20TH ANNIVERSARY National Speaker’s Directory
Dr. Howard E. Anderson, Jr., MD
Theologian/Educator/Diversity and Inclusion Expert

A well-known lecturer and seminar leader who has been featured at universities, professional conferences, and business conventions throughout the country. He has for over 41 years of helped individuals and organizations to operate with excellence. Specialties: Logistician, computer systems specialist, diversity and inclusion specialist, drug and alcohol rehabilitation counselor, technical instructor, program manager, management/human communication consultant, assistant for social actions, executive officer, college/seminary instructor, and theologian.

Dr. Thomas Britt, MD., MPH
President, Britt Fitness Initiative

As Chair of The Chicago Coalition of The National Black Leadership on Cancer (NBLIC) and-Faculty member of The Oncology Nursing Society, Dr. Britt has Lectured nationally on the impact of exercise and nutrition on cancer and treatment. Medical School Score University of Illinois at Chicago.
Dr. Rick Kittles
Director of the Institute of Human Genetics at the University of Illinois at Chicago

Dr. Kittles helped establish and coordinate a national cooperative network to study the genetics of hereditary prostate cancer in the African American community, of which he is well known. He has also been at the forefront of the development of ancestry-informative genetic markers, and the use of genetic ancestry to map genes for common traits and disease. He was featured in the BBC-II films, “Motherland: A Genetic Journey” and “Motherland – Moving On”, as well as in part 4 of the PBS series African American Lives (hosted by Henry Louis Gates). Dr. Kittles was featured on the American TV newsmagazine 60 Minutes, and he appeared in Part-4 of African American Lives-2. Dr. Kittles has published over 100 research articles on prostate cancer genetics, Race and Genetics, and health disparities.

Dr. Funmi Apantaku-Onayemi
Project Director, Center of Excellence in Eliminating Health Disparities University of Illinois

Dr. Onayemi was Regional Director, National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer, Epidemiology-Biostatistics School of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago. Served as Adjunct Faculty, School of Continuing Education and Graduate Degrees, Olivet Nazarene University, IL. She appeared as part of a PBS documentary “Celebration of Life – Rising above Breast Cancer”. She also appeared as part of a Mini-documentary “In the Family” – Genetic Testing – Cancer. Dr. Onayemi co-authord with F., Baldyga, W., Amuwo, S., Adefuye, A., Mason, T., Mitchell, R., Blumenthal, D. Driving to Better Health: Cancer and cardiovascular risk assessment among taxi cab operators in Chicago.
Dr. Waymon Drummond, MD
Medical Director of the Renaissance Clinical Research and Hypertension Center

Waymon Drummond attended Howard University in Washington, D.C. and graduated with high honors in the field of internal medicine. Post-graduate training included studies at NIH with a fellowship in clinical pathology in the field of cholesterol and coronary artery disease. Dr. Drummond focuses on hypertensive cardiovascular disease and the metabolic syndrome. As Principal Investigator he is focused on high risk patient populations as well as the prevention of cardiovascular disease. He gives special consideration to studying the epidemiology of hypertension, diabetes and hypercholesterolemia with a particular emphasis on the socio-economic and ethnic differences that influence these indications.

Dr. James E Race, MD, P.A

Past Chairman – Dallas Division American Heart Association (AHA) African-American Task Force

Dr. James Race, MD attended Texas Southern University, Case Western Reserve University graduate in Biochemistry and graduate of Meharry Medical College in 1983. With over 28 years in Internal Medicine, Dr. Race has been heavily involved in clinical research in diabetes, cardiovascular and hypertension. An active force in the community. Member – Executive Board AHA, Dallas Division, Chairman AHA Minority Council and Past Chairman AHA Community Site. He’s an active member of the Dallas County Medical Society, Texas Medical Association and Texas Geriatric Society.
Dr. Tayo A. Addo, MD

Dr. Addo, MD has expertise in Myocardial Infarction.

Dr. Addo specializes in internal medicine, cardiology, cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology in Dallas, Texas. In addition to his specialty of Cardiovascular Disease, Dr. Addo, MD has expertise in Myocardial Infarction. Dr. Addo, MD, attended medical school at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, having 15-years-experience. Additional Internal Medicine training was conducted at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. He obtained board certification from the member board for Cardiovascular Disease and Cardiology. Dr. Addo specializes in internal medicine, cardiology, cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology in Dallas, Texas.

Brenda S. Thompson, MS, R.N.

Sub Site Investigator, Internal medicine-Cardiology, UT Southwestern Medical Center

A Registered nurse for over 25 years, Brenda is certified as a Critical Care Registered Nurse, Fellow of the American Heart Association, AHA advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor and Basic Life Support Instructor. She has received numerous awards for Excellence in her field and Who's Who Among Young Professionals.
Dr. Nicole Minniefield MD
Assistant Professor at UT Southwestern

Dr. Minniefield has served on the Board of Directors for the Association of Black Cardiologists, as well as the regional American Heart Association Community Task Force Initiative and has been awarded the 2009 Joanne McWhorter Outstanding Fellow Award. Her areas of research interest include CV health disparities among African Americans and elucidating early non-invasive markers of cardiac dysfunction in an attempt to reduce disparate rates of cardiovascular morbidity and mortality within the African American population. Her community involvement includes working closely with the UT Southwestern/UNT Good NEWS project targeting CV awareness and education for local south Dallas church congregations.

Dr. Chrisette Dharma, MD
Principal Investigator- Southwest Family Medicine

Dr. Chrisette Dharma, MD- Principle Investigator, joined The Clark Family Medicine Center after training with Dr. Clark for three years. Dr. Dharma opened The Clark Family Medicine Center, following Dr. Clark’s retirement, where she was able to provide services of family medicine in a comfortable homey environment. She expanded the practice in 2009 and changed its name to Southwest Family Medicine Associates. The clinic uses cutting edge technology, keeping up with the advancing front of medicine.
Dr. Jill Waggoner, MD

Dr. Waggoner is a residency trained, board certified Family Practice Physician and has practiced in the Dallas area for more than 15 years. Dr. Waggoner has a special interest in Integrative Medicine, and approaches the treatment of patients from a whole person, total healing perspective. She is a radio personality and discusses relevant medical topics weekly on the “Ask Dr.. Jill” radio segment. She is an author and has penned two books; “My Sister’s Keeper, Is your temple in order?” and the soon to be released “Stress, your secret weapon for success.”

Dr. Martin R. Berk, MD

Director of the Cardiovascular Research Institute of Dallas

Dr. Martin R. Berk, MD worked on the cardiology faculty at the University of Kentucky as Director of the Heart Failure Program. Dr. Berk performs a full range of invasive and noninvasive cardiac procedures and is the principal investigator on many important heart failure, hypertension, and atrial fibrillation research studies. He is a member of the American Society of Echocardiography and on the Clinical Cardiology Council of the American Heart Association. Dr. Berk is affiliated with CIVA, and has been and is the principal investigator on many important heart failure, hypertension, and atrial fibrillation research studies.
Dr. Rafael Canadas-Zizzias

Principal Investigator Galenos Research

Dr. Rafael Canadas, MD. He is board certified and a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine, a Specialist in Clinical Research, and a Certified Physician Investigator (CPI) by the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP). For over 10 years, he has been dedicated to Pharmacological Clinical Trials and participated as a Principal Investigator in more than 60 research studies.

Dr. C.K. Wang, M.D.

Dr. Wang practiced oncology in North Texas for 5 years before joining Urology Associates of North Texas in 2012. During that time, he served as Director of Oncology Services at Wise Regional Health System from 2007-2010 and was instrumental in helping the oncology program obtain its accreditation by the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Wang lives in Fort Worth and is board certified in internal medicine, hematology and oncology. Dr. Wang completed his internal medicine internship and residency at Case Western Reserve University/ University Hospitals of Cleveland and his hematology/ oncology fellowship at the UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.
Dr. Tiffany M. Powell-Wiley, M.D., M.P.H.
Assistant clinical investigator

Dr. Powell served as a clinical research fellow in the Reynolds Cardiovascular Research Center at UTSW. Her research focused on evaluating perceptions of health and access to care as social determinants of obesity in the Dallas Heart Study. In addition, Dr. Powell played a key role in the operational management and analysis of a community-based participatory research project designed to improve cardiovascular risk factors using lay health promotion in predominantly African American churches in Dallas County. While a part of ARP, Dr. Powell will be conducting epidemiologic studies on the role of the environment in modifiable risk factors of chronic disease in an effort to identify new targets for community-based interventions, particularly for underserved populations.

Dr. Jason Chesney, MD
Medical Director, Clinical Trials Office, JGBCC

Dr. Chesney conducted his graduate studies at the Picower Institute for Medical Research where he identified a novel isozyme of 6-phosphofructo-2-kinase (PFKFB3) that is essential for cancer cell growth. Dr. Chesney’s laboratory examines the metabolic properties of transformed cells and neoplastic tissues in order to identify key regulatory enzymes involved in neoplastic metabolism. His research group has established that several enzymes are essential for neoplastic metabolism. Their approach is to suppress the activity of these metabolic regulators using a combination of siRNA silencing and genomic deletion and then to examine the effects on the metabolism, growth and survival of primary and transformed cells.
Dr. Goldie Byrd, PhD

Chair of the Department of Biology at North Carolina A&T State University

Dr. Goldie Byrd, is a Nathan F. Simms Endowed Professor of Biology and the Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences. Throughout her tenure at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, she’s been involved in teaching and research. Dr. Byrd received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring from President Barack Obama. The Alzheimer’s Association and the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame recognize Dr. Byrd’s genetic research of Alzheimer’s Disease in African Americans both nationally and internationally. She won a multi-million-dollar grant from the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities to establish genetics research capacity at North Carolina A & T State University.

Arnetti Taylor

Associate Director, Clinical Studies Initiative, at the Alzheimer’s Association

Arnetti Taylor manages the daily operations of the Clinical Studies Initiative including Alzheimer’s Association Trial-Match, an online and telephone-based service that matches people with Alzheimer’s, caregivers, physicians, and healthy volunteers with Alzheimer clinical studies that are recruiting participants. Ms. Taylor is also responsible for outreach activities aimed at raising awareness and educating physicians, Alzheimer-affected families and the general public about Alzheimer’s clinical studies and the urgent need for additional volunteers.
Dr. Mary Quiceno

Assistant Professor of Neurology & Neurotherapeutics at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School

Dr. Mary Quiceno, is the Director of the Cognitive Disorders & Memory Clinic at UTSW. Completed her Neurology training at UTSW, followed by a fellowship in Neuro-behavior and Dementia. She is Board Certified in Neurology by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Dr. Quiceno is leader of the Education & Information Core of the Alzheimer’s Disease Center at UTSW where she is active in clinical research.

