

## **Otis Tolbert**

### **Background**

I am from North Little Rock, AR. I moved to the Washington, DC area in 1987 to attend graduate school at George Washington University where I subsequently earned a Masters in Business Administration in 1992.

I completed my undergraduate studies at the University of Arkansas. I began my university studies at the University of Central Arkansas where I was a member of the basketball team and a roommate of Scottie Pippin, an NBA Hall of Fame member.

In high school I was an all-district and all-region player on a state championship runner up. I also played varsity baseball and American Legion baseball. My little league team was a three time state champion. My American Legion team was a state championship runner up. There is a long tradition of sports within my family.

I have been a coach within the BRYC girl's basketball program for four years within various age groups. I have also been a FCYBL girl's travel coach and a Herndon Optimist house league coach.

I am married and a father of two girls ages seventeen and thirteen. Both of my daughters enjoy sports. The seventeen year-old is a two-sport varsity athlete in volleyball and basketball at Herndon High School. She was also a member of the BRYC Lady Tarheels basketball program for four years. The thirteen year-old is an AAU and travel team player in basketball and plays softball in the Herndon Optimist League.

I am currently the Managing Director for Aon Corporation's Risk Solutions division in Washington, DC. My duties include overseeing a \$35 million P&L and a professional staff of 51 individuals. Aon provides risk and human capital consulting to its clients. Currently, Aon is the largest risk management and brokerage firm in the world with expected revenues of approximately \$12 Billion dollars (US) in 2011.

### **Reason for Consideration**

My interest in becoming a member of the board is grounded in my strong beliefs regarding the value of sports in the lives of young people, especially girls and young women.

Studies have shown that girls that are involved in some type of sport tend to do better in school, not become pregnant as teens, have higher levels of self-esteem, and are overall healthier as a result. For boys and young men the positive influences from sports are also well documented. Boys require positive role models and in many cases sports is their only access to such role models.

My goal is to continue to positively influence the lives of young people and to the community. I believe that by becoming a member of the Board I will have the best opportunity to achieve my goal. In addition, as a minority and as a person who has been successful in business and academia, I may perhaps contribute a different perspective regarding opportunities for young people who desire to achieve success in the corporate world and with academics.

I would assume that fund raising is an important goal for the Club. I believe that I would successfully contribute to the fund raising goals and aspirations via my personal contacts within the corporate arena. As a current chief executive I believe that I am positioned to contribute strategy and planning skills as well as my organizational management and development skills to the Club.

Overall, I believe my background, both educational and professional, my deep desire to be a positive influence on the lives of our young people, my love of sports, my goal of continued community involvement, and my ability to positively impact the financial and organizational goals of the Club are reasons that I should be elected to the Board.