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## YES WE DID!



Photo by Olivier Douliery/Abaca Press/MCT

America's new First Family - Barack Obama, his wife, Michelle, and their daughters Malia, 10, and Sasha 7 - greet the thousands gathered in Chicago's Grant Park on Tuesday night. Their appearance came about an hour after Obama secured enough electoral votes to become the 44th President of the United States. He will be the nation's first black president when he takes office in January.



## Long-awaited Liberty Street station opens

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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Jim Shaw couldn't stop smiling during the grand opening Monday of the Fairway One Stop in the 1300 block of Liberty Street.

Shaw, the Liberty Community Development Corporation president and chairman, has worked for years to revitalize Liberty, one of the city's oldest and most important roads. He has especially made it his mission to bring new businesses to the Liberty Street Corridor - the stretch between 12th Street and New Hope Lane (formerly 18th Street) - which had fallen into disrepair in the years before the CDC was formed.

Shaw's joy Monday was justified. The new gas station/convenience store is just the latest of

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## Church hosts early Thanksgiving dinner

BY TODD LUCK  
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Thanksgiving came early for many of those who call local shelters their home.



Pastor and Mrs. Linville

Piney Grove Baptist Church bused men and women from homeless shelters to its Family Life Center near Indiana Avenue on Saturday for its Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The event has become an annual tradition for the church, which has 1,500 members.

Piney Grove First Lady Renita Thompson Linville, a local attorney, came up with the idea after she said God moved her heart to do something for the homeless.

"We just want to show love to people to let them know that there are people in the community that still care about them, they're not for-



Photos by Todd Luck

Volunteers serve food on Saturday.

gotten and lost," said Linville.

Though it was open to any and everyone, most of those who partook in the meal came from the Samaritan Inn, Bethesda Center and the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission. The Life Center's gym was converted into a banquet hall

- filled with dozens of colorful tables. A full Thanksgiving meal was served, including turkey, rice with gravy, yams and green beans. On the way out, attendees received "to go"

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## NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK

Local family searches for marrow donor

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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Malia Hardin has been sick as long as she can remember. Blood transfusions have long been a way of life for Hardin, who suffers from sickle cell disease. Fatigue, weakness and pain plague her body daily. The simplest pleasures - riding a bike with friends, vacationing with family - have eluded her almost since birth.

Now, Hardin is hopeful a local resident will be able to offer her a freedom she's never known: liberation from her disease. Hardin's doctors



Sanders

say she needs a bone marrow transplant to make her well. Unfortunately, very few African American donors exist on the National Bone Marrow Registry.

"Of the seven million people on the (national bone marrow donor) registry, in the US, less than 500,000 are African American," says the National Marrow Donor Program's Addie Sanders. "That need is increasing because now transplants are becoming a treatment for sickle cell, which is a predominantly African American disease."

Hardin and her family want to help change that.

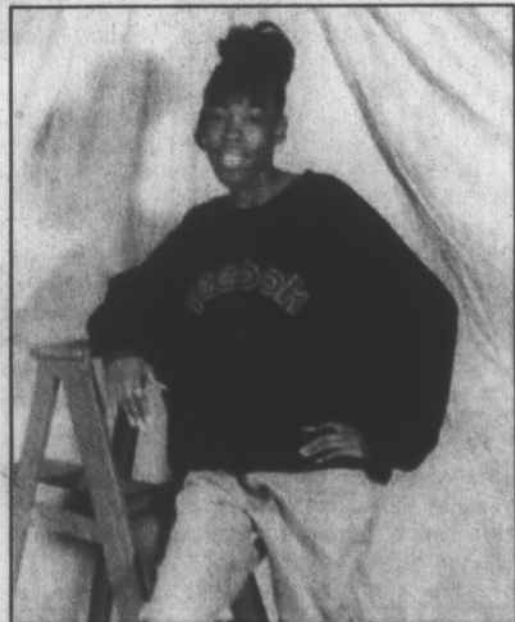


Photo courtesy of Hardin family

See Hardin on A11 Malia Hardin is fighting sickle cell.



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