Dr. Shelby Holt

Professor, Surgery-UT Southwestern Medical Center

Shelby Holt completed general surgery residency training at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, during which time she served as administrative chief resident and was a member of the resident evaluation committee. She was asked to remain on the faculty at UTSW and focus on endocrine surgery. She received additional training from experts in the field of endocrine surgery at the Mayo Clinic and the University of Michigan. As a faculty member, she has made national and international presentations for surgical societies, and she organized the First Annual Texas Endocrine Surgery symposium, a collaborative effort between the three University of Texas medical school campuses.
Dr. Carrington Mason
American Medical Association-American Board of Urology-American College of Surgeons-American Association of Clinical Urologists-American Urological Association

Dr. Carrington Mason attended the University of North Texas, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Ft. Worth, Texas. He's Board certified by the American Board of Urology, and has been in private practice since 1997. Dr. Mason's interests include: BPH / Prostate Surgery, Urinary Incontinence, Voiding Dysfunction, Urologic Oncology, Laparoscopy, Erectile Dysfunction, Urinary Stone Disease Vasectomy and Brachytherapy.

Dr. Edna Andrews-Rose, Ph.D, MSW, RN, BC
Clinical Nurse Consultant

Dr. Andrews-Rose is the author of “A Study of the social barriers leading to the disproportionately higher incidence of Alzheimer's disease in the African American population” - Edna Andrews-Rose, Clark Atlanta University. Dr. Rose has assisted the Michigan Alzheimer’s Disease Center (MADC) with connecting to minority communities to provide education about the risk factors associated with dementia and the benefits of participating in research. She has successfully enhanced minority inclusion in our MADC supported studies through linkages at local churches, sororities and other social organizations.
Byron Keith Ellis, MD

Medical Director of the Methodist Sugar Land Hospital Chest Pain Center

Dr. Ellis was trained in interventional cardiology at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Diseases, Interventional Cardiology, and Nuclear Cardiology. Dr. Byron Ellis graduated from Washington University Medical School, St Louis. Dr. Ellis has two offices in Texas. Specializing in the field of Cardiology, Dr. Ellis is prepared to provide specialized care for the heart and cardiovascular system in patients. Some of the conditions treated by Dr. Ellis may include high blood pressure and cholesterol levels, complications of diabetes, heart disease and defects, general chest pains, and other cardiovascular conditions.

Dr. Robin Skrine MD

Private Practice

Dr. Skrine was the medical director of The Breast Center at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco before starting her own practice in 2008. Dr. Skrine is a member of the American Cancer Society, American College of Surgeons, American Society of Breast Surgeons and Association of Women Surgeons. Dr. Skrine is a board-certified surgeon specializing in breast care and surgery. After receiving her Doctor of Medicine, Dr. Skrine completed an internship in general surgery at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.
Dr. OLUWATOSIN U. SMITH, MD

She is currently eligible to practice medicine in US, UK and in Nigeria.

Dr Tosin Smith - Born in Nigeria, Dr Oluwatosin" Tosin" Smith received her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree (MBBS) at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria graduating with the Andrew Blair Aitken's prize in surgery. Following that, she started a Residency in General surgery at the Dewsbury and district Hospital in Yorkshire, United Kingdom and went on to do a surgical internship at the Washington hospital Center in Washington DC. She subsequently completed residency in Ophthalmology at the Howard university Hospital where she served as Chief resident and graduated the most outstanding resident of 2002 at the Howard university hospital.

Ron Session, MA, MS

Senior Community Development Specialist Parkland Hospital and Health Systems

Mr. Session has served as Professor at Dallas County Community College District, Adjunct Psychology and Human Development instructor and Hospital Liaison for the Dallas County Hospital District. Ron is a Hospital Administrator & Liaison, College Professor, Trainer, Motivational Speaker and Author. Mr. Sessions has previously held positions as Adjunct Professor - Dallas County Community College District and Family First Educator Dallas County Divorce Courts (EXCAP). Received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice & Social Science, Master of Science in Human Relations and Business Administration, MA in Clinical Psychology and is Certified Professional Mediator Dispute Mediation Services of Dallas County.
Zachary Thompson
Director of Dallas County Health and Human Services

Zachary Thompson, has served as an adjunct professor in Eastfield’s Social Work and Substance Abuse Counseling programs since 1991. He earned an associate degree from El Centro College and holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and a master’s degree from Amber University. Zach has more than 25 years of experience in providing social services, managing state and federal grants and serving as a consultant to educational and community-based programs. He has served the residents of Dallas County as a group worker, education specialist, project director, HIV program monitor and deputy director. He is a licensed chemical dependency counselor (LCDC). He received the 2009 Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Health Care Award and was nominated for the 2008 Janet Emerson Public Health Servant Award.

Theresa Wicklin Gillespie, PhD, LLC
Director of Health Services Research at the Atlanta VAMC

Serves as consultant to cancer centers, healthcare systems, clinical trial programs, large research initiatives, clinical operations, and for strategic planning. Expertise in grant writing, leading strategic planning process, formal program evaluation, and center/institutional organization. Write grants, strategic plans, policies and procedures, data management initiatives. Responsible for all administrative oversight, strategic planning, finances and budget, multi-disciplinary research program organization and evaluation, clinical operations, marketing and outreach, shared core facilities, human resources, facilities, construction of new research and clinical building, and for planning and implementation of vision to pursue approval and funding as a National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center.
Dr. Gregory Bolden, PhD, MTh, MSHA

Co-Founder / CEO- Comprehensive Men's Health Initiative, Inc.

Dr. Gregory Bolden, is the Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Comprehensive Men’s Health Initiative, Inc. in Atlanta, GA. A Georgia non-profit 501 (c) (3A) organization founded June 18, 2005 and incorporated in August 2007. He is also Coordinator for the American Heart Association’s Search Your Heart Program, Ambassador for the Power to End Stroke, Certified in the Management of Nicotine Addiction, and Master Trainer for Chronic Disease Self Management.

Angela Thompson

Founder of Caring with Grace

Angela is a masters trained nurse with over 30 years of experience. Angela Thompson-Caring with Grace was founded by Angela Thomas, nurse and certified geriatric care manager. CWG provides care management, private nursing services to families facing the challenges of aging. A personalized care plan is developed according to the client and family’s financial and legal situation to determine appropriate and affordable care. Angela is passionate about using her knowledge and experience to assist seniors and their families navigate the challenges of aging.
Rickey Williams

Pastor at Greater Union Baptist Church, Austin, Texas

Rickey Williams, a Prostate Cancer Survivor, Rev. Ricky Williams is the voice behind “Gospel Sunday,” a gospel music program heard on Texas Southern University station KTSU. Rev. Williams’ career began in 1978 at the former KYOK 1590 AM, where he worked as a disc jockey, responsible for production. He joined KTSU in 1989. Williams has worked with some of the top names in radio and gospel music including gospel music legend Bobby Jones and Roy Disney (nephew of Walt Disney and executive of Radio Disney). Diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2003, Rev. Williams says he feels “marvelous,” and regularly donates his time toward prostate cancer efforts including Prostate Cancer Awareness Month activities at M.D. Anderson. A member of City Fellowship Church, Rev. Williams has been preaching for 21 years.

Ms. Cynthia Gray

Administrative Coordinator for the Professional Ministry Technicians

Ms. Cynthia Gray Team Lead for The Potter’s House Golden Days Respite Care Program. Attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and completed her formal training at the University of Memphis where she received her Bachelor’s Degree in Education with emphasis in Special Education. Alzheimer’s disease touched her life through her mother who is in the latter stages of the disease.
Ester Davis

Executive Television Producer, Anchor, “The Ester Davis Show”

Ester Davis hosts the weekly "Ester Davis Show" in 9 major markets on ION Media Networks, the nation's largest television network. Her weekly column, "My Day," appears in four newspapers across the south with a combined viewer-readership of 8 million. Ester currently chairs the Senior Affairs Commission for the City of Dallas and serves on an advisory board for Dallas County Community Colleges. An advocate for women's issues and world literacy, recently spoke at a Congressional Hearing by the Women’s Federation for World Peace, on the plight of women in China.

Pastor Rodney Derrick

Under the tutelage of Bishop T. D. Jakes and First Lady Serita Jakes. Pastor Derrick is responsible for the pastoral oversight of the Bereavement Ministry, Golden Vessels, and the Professional Ministry Technicians (Ushers/Greeters) Hospital Ministry. Since joining the ministry in 1999, Pastor Derrick has served as a ministerial department team leader, an instructor at The Potter’s Institute; and as a new member’s coordinator and team leader. Pastor Derrick has served in many capacities within the Kingdom, including associate pastor, district evangelist, district organist and he has also worked with inner-city youth.
Alecia Thompson

Producer for the ‘legendary Bobby Patterson Show

Alecia Thompson, MODERATOR'- Known as “The Round da Way Girl”, Alecia is the co-host of the “Willis Johnson- Good Morning Show” and Producer for the ‘legendary Bobby Patterson Show which airs on Soul 73 KKDA. With nearly a decade with the popular radio station, Alecia started as an intern and worked her way up the ladder. Alecia, understands the value of dedication to betterment of oneself. **KKDA-FM, "K-104"**, is a longtime heritage urban-formatted station that broadcasts on the 104.5 MHz frequency. It is and has been the leading radio station in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex for the last decade, owned and operated by Service Broadcasting Corporation alongside with its AM counterpart KKDA and KRNB-FM.

Pastor Lawrence Robinson

Senior Associate Pastor of The Potter’s House

In this capacity, he is responsible for overseeing the pastoral staff and assists in developing and maintaining the organization’s outreach ministries. He serves as a board member of The Potter’s House International Pastoral Alliance (PHIPA), which consists of more than 600 pastors around the globe who are mentored by Bishop T.D. Jakes. In addition to his work at The Potter’s House, Pastor Robinson is active in the community and serves on the board for Training for Excellence designed for the caregivers of people with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia.
Pastor Donald Ray Parish, Sr

True Lee Missionary Baptist Church, Dallas, TX

Pastor Donald R. Parish Sr. has been a member of True Lee Missionary Baptist Church all of his life. He was raised as the seventh of eight children from the blessed union of Pastor Robert Lawrence Parish Sr. and Louis Marie Wagner-Parish. He was drafted into the United States Army, and served in the Vietnam War for two years, at the rank of Sergeant. After Vietnam, he continued his membership at True Lee Missionary Baptist Church and accepted his calling into the ministry, under the leadership of his father Pastor R. L. Parish Sr. He eventually became and worked as special assistant to his Father for 10 years.

