



Center front: First Lady Gloria Samuels. From left to right: Pastor Philemon Samuels; Pastor Frantz and Lady Cindy Fontaine; First Lady Victoria Hanchell; Elder Kim Kelly; Pastor James F. and First Lady Renita Linville; Pastor Kenneth and Annette Hairston

Pastors and their first ladies hit the run-way for breast cancer awareness

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A tremendous group of pastors and their wives brought their voices, hearts and style to the Sundance Plaza Hotel Nov. 9-10 for the purpose of beating the odds against breast cancer by supporting the YWCA's Sister, Speak! Program.

The Nehemiah Global Network, lead by Pastor Philemon and First Lady Gloria Samuels of Goodwill Baptist Church, hosted the first ever Pastors Against Breast Cancer Symposium, with the theme of "Reaching Beyond the Pulpit."

The YWCA's Sister, Speak! is a breast health awareness program that targets medically underserved African

American women. Since the program began in 2001, more than 5000 women in our community have heard the positive message about breast health and cancer prevention.

The symposium was designed to increase awareness among faith based community leaders regarding breast cancer prevention within their congregations.

"There is not a congregation in this community or in the world for that matter, which has not been impacted by breast cancer in one way or another. That is why we knew this was the right thing to do, why we felt so strongly about this program. We as spiritual leaders need to learn all we can in order to help those in our

congregations who are at risk of this horrific disease," said First Lady Samuels.

Betty Meadows, YWCA's Sister Speak! program coordinator, conducted a breast health awareness workshop as part of the two-day event.

"We were so pleased with the turnout," Meadows said. "What was so wonderful was how engaged the pastors and their wives were in the presentation and discussion. They asked so many important questions. And they were all so enthusiastic about helping to bring the Sister Speak! Program deeper into the faith-based community. We are so blessed that Pastor Philemon and First Lady Gloria Samuels took the lead on this outstand-

ing event."

The program included a charity fashion show, orchestrated by First Lady Samuels, with all proceeds benefiting the Sister, Speak! Program.

"We are so grateful for the monetary gifts raised from the Fashion Show," said Meadows. "The funds donated will help us to continue reaching out with our positive message of hope and health."

For more information about Sister, Speak! and how you can help or get help, call Betty Meadows at the YWCA, 722-5138, ext 232 or email betty@ywcaws.org.

Party planned for NBN

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A Sweet Sixteen House Party will be held Nov. 29 to celebrate the anniversary of Neighbors For Better Neighborhoods (NBN) and its new director, Tameika White.

Sixteen years ago, the Winston-Salem Foundation and a band of community leaders came together to form NBN, an organization that helps build and strengthen low income neighborhoods in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. Modeled after the Mott Foundation's Neighborhood Grant Making Program, NBN was established to provide technical assistance and small grants to neighborhood associations working to improve the quality of life in their communities. Remaining true to its original mission, NBN is recognized nationally as a leader in community building.

Five years ago, NBN established The Neighborhood Institute for Community Leadership (NICL) to provide individuals with knowledge and experiences needed to build sustainable community based organizations such as neighborhood associations and Community Development Corporations (CDCs). Their Small Grants Program provides neighborhood

organizations with funding for improvement projects and events. Grants are available to assist with leadership development and training; operating support; community action and advocacy; and organizational development. NBN also helps communities identify potential community leaders and assists in building relationships among residents that will advance a community's identity and lead to more formal associations and organization.

NBN just named White as its new executive director. White has worked with NBN as program officer for six years, shadowing former director, Lavastian Glenn.

The Sweet Sixteen celebration will be held at the home of James and Natasha Gore from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Betty Gray Davis, one of the original organizers will give reflections. A posthumous award will be presented to Rutherford Mooman, one of the early and dedicated organizers of NBN. Attendees are asked to donate \$16.

For more information about the event, including directions to the house, contact Tameika A. White at 336-631-9407, toll free at 866-290-0926 or via email twhite@nbn.org.

Urban League EOD gala

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The Winston-Salem Urban League will hold its annual Equal Opportunity Awards Gala on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Millennium Center, 101 West 5th St. The ceremony will be from 7-9 p.m. Dinner and dancing will follow from 9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

The EOD Awards honor individuals and corporations that provide superior leadership, notable contributions and serve as strong advocates for community involvement and support. The gala, with its encompassing theme, "Educating, Elevating, & Empowering Our Community", is an opportunity to publicly acknowledge those in the community who put compassion into action to build a caring and inclu-

sive community.

Awards will be presented in several categories. Nominations were submitted by members of the community and the award recipients will be selected by an independent review committee. The final award announcements will be made at the EOD gala.

Jim Longworth, host of "Triad Today" on My 48 TV, and Renee Vaughn, of 97.1 QMG, will host the event. Entertainment for the evening will include performances by the Cyrus Art Production and Envision Band. Food Lion, Smithfield and Neighborhood Solutions are the key sponsors of the event.

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