizations that create opportunities for our minority youth, especially those in urban communities who might not otherwise have the resources to pursue educational excellence. The PFAF works tirelessly to provide students with a rich learning environment to strengthen their life skills and self-confidence, to realize their individual goals, and to contribute to the future success of our communities.”

“I am very honored to be a part of this great initiative in support of PFAF, said Sheryl Hunter, the Coordinator for the Division of Health Careers and Sciences at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, who has volunteered hundreds of hours to the Auction event, said, “As a parent of three teenagers, it is imperative to expose our youth to a quality education, which in turn creates a solid foundation to help strengthen their core values resulting in a successful future.”

“We are extremely excited to host this important fundraising event at the Ariel International Center to benefit deserving students at Pine Forge Academy”, said Radhika Reddy, corporate sponsor and co-owner of the Ariel International Center, site of the auction and sale. ... “ This event represents an occasion for everyone involved and all those who believe in the importance of educating our urban youth to come out and support this event with their participation and support for the PFA Foundation.”

Merchandise will be available for sale and bidding starting at 10 a.m. and concluding at 6:00 p.m. There will be lighting “silent auctions” every hour and the main auction of the rarest pieces will start mid-day. The public is invited to buy or bid on items from the lifetime collection, donated by the Koeppels, including pieces of porcelain, pewter, and brass; limited edition watches and alarm clocks; signed limited edition prints, drawings, paintings and cells; and rare pins, stamps, and key chains. **All purchases will are 100% tax deductible.**



Rare Disney pieces including porcelain, pewter, pins, plates and much more. There are other non-Disney items also for sale.

Join our celebrity auctioneers and special mystery guests for this fun event to benefit our future leaders of tomorrow. Admission is free and there will be refreshments. **For more information on the PFA Foundation Disney Auction and Sale visit [www.pfafoundation.org](http://www.pfafoundation.org) or contact the Foundation office at (216) 851-1018 or email at [info@pfafoundation.org](mailto:info@pfafoundation.org).** Foundation hours are 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursday and 9 a.m. to Noon on Fridays.



**Just a few on the more than 3,000 Disney pieces available for Auction and Sale on 16 at the beautiful Ariel International Center located at 1163 East 40th Street, in Cleveland, Ohio. Enjoy a 360-degree view of the Cleveland Skyline and Lake Erie. Free Admission and Refreshments will be served.**

#### **About the Pine Forge Academy Foundation**

*Pine Forge Academy Foundation was formed in 2004 to raise and distribute funds to benefit the students at Pine Forge Academy and promote educating our urban youth to lead future generations. The Foundation is a 501 c 3 organization that reaches out to donors, friends, supporters and alumni who want to ensure the legacy of academic excellence continues at the Academy. Pine Forge Academy, a 64-year co-ed boarding school, is only 1 of 4 remaining academies in the country primarily focused on developing African American youth. As an alternative to the urban school, crisis, PFA is nestled on 600 rural acres in the rolling hills of Pennsylvania. The Academy boasts a 100% graduation and college admission rate with many national and internationally renowned and distinguished alumni. For more information on the Pine Forge Academy Foundation or to make a charitable donation visit <http://www.pfafoundation.org/>.*

#### **About the Pine Forge Academy**

*Nestled in the rolling hills of Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, Pine Forge Academy is a historically African-American, co-educational Seventh-day Adventist boarding school that serves grades 9 through 12. The school is owned and operated by the Allegheny East Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists. It is committed to provide a Christ-centered curriculum in a safe, caring environment, to prepare students spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially for service to God and man. For more information on the Pine Forge Academy visit <http://pineforgeacademy.org/>.*