Dr. Delores Saddler, PhD, BSN, MSN

Adjunct Professor, Texas Southern University, School of Pharmacy

Delores Saddler, PhD-Dr. Delores Saddler is a faculty member in the Associate Nursing Degree Program at Houston Community College. Dr. Saddler completed her PhD in nursing from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas in 2011. She is an adjunct faculty member at Texas Southern University School of Pharmacy, and worked in several nursing positions at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.
E. Francis Jones

Founder/CEO of Innovative Clinical Concepts, LLC

Francis Jones is the founder, President/Chief Executive Officer/Owner of Innovative Clinical Concepts, LLC (ICC). ICC is a Clinical Trials Research Services Company that specializes in managing and conducting Phase II through Phase IV outpatient clinical trials involving pharmaceuticals, biological, implants, and other medical device products. She teaches a class entitled “Ethics in Clinical Trial Research” at Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis. She was also a faculty member chosen to teach “Good Clinical Practices and Skills Building” class for the National Medical Association’s (NMA) Project IMPACT program.

Carla Wade

News Anchor at KOCO in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

She anchors weekend evening newscasts and reports during the week. She anchored news breaks first for an Oklahoma City urban radio station and then later for OU's NPR affiliate station KGOU. Carla's television career began at KSWO in Lawton, Oklahoma. She has also worked at KATV in Little Rock, Arkansas and WTVQ in Lexington, Kentucky. Carla has been honored with several regional awards for reporting including one from the Oklahoma Associated Press. She is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated and Junior Achievement Volunteer.
Elia Esquivel

President of the Dallas Association of Hispanic Nurses

Elia Esquivel has held several positions in the Dallas Chapter and participated actively in health fairs both with the organization and individually. She has helped organize and participate in carnivals at churches to educate and provide resources on medical care. She has assisted in mentoring programs for both junior high and college level Hispanic students. Elia has been practicing nursing for 23 years. She has worked in a patient, homecare, and ambulatory settings. She has worked in both adult and children’s settings. Most of her career has been spent in a case manager role where she coordinates and advocate for patients and families. She currently case manages Neuromuscular patients at CMC Dallas.

Deborah Salone Parish

Deborah Salone Parish entered the Non-Profit sector in June of 2000, with the American Cancer Society where she began as the Program Coordinator for the “We Care About Kids” Program. She later became the Metro Area Manager for the Mabel Meshack White South Dallas office of the American Cancer Society. She was primarily responsible for outreach in the southern sector of Dallas with the mission of saving lives through research, advocacy, education and service. Deborah’s Affiliations; Member of True Lee Missionary Baptist Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Xi Omega Chapter, Bertrand Neighborhood Association, Breast Cancer Advisory Coalition, Coalition of Non-Profits to help the South Dallas and Southern Dallas Communities.
Manager of Dallas County Family Services

Frances has been with the Alzheimer’s Association for eight years. Previously, she was Manager of Helpline Services for seven years for the Alzheimer’s Association. Essential responsibilities included researching and maintaining dementia-specific resources for the Greater Dallas Chapter’s 34-county service area. Currently serving on Dallas Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. She has also held the position of Regional Marketing Director for a local nursing home company conducting marketing services to hospitals, physicians and other healthcare professionals.

Supply Chain Professional in Strategic Sourcing, Contract Management, Supplier Management and Account Management as both a supplier and customer of contract manufacturing services. As a Supply Chain Professional Rick has over 18 years of experience with significant multinational contracting. He has managed eight programs with collective spend value exceeding $500M for a Fortune 500 Defense Contractor. Rick’s specialty is the cradle to grave source selection process from crafting the RFP to supplier selection, contract negotiation, implementation and on-going supplier relationship management. He has served as liaison between the EMS and OEM, responsible for handling all contract negotiations, customer service requests, quality, shipment scheduling, forecasting. Rick’s Industry Experience is in Aerospace, Defense, Telecom, High Tech, and Contract Manufacturing.
Ms. Terry Wilson-Gray

Executive Director of the Bridge Breast Network

Terry serves as the Executive Director of the Bridge Breast Network and has held this position for the past 9 years. Under her leadership, The Bridge has seen a 1000% growth in the number of individuals served. She is a 26-year two-time cancer survivor and knows personally the fear and how it feels, when you hear the words, “You have cancer”. With a Bachelor Degree in Health Education and a Master in Public Administration, Terry combines her faith, education, and first-hand knowledge of cancer to help each client through the breast cancer experience. She is an advocate for the voiceless but strives to empower women and others to take responsibility for their own health and life in general. She is passionate about life, The Bridge, and the women and men served by the organization.

Zachary Thompson

Director of Dallas County Health and Human Services

Zachary Thompson has served as an adjunct professor in Eastfield’s Social Work and Substance Abuse Counseling programs since 1991. He earned an associate degree from El Centro College and holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and a master’s degree from Amber University.
Timothy Upshaw
Prostate Cancer Testing Coordinator

Upshaw's mission is to make every man he meets aware of the importance of screenings and to get them tested. “My desire is to change the mindset of men so that they will be more health conscious, and that no more men that I meet die from prostate cancer. Early detection is the key,” Upshaw said. Mr. Upshaw currently manages the number-one ranked, hospital-based prostate program in the United States, having screened over 88,000 men for prostate cancer, providing free of charge prostate cancer screenings throughout the Metroplex.

James H. Talley, CPA, CFP, PFS
Chief Financial & Operating Officer of JH Talley & Associates, P.C., CPA

Mr. Talley’s thirty-nine (39) years of experience has allowed him to specialize in financial consultation to various profit and non-profit organizations in Texas, and throughout the United States. His organization primarily operates in the Financial Consultant business/industry within the Engineering, Accounting, Research, and Management Services sector. Jim is heavily involved in his community, church and other charitable works.
Stacey Guillen
Chair of the Hispanic Wellness Coalition
Stacey Guillen is the Oncology Program Coordinator at Baylor All Saints Medical Center in Fort Worth under Baylor Health Care System. She currently oversees the operations, marketing, strategic planning/analysis and business development for the oncology program. In Dallas/Fort Worth, she now serves as Stand-Up Program Chair of Hispanic Women’s Network of North Texas, and is part of the steering committee for Mobilizing for Action Through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP).

Latora Scott, PhD, RN
Owner of Eclipse Healthcare Consulting, Inc.

Dr. Latora Scott is the owner of ECLIPSE Health Consultants, a service-oriented health and wellness organization that provides education, awareness and behavior modifications to churches and community venues. Dr. Scott has 20 years of clinical experience in various specialty areas: acute brain injury; cardiac transplantation; college health; congestive heart failure; lung transplantation and pulmonary arterial hypertension. Her passion is promoting health and wellness with an emphasis on methods of prevention.
Dr. Paul Hackett
President Trinity Colon & Rectal Surgical Clinic

Dr. Paul Hackett is a specialist in the surgical care of patients with diseases of the colon and rectum. A member of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Dr. Hackett uses the latest minimally invasive surgical techniques to achieve the best possible long-term outcomes for patients with colorectal disease. He specializes in cancer of the colon and rectum (including benign and malignant masses affecting the colon and rectum), Crohn’s disease, Ulcerative colitis and benign diseases (hemorrhoids, colon polyps, etc.).

Dr. Jeffrey Gahan
Assistant Professor in Urology at UT Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Jeffrey Gahan is an assistant professor in urology at UT Southwestern medical center and is the chief of robotic surgery at the North Texas VA. He attended Baylor College of Medicine for medical school and completed his residency at the University of Miami. He completed a robotics and minimally invasive fellowship at UT Southwestern. He specializes in the treatment of kidney cancer, prostate cancer and benign diseases of the ureter and kidney. He has clinical research interests in the early detection and treatment of renal cell carcinoma as well as clinical outcomes of prostate cancer treatment in high-risk patient groups like African-American men.
Dr. Candis Lovelace
New Leaf Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Dr. Candis Lovelace, MD, FACS, is a plastic surgeon in the Alliance area of North Fort Worth. She has been in solo practice for 5 years. She is Board Certified by The American Board of Plastic Surgery, and she is a Fellow of The American College of Surgeons. Dr. Lovelace is a member of The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, The International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons, Texas Medical Association, Tarrant County Medical Society, and American Medical Association. She holds licenses to practice plastic surgery in Texas, Oklahoma, and Florida. Dr. Lovelace is also a philanthropist who has helped underserved children in Vietnam, Philippines, Peru, and Haiti.

Dr. Alan Rodney
Texas Oncology, Pearland

Dr. Alan Rodney, M.D. is board certified in Medical Oncology, Hematology and Internal Medicine and specializes in Medical Oncology and Hematology. He completed a combined fellowship in Medical Oncology and Hematology at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and Baylor College of Medicine, respectively. While at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, he developed special interest in cancers of the prostate, colon, breast, and lung, as well as lymphoma. His interest in offering the best care to his patients includes the opportunity for eligible patients to participate in well-designed clinical trials close to home. Dr. Rodney has expanded the Texas Oncology outreach with an office in Pearland within the newly constructed Shadow Creek Ranch Medical Building.
Erin Wickliff, PA
Houston Methodist Hospital

Erin Wickliff, PA, is a physician assistant and research coordinator at Houston Methodist Hospital, with a focus in hematology. She received a Bachelor of Science in Genetics and Cell Biology, and a Masters of Public Health with a concentration in Environmental Health, from the University of Minnesota. At Houston Methodist Hospital, Erin manages a wide variety of benign and malignant hematology, including multiple myeloma, lymphoma, leukemia, and sickle cell anemia. She coordinates hematology clinical trials, and received Exemplary Service Award while working as an environmental health fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Myrna C. Godoy
Assistant Professor - University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Dr. Myrna C. Godoy is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Diagnostic Radiology of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Following her radiology residency, Dr. Godoy completed fellowship training in thoracic imaging at University of British Columbia and at the New York University. Her main current research interests focus on lung cancer screening and biomarker validation, evaluation of pulmonary nodules, and advances in Computed Tomography technology.
Dr. Dalliah M. Black
Assistant Professor of Surgical Oncology at the University of Texas

Dr. Dalliah M. Black, MD, FACS is an Assistant Professor of Surgical Oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. She earned her medical degree at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill where she also completed her residency in General Surgery. Dr. Black’s clinical interests include evaluating barriers to medical care in the underserved, disparities in breast cancer outcomes, and biologic differences in breast cancers. Her surgical research has resulted in national presentations, including the Society of Surgical Oncology and the American College of Surgeons, and Annals of Surgical Oncology.

Dr. Samir Abraksia
Cleveland Clinic Hospitals: South Pointe Hospital

Dr. Abraksia graduated from University of Damascus, Fac Of Medicine, Damascus, Syria with an MD 30 years ago. He had his residency training of Medical Oncology at University Hospital of Cleveland and Internal Medicine at Huron Hospital -Cleveland Clinic. An Oncology Specialist Dr. Abraksia deals with cancer. Oncologists may focus on different aspects of cancer treatment. As a Medical Oncologist he specializes in the treatment of cancer with medicines such as chemotherapy.
Dr. Clement K. Gwede
Associate Professor of Oncologic Sciences at the University of South Florida

Clement K. Gwede, Ph.D., MPH, RN- is Associate Member of Population Sciences and Health Outcomes and Behavior at Moffitt Cancer Center. His research focuses on reducing cancer health disparities and improving minority participation in clinical research. He is co-director of the Tampa Bay Community Cancer Network (TBCCN) located at Moffitt and leads two large community-based research projects addressing colorectal cancer screening in underserved communities. His research also includes innovative ways of educating men about prostate cancer, and the importance of discussing risks of the disease.

