



At the January 6th Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Annual Reorganization meeting STS Academy was presented with the 2008 Chairman of the Year Award from Supervisor Federal Glover. The Chairman of the Year Award is presented to an individual or organization that is making a positive contribution to the quality of life in the county by the outgoing Chairman. Typically the award is given to just one person or organization but this year Supervisor Glover decided that two organizations in his district were worthy of recognition: STS Academy and Opportunity Junction. The latter helps low-income men and women receive office skills training and self-improvement advice.

STS Academy serves the community of Pittsburg by filling the gap between the end of school and when parents return home from work by giving the youth a safe place go with adult supervision. In a room of approximately a hundred people made up of county directors, union leaders, Supervisors' staff and residents of Contra Costa County, Supervisor Glover presented STS Executive Director Jim Craft the 2008 Chairman Award. Also in attendance were STS President Cindy Quintana, Board Director Frank West, student staff De'shawn Woolridge and Raven Threat. Supervisor Glover stated STS Academy success is really the success of the community of Pittsburg. In the few years it has been in operation, STS has expanded its resources and scope by collaborating with the City of Pittsburg and the Pittsburg Unified School District in order to offer after school programs which not only

provide tutoring and recreation for the youth of Pittsburg but also helps the local businesses and individuals with their community service and team building. The partnership of STS, the city and schools is truly an effort of the entire village raising our children.