Jill Smith
Assistant Director - University of South Florida, USF Health Byrd Alzheimer's Institute

Jill Smith, MA, CCRC is the assistant director for clinical research at the USF Health Byrd Alzheimer’s Institute. She is a certified research professional and has worked on Alzheimer’s clinical trials for 10 years. She oversees the study activities of at least a dozen clinical trials at any given time and works with pharmaceutical companies such as Eli Lilly, Merck, and Pfizer. She and her team of clinical researchers have been studying many medications to find new treatment options for Alzheimer’s disease. She also teaches Alzheimer’s Disease Management in the Aging Studies program for the University of South Florida.
Dr. Nagi B. Kumar
Director of the Cancer Chemoprevention at the Moffitt Cancer Center

Dr. Nagi B. Kumar Ph.D., R.D., FADA is a Senior Member in the Population Sciences Division, and a Professor in Oncologic Sciences at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine. Dr. Kumar is a Fellow of the American Dietetic Association, obtaining her clinical training at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine and Doctoral training at the University of South Florida College of Medicine. Funded by the National Cancer Institute and Department of Defense, her cancer research focuses on evaluating nutrient derived products in cancer prevention, treatment and survivorship in high risk populations.

Dr. Brian M. Rivers, PhD, MPH
Faculty Research Member in the Department of Health Outcomes Moffitt Cancer Center

Dr. Rivers’ program of research is focused on addressing prostate cancer disparities among African Americans. Dr. Rivers is exploring the use of iPads and have developed several mobile health applications (apps) to assist with the delivery of salient and tailored cancer information to African Americans. Currently, Dr. Rivers is leading a large randomized controlled trial to evaluate these applications in clinical settings. The trial is being funded by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) and was 1 of 2 of the first awards in the state of Florida. More recently, Dr. Rivers received R01 funding by the NIH National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to conduct a large community-based trial to further evaluate the impact of these applications specifically among African American men diagnosed with prostate cancer.
Dr. Angela M. Hill
University of South Florida, College of Pharmacy

Dr. Hill joined Florida A&M University’s College of Pharmacy in 1992 as an Assistant Professor and progressed to the rank of full Professor. During her tenure at Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy, she provided pharmacy services and experiential education at Florida State Hospital, Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare, Tallahassee Veterans Administration, and Apalachee Health Center in Tallahassee, Florida. She has been involved in research in the areas of epilepsy, Alzheimer’s disease, patient safety and adherence, and other clinical areas. She is currently providing pharmacy services at the USF Dementia C.A.R.E. Center at the USF Alzheimer’s Byrd Institute at the University of South Florida.

Veronica Blakely
V’s Voice Communications

Veronica Blakely is a native of Tampa, Florida where she is an Instructor at a Community College, teaching Public Speaking, Business, and General Education courses. Veronica is also a published author and she facilitates Communication workshops on a consultant basis through her company, V’s Voice Communications. Veronica has a Bachelor Degree in Speech Communication, a Master Degree in Management, and an Education Specialist Degree in Education Leadership.
Rev. John T. Warren
Bible-Based Fellowship Church

Rev. Warren is a member of the ministerial team of Bible-Based Fellowship Church. He has served the ministry as a part of Pastoral Care, Outreach, Visitation, Men’s Ministry, Married Couples and Salvation Army Outreach Initiative. In addition to his work at Bible-Based Fellowship Church, He’s active in the community and has served on several boards. He is a graduate of Troy University with a BS in Criminal Law and a minor in Business Administration. He served in the U.S. Army and his business professional career spans 20 plus years. He’s a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Donna Persaud, M.D.
Chief of Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine Community Medicine Division
Chair of the Employed Physician Committee

Dr. Persaud is Chief of Pediatrics for Parkland Health & Hospital, Community Medicine Division. The community medicine division provides comprehensive care to the underserved in Dallas County. Dr. Persaud holds MBBS and BS Degrees from the University of the West Indies, School of Medicine. She completed her residency in pediatrics at the University of Miami in 1991, and ambulatory fellowship from UTMB Galveston in 1993. A children’s health advocate, Dr. Persaud was recognized by the U.S. Customs for her assistance in helping to identify and prosecute child sexual predators. In 2008 and 2009, she was named by Parkland as “Provider of the Month,” “Provider of the Year,” and “Distinguished Physician.”
Ms. **Neeka Clark**

Administrative Liaison Pastoral Department & Counseling Department The Potter's House of Dallas, Inc.

Neeka Clark is the Director of The Potter’s House Golden Days Respite Care program. The Golden Days Caregivers Day Out provides a “day out” for caregivers and implements programs that promote cognitive stimulation, sensory perception and motor skills for their loved ones with Alzheimer’s or dementia and those affected by the aging process. Ms. Clark is responsible for the implementation, training and development of the program and volunteers. The program is an all-inclusive community resource that is open to the public, and which also provides references to government agencies that can also assist families. The Golden Days Respite Care program also does follow-up with families that have lost love ones that have been affected by Alzheimer's or dementia.

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**Noel O. Santini, MD, FACP**

Medical Director and Chief of Adult Medicine and Geriatrics
Community Medicine Division

Dr. Santini is Medical Director and Chief of Adult Medicine for Community Medicine at Parkland Hospital. Dr. Santini received a Doctor of Medicine Degrees from the University of Puerto Rico in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of Texas at Southwestern Medical Center. Dr. Santini has special interests in diabetes, preventive medicine, health disparities and primary care research.
Terre Q. McGlothin, MD
Breast Cancer Surgeons of Texas

Dr. McGlothin is a surgical oncologist, specializing in breast diseases. She has practiced medicine in Dallas for more than 16 years. The St. Louis, Missouri native received her undergraduate degree from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and went on to medical school at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. She completed her residency and internship in general surgery at the University of Louisville in Kentucky and then did a fellowship in Breast Surgical Oncology at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. She’s board certified in general surgery and is a member of the American College of Surgeons, American Society of Breast Surgeons and American Society of Breast Diseases.

Dr. Sonia Benn
Medical Oncologist and Hematologist at West Cancer Center

Dr. Benn plays a vital role in the healthcare community. Dr. Benn is Assistant Affiliated Professor of Medicine, University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She earned her medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis, her internship in Internal Medicine at Johns Hopkins University/Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, and her residency in Internal Medicine and fellowship in Hematology and Oncology at the University of Tennessee College Of Medicine in Memphis. Named “Best Oncologist” by the Desoto Times Tribune (2012-2014). Areas of Expertise: Hematology and Medical Oncology.
Dr. Joseph Santoso, MD
Director and Professor of the Gynecologic Oncology Division at The University of Tennessee in Memphis

Dr. Joseph Santoso is board-certified in Gynecologic Oncology, Obstetrics and Gynecology. He performs radical cancer surgeries as well non-invasive surgeries (robotic and laparoscopic). He sees patients at The West Clinic’s East Memphis and Midtown locations. He helps train future physicians and has been awarded multiple awards for his excellence in teaching by his students, medical schools, and The Association of Professors of Gynecologists & Obstetrics.

Rodney Franklin, PharmD
Pharmacist Consultant- Tara Pharmacy

Rodney Franklin, PharmD, is a consultant pharmacist with Tara Pharmacy, a privately owned long-term care pharmacy that provides pharmacy services to skilled nursing facilities in the Southeast. Rodney earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in 2005. Prior to and during his clinical training at UTHSC, he worked as a research assistant in an infertility clinic where he authored numerous publications in the area of Reproductive Endocrinology & Immunology. Subsequently, Dr. Franklin developed an interest in long-term care and Geriatric Pharmacy.
Danita Brown
Brown MB Church Cancer Coalition

Danita Brown is a breast cancer survivor, whose amazing story has been told on TBN, the *Loretta McNary TV Show*, *BG Magazine*, and *Ordinary People*. A popular speaker, Danita has been a ministry leader for the Brown Missionary Baptist Cancer Support Ministry since 2008. She retired as a teacher at Treadwell Izone Elementary School in 2015. She has a Master’s Degree in Education from Christian Brothers University in Memphis, and a Bachelor’s Degree from Le Moyne Owen College Memphis. She is active in her community and American Cancer Society.

Joseph Sanders
Founder of the Utah Coalition

Joseph Sanders worked extensively with the National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer (NBLIC), and founder and chair of the Orlando coalition. A volunteer for the American Cancer Society, Joseph has been instrumental in changing the mindset of black men toward prostate cancer screening and recruiting men to participate in the annual African American Men’s Health Summit. He has also been an advocate for preventing tobacco and alcohol use by teenagers. Joseph received the prestigious 2002 H.O.P.E. Award from the Intercultural Cancer Council, and has also been recognized by the United Way.
Sandra Hamilton, RN, BSN, Med
West Tennessee Disparities Committee

A retired clinical research nurse at West Clinic, Sandra Hamilton has served on the West Tennessee Disparities Committee for the past six years, and is former state Colorectal Cancer Chair for the Tennessee Cancer Coalition. She is a 25-year plus volunteer for the American Cancer Society and current member of the Mid-South Division Community Action Team of Shelby County. At Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Sandra served as the Associate Director/Clinical Coordinator/Health Communications Specialist for the National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer III, a project of the National Cancer Institute. She holds a BSN from Tennessee State University, an FNP from Vanderbilt University, and MEd from Tribeca Nazarene University.

Stan Eckwood
President & Founder, The Arkansas Big Dogs

Stan Eckwood is an Arkansas native who has spent countless hours giving back to his community. Stan is the president and founder of The Arkansas Big Dogs, a Senior Olympics basketball team. The national organization hosts a variety of sports competitions for participants who are 50 and older. In 2005, he established the Arkansas Big Dogs Charity Association to raise money for cancer patients, youth education, after-school, holiday giving programs and more. Stan worked as a distribution manager at Center Point Energy for 33 years. He has a BA in Education, Harding University.
Rev. Harry Spencer
Associate Minister at The Greater Galatian Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Harry Spencer is a native of West Memphis, Arkansas who has resided in Memphis, Tennessee since 1987. Rev. Spencer has been an active member of the Memphis Riverbluff National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer II Coalition, Inc. (NBLIC II, Inc) since 2006 and has served as Chair since 2012. NBLIC is a community awareness program, initiated by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) whose mission was to increase cancer awareness and decrease cancer deaths in African Americans.

Brian C. Springer
Vice President, Research Administration and Associate Center Director, Administration-Moffitt Cancer Center

Brian C. Springer has been Vice President, Research Administration and Associate Center Director, Administration, at Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute since 2013. Mr. Springer works closely with Moffitt Center directors and associates in leading research development, planning, direction, finance, operation, and evaluation, and renewing the National Cancer Institute core grant. Brian held senior administrative leadership positions at three nationally designated comprehensive cancer centers prior to joining Moffitt. He is a board member of 50 Hoops, and is active in a number of medical and community networks. Brian earned a Master of Healthcare Administration from The University of NC at Chapel Hill.
Kevin Sneed, PharmD
Senior Associate Vice President, Dean, College of Pharmacy

Dr. Sneed is a tenured Professor and founding Dean of the USF College of Pharmacy. He also serves as a Senior Associate Vice-President for USF Health. Dr. Sneed received his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy, where he also received numerous clinical and leadership awards. He completed an Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice Specialty Residency at Bay Pines Veteran’s Administration Medical Center. Professional interests include pharmacological treatment of patients with cardio-metabolic disorders, and examining health care disparities. He is active in several medical and community organizations.

Chuck Wilson, MSW
CEO and President of CPAG-Corporate Professionals Achieving Goals

Leven Chuck Wilson, MSW is the CEO and President of CPAG Inc., a healthcare business solutions company that provides education, training and consulting services to healthcare providers and facility-based practices. Through his global network of certified professionals and service enterprises, Wilson delivers billing solutions, coding, auditing, clinical documentation and related services. His professional background spans 20 years. In 2013, Mr. Wilson was voted “Social Worker of the Year” in recognition for his professional, social, and personal impact on the state of Florida. Mr. Wilson received his B.A. in Sociology and MSW from the University of Hawaii Manoa. He is PhD candidate at Oxford Graduate School.
B. Lee Green, MD

Co-Principal Investigator of the USF-Moffitt Health Disparities Center.

Dr. Green’s research focuses on cancer health disparities, in education and awareness of clinical trials and research studies among minority populations. He has completed extensive work in clinical trial and research study participation. The grant is designed to help build infrastructure within institutions, and equip them to better address health disparities. He is also a co-investigator on an NIH grant examining the influence of the U.S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study on willingness to participate in biomedical studies. The research has led to development of a survey tool to assess participation into clinical trials by minorities, and is one of the first studies of its kind.

Hiram Green

Director of Community Engagement -University of South Florida (USF) Health

Hiram Green has worked at the University of South Florida since 1983, in various positions within the athletic, alumni, and community relations departments. He currently serves as Director of Community Engagement. Throughout his USF career, Hiram helped secure millions in sponsorships and scholarships for academic and athletic programs. The Carnegie Foundation has recognized him for his community engagement efforts. Hiram serves on the National Board, American Heart Association, and as a member of Diabetic Charitable Services. He is the
Immediate Past Chairman, and serves on the State Board of ALS and the ALS Association, Florida Chapter. He has a B.S. in Business Marketing from USF.

Walter Wallace Niles, Sr.
Manager, Office of Health Equity Hillsborough County Health Department, Tampa, FL

Walter Niles has championed health equity, inclusion and diversity for nearly 25 years. He is the founding manager of Florida Department of Health’s first Office of Health Equity (OHE), established in 2009. OHE aims to eliminate health disparities and assess social determinants of health in Hillsborough County. Walter educates the public health community and leadership on issues relating to health disparities and inequities. Walter is involved in numerous organizations related to public health, community service, education and the African American community. He holds a degree in Business Management from Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) and is a graduate of the University of Phoenix, with an advanced Leadership degree.

Amparo Nunez
Project Director “PUENTES DE SALUD/BRIDGES TO HEALTH” Hispanic Services Council

Amparo R. Nunez is the “Puentes De Salud/Bridges to Health” Project Director at the Hispanic Services Council. She has worked in the Tampa Bay area for over 33 years as a direct provider, supervisor, contracts manager and non-profit executive director of family support, early childhood and health promotion programs. Ms. Nunez is a dedicated educator, who is well connected in the Hispanic community, with a passion for social justice. She holds a Master’s Degree in Education obtained through a fellowship from the OAS (Organization of American States) in Brazil, a Master’s in Business Administration from the Florida Institute of Technology, and a current Florida Teaching Certificate.
Leonela Cole
Vice-President Hispanic Business Initiative Fund of Florida

Leonela Cole is the Vice-President at HBIF, Hispanic Business Initiative Fund of Florida. She oversees recruitment of sponsors to help fund counseling programs for small to midsize businesses. Leonela has developed a successful annual growth plan for executives to identify and acquire new corporate partnerships, and improve revenue forecasts. Previously, as a Business Development & Education Consultant for HBIF, Leonela consulted with Hispanic entrepreneurs, where she organized, evaluated and advised them on business opportunities. Prior to joining HBIF, Leonela worked in executive level positions in management, marketing and accounting at several companies. She holds a B.A. Degree in Business and an MBA from St. Thomas University.

Ileana Martin-Devin
Owner, Manana Marketing/Founder of Directorio en Espanol

Ileana Devin is the co-owner of Manana Marketing. She has over 26 years experience in marketing and advertising which targets Hispanic consumers. Ileana is also the founder of Directorio en Espanol and the Tampa Spanish Language Hispanic Yellow Pages. Manana Marketing provides businesses with Spanish language campaigns, translations and other Hispanic specialty marketing services. As a business owner in a state with a high Hispanic population, Ileana is experienced in reaching the “hard to reach” communities that mainstream agencies tend to overlook. She has received numerous creative and community service awards for her effort.
Evangeline R. Best
Retired, Hillsborough County Head Start Social Worker

Evangeline R. Best is a retired Hillsborough County Head Start Social Worker. Evangeline has chaired the East Tampa School Community/Partnership, volunteers with the Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa (CDC), and serves as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors. She is the Immediate Past Chairman of the East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership. Mrs. Best championed the “Best Bus Tour,” sharing history and economic redevelopment, and recently received the League of Women Voters of Hillsborough County and The Potter Leadership awards. U.S. Representative Kathy Castor entered Mrs. Best’s life’s achievements as her legacies into Congressional Records in the Library of Congress.

Rosa Mckinzy Cambridge, RN, BSN, CM,
President National Black Nurses of Tampa Bay

Rosa Cambridge is a retired nurse, life member of the Black Nurses Association and National Council of Negro Women. She is also a member of the health and fitness ministry and assistant coordinator of S.A.G.E at Bible Based Fellowship Church. An advocate for community health services, Rosa serves on the board of the Mt. Calvary Free Clinic and chairs the recruitment committee. She retired from the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office in 2007. Rosa obtained a B.S. Degree in Nursing from the University of Tampa, and earned credit toward a Master’s Degree. She is one of the first certified case managers in Florida.
Dr. Jeffrey Gahan, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Urology at UT Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Gahan is also the Chief of Robotic Surgery at the North Texas VA. He attended Baylor College of Medicine for medical school and completed his residency at the University of Miami. He completed a robotics and minimally invasive fellowship at UT Southwestern. He specializes in the treatment of kidney cancer, prostate cancer and benign diseases of the ureter and kidney. He has clinical research interests in the early detection of renal cell carcinoma as well as clinical outcomes of prostate cancer treatment in high-risk patient groups like African-American men.

Dr. Muhammad Shaalan Beg, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Hematology and Medical Oncology, UT Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Beg has a lot of irons in the fire and his patients are his driving force. As a medical oncologist, Dr. Beg treats patients with esophageal, colon, pancreatic, liver and anal cancer. He is a clinical scholar in the department of Clinical Sciences. Dr. Beg also conducts trials for new cancer treatments as a member of the Gastrointestinal Cancers Disease Oriental Team at Simmons Caner Center. He is currently working a drug that will help pancreatic cancer patients gain weight, and he is developing a protocol for therapies for peritoneal disease, cancer that has spread into the abdomen. Dr. Beg believes in offering more opportunities, and the best way to do that is through clinical trials.
Dr. Brenda Harth
Medical Oncologist

Dr. Harth is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the Dallas, Texas area, including Baylor University Medical Center, and Medical City Dallas Hospital. Dr. Harth is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology. She received her medical degree in 1980 from Rutgers Medical School; residency at Methodist Medical Center, Dallas, Texas where she served as Chief Resident of Internal Medicine from 1982-1983 and received the Resident of the Year Award in 1983; Fellowship in hematology/oncology at the UT Health Science Center in Dallas Texas in 1986. As a hematologist/oncologist she diagnoses and treats patients with blood-related disorders, malignancies, and cancers. As an internist she serves as primary care provider for adults, and treats a wide range of conditions including cross-system illnesses that affect multiple organic systems. As an oncologist, Dr. Harth is trained to diagnose and treat all types of cancer.

Pastor Jeannette F. Jordan
Church House of Ministries World Wide, Ladson, SC

Pastor Jordan is an author national public speaker on nutrition and other health related topics. She is a registered dietitian, certified diabetes educator, and a former spokesperson for the American diabetic Association. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1980, and a master's in nutritional science degree in 1990, from the South Carolina State University. Jeanette is also an ordained minister, and is the Senior Pastor of the Church House of Ministries Worldwide, Ladson SC. Her vision for the Health and Welfare of her congregation encompasses mind, body and spirit, with her passion for Champions Awareness on Multi levels about our health.
Dr. Nadine Barrett Ph.D., MA, MS
Director of the Office of Health Equity – Duke Cancer Institute

Dr. Barrett has devoted her career to reducing Health disparities for disadvantaged and vulnerable populations for over 15 years. She has served as Inaugural Director of the Office of Health Equity and Disparities at the Duke Cancer Institute; faculty in the Department of Community and Family Medicine's Division of Community Health; and Director of the Duke CTSA Community Connections Core, Center for Community and Population Health Improvement. As a medical sociologist, Dr. Barrett develops partnerships and collaborations to improve community health outcomes. Numerous awards and honors include the American Sociology Association's Minority Fellowship Doctoral Award and the NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Health Services Research at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Ms. Valarie Worthy, MPH
Patient Navigator Manager – Duke Cancer Institute

Valerie Clark Worthy has been a registered nurse for over 34 years and employed by Duke University Health Systems for 14 years. A 17-year breast cancer survivor, she understands the importance of early detection and is passionate about getting that message out to the community. In 2003, she helped organize a local chapter of Sisters Network Incorporated, a survivorship organization for African-American women with breast cancer. In addition to her work with the American Cancer Society, Duke, and Sisters Network Triangle NC, Valerie is active in health Ministry in Durham North Carolina at the River Church.
Mr. Cornell Wright, MPA
Executive Director – North Carolina Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities

Cornell P Wright is a subject-matter expert in the areas of health equity and disparities, minority health, and community engagement. As executive director of the North Carolina office of minority health and health disparities under the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services within the division of Public Health. Mr. Wright is an active member of the Health Community, serving on various boards. Mr. Wright has received numerous Awards and recognitions for his extraordinary contributions to health from National Institute of Health, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, NC Central University, and National Minority Quality Forum.

Pastor Steve Sims
Executive Pastor of the River Church of Durham, NC

Pastor Steve Sims has served for 12 years as the executive pastor of the River Church of Durham North Carolina. Pastor Sims oversees the daily administration of the church, staff pastors, executive and administrative assistants, financial officers, facilities and building maintenance, personnel and other support staff. Pastor Sims also serves as the Chief liaison for the Bishops Council of River Fellowship International (RFI). He works closely with the Rivers senior leader, Pastor Ronald L Godbee, and Bishop Joby, Pastor Sheryl Brady, internationally known conference speakers, and campus pastors of The Potter’s House of Dallas Texas.
Minister Melissa Wade-Cutler
Assistant Program Director – The Light 103.9- Pittsburg, PA

Minister Melissa Wade Cutler is a native of North Carolina, who began her career at WFXC in 1991, where she was a morning show Sidekick and a news personality. She has also worked with WQOK in Raleigh and WAMO in Pittsburgh PA as a morning show co-host. Melissa is currently the Assistant Program Director for The Light 103.9 and producer of "Get Up Mornings with Erica Campbell" in addition to hosting her own show "Wade In The Water". Melissa has also directed and performed in various stage plays, speaks at community events and supports her favorite causes.

Pastor Ronald Godbee
Senior Pastor, The River Church- Durham, NC

Ronald L Godbee, the author of "Why Leaders Fail", is lead pastor of the River Church in Durham, North Carolina. After serving as a traveling evangelist, Pastor Godbee established the Inner Court Christian Center in the heart of the inner city of Detroit, Michigan. There, he was appointed by President Prelate Bishop Edgar L Vann II to serve as general overseer and executive council member of the Kingdom Alliance Covenant Fellowship. Pastor Godbee is noted for his hosting skills and has been a regular host on many Christian talk shows.
Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks, prostate cancer survivor. For 30 plus years, Roy has represented his community as a community volunteer, City elected official, and as County Commissioner embracing the core values of Integrity, Innovation and growth. He continuously addresses healthcare issues such as: Healthcare for the Homeless, Infant Mortality, Obesity, Health Disparities, and AIDS Education. Commissioner Brooks is aggressively involved in the state and federal levels of government to assist in developing programs they create and shape health care policy in this nation's counties.

Dr. Reverend Roy Elton Brackins
President Emeritus Board of Directors – One Church One Child, Inc.

Reverend Brackins, is President Emeritus of the Board of Directors for One Church One Child Inc. in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He also serves as the Assistant Treasurer of The B. E. L. A. (Black Ecumenical Leadership Alliance). He's a member of the National Baptist Convention of America International Incorporated, where he has worked with the Evangelical Board for over 30 years. Pastor Brackins is founding pastor of the Grace Tabernacle Baptist Church. He has authored three books, most recently, "365 Days of Devotion", Development and Discipline with Jesus", which were released last year. Pastor Brackins was recognized for outstanding service by the St. Thomas Christian University of Jacksonville, FL, with an honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree.
Dr. Brian Berryman, M.D.
Medical Director of the Blood Marrow Transplant Outreach Programs

Brian Berryman, MD is with the Multiple Myeloma in African Americans research. Dr. Berryman is the Medical Director of the Blood Marrow Transplant Outreach Program Clinics at the Texas Oncology - Baylor, Charles a Sammons Cancer Center Blood and Marrow Transplant Program. Dr. Berryman joined the staff there in 2001, and is the Principal Investigator and co-investigator for numerous research trials. He specializes in hematology and medical oncology and is board-certified in Internal Medicine and medical oncology.

Dr. Revathi Angitapalli, M.D.

Dr. Angitapalli has extensive knowledge and experience treating breast malignancies. Prior to joining USMD, she was in private practice at Arlington Cancer Center. During that time, she was involved in the development of Arlington Memorial Hospital's breast cancer program. She also served as visiting associate physician at Rockefeller University in New York, where she conducted lab research on melanoma.
Versie Pruitt

When you meet Versi Pruitt, you meet an honest, loving and dependable woman. Versi was a loving and faithful wife to the late James Pruitt, who died from pancreatic cancer in 2012. Versi is a two-time breast cancer survivor, conquering the disease in 1999 and again in 2003. She has been blessed to be the mother of 3, grandmother of 7, and great-grandmother of 11 (and still coming). Her current hobbies are working as a licensed wedding planner, cruising every year and participating in the “Steppin Grannies” dance team. Verdi’s future plans are to remain healthy and enjoy life to the fullest.

Vincent B. Adams

Born on Christmas Day, Vincent B. Adams grew up in Jasper Texas and graduated 7th in his high school class. His hard work lead to a 4-year athletic football scholarship to Stephen F. Austin State University, where he graduated in 1988. Vincent began his career with State Farm Insurance Company in the claims department, and acquire his own agency in April 1998. His efforts resulted in several Awards including the "2012 Businessman of the Year Award", the "2012 Seasoned Leader Award", the "2013 Diamond Business Partner Award", "2015 Pillar of the Community Award", and the "2015 Community Service Award." Vincent has two children, and is an active member of the Great Commission Baptist Church.
Mr. Morine is well-versed with risks and rewards of business. He has operated as an accomplished business entrepreneur for over 33 years, and has gained immeasurable experience, including real estate sales, business development and operations management. Johnny functioned as a procurement broker to accelerate purchases for large partners with non-established vendors, who carried specialized products of need. This operation also included on site services of hardware software installation and significant levels of networking. Mr. Morine enjoyed a 15-year tenure with worldwide sales. Currently, Mr. Morine and his team serve as premier real estate listing agents, and top producers in the Fort Worth and Dallas areas.

Dr. Kevin Thomas, M.D.

Associate Professor of Medicine-Division of Cardiovascular -Duke University Medical Center

Dr. Thomas is a Cardiac Electrophysiologist an Associate Professor of medicine in the Division of Cardiovascular Disease at Duke University Medical Center. He maintains multiple administrative positions across Duke Health including the Director of Faculty Diversity and Health Disparities Research at the Duke Clinical Research Institute DCRI, Associate Director of the Duke CTSA TL-1 Scholars Program, Co-Director of the Duke Health Disparities Research Curriculum, and is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council for URM faculty. He is an active member of the Association of Black Cardiologists.
Dr. Brandi Reeves, M.D.

Assistant Professor University of North Carolina

Dr. Reeves is the Assistant Professor in the Division of Hematology-Oncology at the University of North Carolina and did her training as a Fellow at the University of North Carolina Hospital. She completed her residency at the Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education and Medical School at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Her clinical expertise is Paraproteinemia and Myeloproliferative Neoplasms. She is involved in many clinical trials and additionally conducts laboratory studies investigating the mechanisms of Thrombosis in cancers. In particular, her research focuses on the interplay between coagulation and inflammation in the pathogenesis of thrombosis and cancer progression.

Dr. Timothy L. Huggins, MD

Pancreatic Cancer in African-Americans

Dr. Huggins graduated from and completed his residency at the University of South Alabama Medical School in Mobile Alabama. He did his fellowship and Digestive Diseases and Therapeutic Biliary Endoscopy at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas Texas. He has been in solo practice in Weatherford, Texas for over 21 years. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, and the American Gastroenterological Association.
Dr. Ray Page, D.O., PhD.

President & Director of Research, Ft. Worth. TX

Dr. Ray Page, is President and Director of Research at the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders in Fort Worth. He received his B.S. Degree from Southwestern University, and received a M.S. Degree at Baylor University, and completed a dual doctorate medical scientist program at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth. He was Chief Fellow at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, where he trained in Oncology and Hematology, and was recently named to the "Texas Super Doctor Hall of Fame". Dr. Page remains at the forefront of new drug development and anti-cancer therapies, and has been the principal investigator of over 180 oncology clinical trials.

Bob Williams

Founding Member of the North Texas Prostate Cancer Association

Bob Williams is a founding member of the north Texas Prostate Cancer Association, and a Survivor since 2008. He is a US Army Vietnam veteran. He is a graduate of Stephen F Austin University with a degree in accounting. Mr. Williams is also a semi-retired financial advisor with Prudential Financial, and an elder at the Warren Avenue Christian Church in Dallas Texas.
Dr. Gretchen G. Kimmick, M.D., MS
Associate Professor of Medicine at Duke University Medical Center

Dr. Kimmick is a breast medical oncologist and Associate Professor of Medicine at Duke University Medical Center. Originally a native of New Jersey, she came to North Carolina in 1985, to study medicine at Wake Forest University of Medicine. She trained in Internal Medicine at the University of Florida and Medical Oncology at WFUSOM, where she also earned a master's degree in epidemiology. Dr. Kimmick is an active clinician who also contributes to research, with a particular interest in making sure all women receive the best care for breast cancer, with publication credits in numerous journals and textbooks.

Dr. Leroy S. Darkes, M.D.
Member of North Carolina Governor’s State Minority Health Advisory Council

Dr. Darkes is a native of Atlantic City New Jersey and is a second-generation graduate of Rutgers University. He earned degrees from Rutgers College in 1978 and Rutgers Medical School in 1982. Dr. Darkes practice Internal Medicine in Camden New Jersey before moving to North Carolina to join Kaiser Permanente. During his practice with the Permanente Medical Group, Dr. Darkes served as Chief of Quality Resource Management. In 2004, he was appointed by the North Carolina Governor Michael Easley to serve on the North Carolina State Minority Health Advisory Council.
Dr. Christopher Granger, M.D.
Professor of Medicine Division of Cardiology, Duke University

Dr. Granger is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at Duke University and director of Cardiac Care unit for the Duke University Medical Center. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association. He is associate editor of the American Heart Journal, serves on the editorial board of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, and is section author for current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment. Dr. Grainger's primary research interest is in the conduct and methodology of large randomized clinical trials in heart disease; he currently serves on a number of clinical trial steering committees.

Dr. Rebecca Shelby, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University

Dr. Shelby is also Director of Education and Training for the Duke Cancer Patient Support Program. She is a member of the Duke Pain Prevention and Treatment Research Program at the Duke Cancer Control and Population Sciences Program. Dr. Shelby research focuses on developing and evaluating behavioral interventions for cancer patients, pain management and treatment of side effects, and improving adherence to recommended care.
Dr. Thomas J Polascik, M.D.
Professor in the Duke Cancer Institute

Doctor Polascik is it Professor in the Duke Cancer Institute, Department of Surgery, at Duke University. Dr. Polascik trained at Johns Hopkins, and did an oncology Fellowship under Alan W. Partin MD Ph.D. He joined Duke in 1998 and has practice and research interest in prostate and kidney cancers. He is the founder and Co-Director of the International Symposium on Focal Therapy and Imaging of Prostate and Kidney Cancer that began at Duke in 2008. He is the director of The Society of Urologic oncology program and also the Genitourinary Program on Focal Therapy at the Duke Cancer Institute, and author of over 250 manuscripts.

Dr. Mitchell Kupping, M.D.
COPD and African Americans

Dr. Kupping was ABIM Certified in Internal Medicine and received his ABIM subspecialty certification in Pulmonary Diseases in 1978. He's a retired Pulmonologist and Critical Care Specialist, graduating from Rice University in 1966. He attended University of Kansas Medical School graduating in 1970. After a medical internship and three years as a GMO in the U.S. Navy, he did a General Internal Medicine Residency followed by a Pulmonary Medicine Fellowship at the State University Hospital in Syracuse New York. His private practice in Tarrant County in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine was with Dr. John Burke, who founded Texas Pulmonary and Critical Care Consultants in 1978. The Practice grew to a 30-plus Physician Group covering most hospitals in Tarrant County.
Dr. Larry Anderson, M.D. PhD.
Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas

Dr. Larry Anderson is an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, where he specializes in the treatment of Multiple Myeloma and other plasma cell disorders. He also has 13 years of experience with the bone marrow and stem cell transplantation and runs and active clinical trial program for Myeloma patients. Dr. Anderson uses the latest FDA approved treatments which are more effective and more manageable than traditional chemotherapy. In addition, he offers his patients the most Innovative therapies and a range of clinical trials for plasma cells disorders. His specialty is Multiple Myeloma in African Americans.

Deacon Harold Goodman
Chairperson of the Health Education Ministry of the United Men Ministry

Deacon Harold Goodman is a retired Logician who worked over 25 years in the transportation industry. Deacon Goodman has been involved in the Health Care industry for the past 8 years, and is coordinating the Allen Temple Baptist Church Annual Holistic Health Fair, which will celebrate the 39th year of providing Healthcare Services to the East Oakland Community. The health fair has over 100 health care providers providing free services to over approximately 1000 individuals annually.
Dr. Lanelle Perry
President/CEO of Above and Beyond Childcare Center, Inc.

Dr. Perry holds two bachelor's degrees and a Bachelor of Arts in social work from Morgan State University. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Case Western Reserve University/ Frances Payne Bolton. A Master of Science Degree in community health nursing. She has her certification as a clinical nurse specialist with prescriptive authority. She received her PhD in 2006 at the Biblical Counseling from Long Beach Bible Institute.

Dr. Sharon Denise Allison-Ottey, M.D.
Executive Director of COSHAR Foundation

Dr. Ottey is an energetic and engaging speaker, author, Health educator and position as well as a health strategist and consultant. Doctor Ottey serves as executive director of the COSHAR Foundation. The foundation is a nonprofit organization focused on impacting the health of the world, one community at a time. Under her leadership, the foundation has expanded its presence and impact with Innovative programs that have touched millions of lives. Additionally, she served as the health strategist for several national organizations and overseas programs long and short-term strategies ensuring effectiveness and achievement of goals. She is a consummate business woman and is the founder and CEO of Carldan Media, Marketing & Publishing, as well as Beautiful Woman Inside and Out, Inc.
Lady Narseary Harris
First Lady of Prince of Peace Temple Church, Buffalo, NJ

Lady Narseary Harris is the first lady and wife of Pastor Vernal Harris, Prince of Peace Temple Church on the east side of Buffalo. Lady Harris is a cancer survivor and Community stakeholder in health. She is the chairperson of First Ladies of Western New York (FLOW), whose members represent several churches in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, and who advocate for programs that improve the health of minority and underserved women. Over the past 7 years FLOW has partnered with Roswell Park Cancer Institute Buffalo Niagara Witness Program, which promotes the importance of early detection through support of survivors of breast and cervical cancer.

Rochester Davis
Retired Firefighter (Survivor)

Mr. Rochester Davis is a retired 30-year Buffalo firefighter. He is also a prostate cancer survivor who actively outreaches to men at risk and leader in MANUP (Men Allied for the Need to Understand Prostate Cancer) Buffalo, MANUP is a prostate volunteer advocacy group, comprised of diverse group of men who talk with others who are at risk; men who need screening, as well as, men facing and recovering from prostate cancer. MANUP is a Roswell Park Cancer Institute initiative. Davis is also a member of "Us-Too" of West New York, a national support group of men and their families living with prostate cancer. He is known in the community for talking with men on the streets, and educating, one-on-one in his Buffalo community.
Rasheeda Larkin
Program Manager, Government & Community Relations Department – Cleveland Clinic

Rasheeda Larkin is a program manager for the government and community relations department at Cleveland Clinic. She focuses on improving the overall well-being of the residents in the community she serves by positively "moving the dial" on advocacy and policy. Healthy Lifestyles, economic vitality and education are part of "moving the dial". Some of her focuses include chronic disease management, screening and prevention, infant mortality and access to care. She envisions herself as a "social engineer" where she has the opportunity to inspire and influence Wellness across Northeast Ohio.

Aqeel Seals
Program Manager, Cleveland Clinic’s Taussig Cancer Institute

Mr. Seals provides infrastructure for prostate and colon cancer programs in areas that have been identified as underserved and Health Access and screening opportunities. He says the clinics call is to reach out in the community and to decrease late-stage disease presentation and improve cancer outcomes by focusing on early detection; by screening and educating the communities they serve. He's passionate about people. He desires to improve the quality of life of all those he interacts with. He strives to be positively impactful in this role in the department, in the organization, and ultimately the world through his work.
Dr. Amelia Merrill, M.D., MPH
Fellow- University of Arkansas Medical Sciences (UAMS)

Dr. Merrill received her Doctor of Medicine from Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Winston-Salem North Carolina, where she remained for her General Surgery residency training. Well in residency, she completed a Masters of Public Health in Health Policy and Management at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Currently she is in Fellowship training at UAMS, where she specializes in breast diseases. Dr. Merrill is enthusiastic about breast cancer awareness and is involved with breast cancer education and Outreach.

Dr. Sharmilan Thanendrarajan, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Medicine - UAMS

Dr. Thanendrarajan is an assistant professor of medicine at the myeloma Institute for research & therapy at UAMS. Dr. Thanendrarajan earned his medical and doctoral degree from the Ruhr University Bochum in Germany. He completed his training in general and internal medicine at the General Hospital Hagen and the University Hospital Bonn in Germany. Afterwards Dr. Thanendrarajan completed a fellowship in Hermit ology and oncology at the universal University Hospital and Bonn in Germany. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine, hematology and oncology. Dr. T is a full member of the American Society of Hematology, American Society of Clinical Oncology, European Hematology Association, and European Society for Medical Oncology, European Myeloma Network, German Society of Hematology and Oncology, German Cancer Society and German Society of Internal Medicine.
Daniel Borja-Cacho, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Surgery at University of Arkansas Medical Sciences (UAMS)

Dr. Borja graduated Suma Cum Laude from the La Salle University Medical School in Mexico City in 2000. He then completed a full General Surgery residency at the National Institute for Nutrition and Health Sciences in Mexico City. After this he furthered his training with three separate fellowships at the University of Minnesota pancreatic cancer research Fellowship, Pancreatico-Biliary Surgery Fellowship and a Liver, Pancreas and Liver Transplant Surgery Division at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), as well as part of the liver and pancreas cancer program of the Surgical Oncology Clinic.

Dr. Mohamed Kamel, M.D.
Associate Professor of Urology at UMAC

Dr. Kamel is an associate professor of Urology at the University of Arkansas for medical Sciences. He is board-certified in urology by both the European and British Boards of Urology. As a specialist in cancer of the prostate, bladder and kidney, Dr. Kamel received his formal residency training in urology in Ireland, where he also graduated from the Royal College of Surgeons. He completed Fellowship training in urogenital cancer management at the University of Miami. He received his medical degree from Ain Shams University in Cairo Egypt. At UAMS, he continues to treat patients with urogenital cancer, including prostate cancer, testicular cancer and bladder cancer. His clinical interests and research focus on treatments for those conditions. He continues to research new Da Vinci Robotic Surgery methods to help his patients.
Dr. Corey Montgomery, M.D.
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and
Associate Scientist in Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute

Dr. Montgomery is an orthopedic oncologist at the University of Arkansas medical Sciences. He received his BS in 1999 and his MS in 2000 from Alcorn State University in Lorman, MS. He obtained his medical degree with high honors from the University of Tennessee in 2004. In 2009, Dr. Montgomery completed five years of Orthopaedic surgery training at UAMS. He completed a one-year fellowship at the University of Miami /Jackson Memorial Hospital and Orthopedic oncology. An orthopedic (Orthopaedic) oncologist is a physician and surgeon who specializes in diagnosis and treatment of primary benign and malignant bone tumors.

Dr. Michael Folkert, M.D., PhD.
Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology and
Medical Residency Program Director at UT Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Folkert specializes in Brachytherapy, a type of radiation treatment that uses applicators to place a radioactive source or sources directly within or next to a tumor. Doctor Folkert earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in nuclear engineering at MIT, all the while, thinking he would probably work in a nuclear power plant, or in the waste disposal industry. It wasn't until he was working on his Ph.D. that he was introduced to Medical Physics, a branch of General Physics that specializes in applying radiation to the treatment of cancer. Dr. Folkert earned his MD from Harvard Medical School and a radiation oncology residency at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, with an emphasis on brachytherapy. He joined the radiation oncology faculty at UT Southwestern to develop a clinical research/educational program in brachytherapy and intraoperative radiation therapy.
Dr. Lester Singleton
Associate Pastor at Pearly Gate Baptist Church, Dallas, TX

Dr. Lester Singleton is a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Leadership at Andersonville Theological Seminary. He received his PhD in Educational Administration from Texas A&M University-Commerce. He is Vice Chairman of the Beautification and Environmental Sustainability Board with the city of Cedar Hill. Associate pastor at Pearly Gate Baptist Church in Dallas; Communication Manager at Dallas ISD, and Vice Chairman of Brookhaven College Advisory Board, and author of “Public School Students Worst Enemy”.

Janette Robinson Flint
Community Professional at Charles Drew University

Janette Robinson Flint has been serving her community as a public health professional for over 30 years. She has attended the University of Southern California where she received her bachelor's degree in psychology. At Charles Drew University, she teaches public health professionals, doctors, and nurses about reproductive Justice and the impact of Health policies on minority groups. Janette is also a member of the African American studies Community advisory committee at UCLA.
Deborah Coleman  
Director in Ministry, Evangel Cathedral Medical Ministry

Deborah Coleman grew up knowing she wanted to become a nurse since the age of eight. She joined the army as a nurse stationed in Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC. While at WRAMC, Deborah received Critical Care nursing training, and obtained a Master degree in Management Supervision in Healthcare Administration from the Central Michigan University. In addition to working in a hospital setting, Debra has worked as pediatric home health care nurse. During her home health care experience, she became an advocate for supporting families in bringing patient care to medically and ventilated dependent children to the home. She was instrumental in supporting children with special needs to become part of the mainstream into the school system. This experience propelled forward, into the role of Director of Professional Services for several Home Health nursing agencies and hospitals, supervising over 50 or more LPN’s for Pediatric Home Care.

Tom Dillon  
Founder Prostate Cancer Survivor Support Group in Plano, TX

Tom Dillon is a 10-year prostate cancer survivor, the founder and facilitator of a prostate cancer support group in Plano Texas. He serves as vice president of the north Texas prostate cancer coalition. Tom work for IBM for 30 years, and followed his IBM career with 20 years in executive recruiting. Tom is an All-American Masters Relay Swimmer, now retired he spends his free time volunteering for Collin County Meals on Wheels and the Mini Food Pantry in Plano Texas.
Dr. Claus Roehrborn, M.D.
“Godfather of 50 Hoops” – Department Head of Urology at UT Southwestern

Doctor are Roehrborn is the “Godfather of 50 Hoops”. In 1995 when Ed Sanders was diagnosed with prostate cancer, Dr. Roehrborn recognized the need for more awareness nationally for African American men to be educated on the disease. Dr. Roehrborn is a urologist specializing in prostate cancer. Dr. Roehrborn has been consistently recognized as the “Best Doctor” by Doctor Magazine, and a “Super Doctor,” by Texas monthly. He has performed more than 1,200 robotic Prostatectomies for prostate cancer, and more than 800 laser prostatectomies for BPH, making him one of the country’s most experienced surgeons in the use of robotic procedures for Urologic conditions. The level of expertise by Dr. Roehrborn is unmatched in north Texas. In addition, he is involved in virtually all aspects of BPH research, as well as, Translational and Clinical Research in Prostatitis and Prostate Cancer.

Terry Wilson-Gray
Executive Director of The Bridge Breast Network

Terry Wilson Gray has held the position as the Executive Director of “The Bridge Breast Network” for the past 9 years. Under her leadership, “The Bridge” has seen a 1000% growth in the number of individuals served. She is a 26-year, two-time cancer survivor and knows personally the fear of an individual, when they hear the words, “You have cancer”. With a Bachelor’s Degree in Health Education, and a Master’s in Public Administration, Terry combines her faith, education and first-hand knowledge of cancer to help each client through the breast cancer experience. She is an advocate for the voiceless, but strives to empower women and others to take responsibility for their own health and life in general. She is passionate about life, “The Bridge”, and the women and men served by the organization.
John Rick Thornton
Managing Partner of Insurance-4 Health and life agency LLC, Dallas, TX

John Rick Thornton is a prostate cancer survivor. Rick has made a quick and full recovery after receiving radical prostate prostatectomy surgery at John Hopkins Hospital in 2007. He has a Master's degree in Marketing and Strategy from Carnegie Mellon University, and a Mechanical Engineering Degree from Old Dominion University. Often Rick council's his male clients on the importance of receiving routine physicals, making sure that prostate-specific antigen (PSA) tests are included for African American men over 45, and all men over 50.

Wolfram Blattner
Founder, North Texas Prostate Cancer Coalition (NTxPCC)

Mr. Blattner is a prostate cancer survivor. He is President of an organization called, The North Texas Prostate Cancer Coalition (NTxPCC). The Coalition is very active in awareness, such as healthcare programs they offer which are educational programs for survivors. There is an Annual Prostate Cancer Survivor Symposium Chat, entitled “Let’s talk Tuesday … About Prostate Cancer”. Mr. Blattner and the Coalition have been very supportive of our programs over the last several years, 50 Hoops became a member in 2012. Before his retirement Mr. Blattner worked for Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control Corporation, in Grand Prairie Texas.
David Langston Smyrl
Emmy Awarded Actor, Comic, Humorist, TV Sitcom Writer

Mr. Smyrl has received many prestigious awards in advertising and theater. He is however well known for his People's Choice Award, for his role in “Benson”, and eight Emmy awards for the long time running PBS Children's Program, “Sesame Street”. He worked for five seasons with staff writers on the award-winning “Cosby Show”, and was rewarded in the third season of “The Cosby Show” with the creation of his hilarious recurring role of “Mr. Sam Lucas, General Contractor”. David appeared in the Langston Hughes documentary film “The Dream Keeper” portraying Jesse B. Simple, followed by the National PBS series “Voices and Visions”. Besides commercials, his TV and film credits include “Long Gone”, “Hooper's Store”, and “The Preacher's Wife”, with Denzel Washington and Whitney Houston.

Gwen Foster
Fitness Guru- Director Philadelphia's Mayor's Family Fitness Challenge

Gwen Foster has been a health enthusiast for more than 25 years. She is often heard the saying, “Faulty genes may load the gun, but lifestyle pulls the trigger”. Her desire to improve health outcomes for African-Americans lead her to Loma Linda University, School of Public Health, where she earned a Master of Science Degree in Public Health. The Allegheny East Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists elected her as Health Ministries Director. Ms. Foster hosted a radio talk show, “Fitness for Life”, on W.H.A.T. in Philadelphia. Ms. Foster's “Diabetes Initiative”, and partnership with the Lifestyle Center of America, has been recognized as the best practice for minorities. Philadelphia's Mayor John Street, established the Mayor's Office of Health and Fitness, and appointed Ms. Foster to serve the city as Health and Fitness Czar.
Bonita Todd Ball
National Women and Minority Leadership Committee (AHA)

Bonita Ball has been a volunteer with the American Heart Association for over 15 years. After she personally experienced the effects of cardiovascular disease when her father died prematurely during the disease. She has served in various roles with the AHA, including CPR Instructor, and is a member of the speakers Bureau. She is also a member of the Council of Cardiovascular Nursing, for Pennsylvania and Delaware, and is with the Affiliate Board of Directors, as well as, Chairperson of the AHA National Women and Minority Leadership Committee. Ms. Ball uses her wide range of experience in her work at Crozier Keystone Health System. She has a personal mission to Advocate ways to decrease Healthcare disparities in the minority population.

Dr. Lucille Ijoy
Chief of Staff for Philadelphia city council

Dr. Ijoy is founder of the Motivational Institute of Philadelphia (MIOP). Her radio show “Families Speak Out With Ijoy” airs on WURD Radio in Philadelphia. Dr. Ijoy is Executive Director for the Mayor's Commission On Literacy. She is a relationship specialist, and has been keynote speaker at seminars and workshops for a wide range of audiences of all ages and backgrounds. She is a member of the Delaware Valley Association of Black Psychologists, where her motto is, “Let your children fly”. An acclaimed author Dr. Ijoy’s books include “Creative Discipline: Skills for Calm, Confident, Peaceful” “Wholesome Parenting” and “A Family Therapy Moment with Ijoy”.
Dr. Sandra McGruder-Jackson
President of Pennsylvania Society of the NMA

Dr. Sandra McGregor-Jackson received a bachelor degree from Lincoln University in Oxford Pennsylvania, where she has served as the Adjunct Assistant Professor of Biology. She graduated from the Medical College of Pennsylvania and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. She has practice General Internal medicine for more than 20 years. Her private practice, Holistic Health Care, promotes traditional and non-traditional alternative and complementary therapies. Dr. Magruder Jackson is Chair of the NMA’s Reach Region, which includes six eastern states. She lectures and is involved in the National Medical Association Diabetes Education Outreach.

Glenn Ellis, Sr.
President of Strategies for Well-Being, Philadelphia, PA

Mr. Ellis is President of Strategies for Well-being, LLC a health education and consulting company in Philadelphia. For 10 years, he has produced a lively talk show where he can be relied upon to dispense practical medical advice. He is a writer, educator, lecturer, consultant, commentator and public official. Mr. Ellis's career has been dedicated to helping others maintain good health. He is best known as a down-to-earth practitioner who encourages everyone to live the best life possible. Today, in addition to self-publishing “Which Doctor?” “What You Need to Know to Be Healthy”, and informative, easy-to-read holistic health handbook, which has earned Mr. Ellis a well-deserved reputation as an internationally respected health educator and complementary medicine consultant. Recently, he was named executive editor of blackdoctor.org the definitive Health Website for African Americans.
Earnestine Walker-Chavarria
Marketing Director of American Diabetes Association (ADA)

Earnestine Walker is a creative leader and strategist with 15 years plus years of experience in nonprofit, government, and University environments. In 2005 she joined the American Diabetes Association as the marketing director of programs for the Philadelphia Market. Miss Walker oversees all programs including Expo, Camp, Project Power, and the communities of African-American, Latino, and youth initiatives. Prior to joining the ADA Miss Walker served as the Assistant Director for Philadelphia's Experience Corps, a project of Temple University Center for intergenerational Learning. In this role, she's supervised more than over 500 Volunteers in the Philadelphia School District. She was also responsible for Designing and delivering training for both staff and volunteers, negotiating contracts with school sites, developing and maintaining relationships with teachers and principals, and assessing the program's effectiveness. She directed The Foster grandparent program for the states of Georgia and South Carolina, and conducted legislative research related to the South Carolina health and transportation issues.

Tom Anderson
Retired Associate Vice President, Temple University (Survivor)

Tom Anderson is retired as the Associate Vice President for the Office Community Relations at Temple University. In 1995 his office helped develop plans for the Liacouras Center, which created equal opportunities for minority individuals and companies to do business with the University. His office of community relations acted as liaison for Temple University and surrounding communities. He was responsible for developing/maintaining relationships with individuals, Community organizations, city state and federal institutions to help forge mutual interest, through exchange of ideas and support. Since retirement Anderson does consulting, and is an avid proponent of prostate cancer education.
Dr. Mike Daniels
Clinical Instructor at Temple University School of Medicine

Dr. Mike Daniels received his medical training from Temple University Georgetown University and the University of Texas Southwestern (SW) Medical School. A board-certified urologist, he currently has a private practice, and is affiliated with for Philadelphia area hospitals. Additionally, Dr. Daniels is a clinical instructor for the Temple University School of Medicine, and attending urologist at the Albert Einstein Medical Center. He has written in several scientific Urological Publications, and scientific presentation to prestigious National organizations. Dr. Daniels has participated in a number of medical projects including clinical trials for Finasteride Protocols Finance the ride for Merck company and reduce clinical trials for prostate cancer by GlaxoSmithKline. He is licensed in Pennsylvania and Texas and board certification from the American Board of urology.

Robert "Bob" Nelson
President and CEO of Philadelphia OIC

OIC is the prototype for the national and international manpower-training model founded by the late Reverend Leon H. Sullivan. Philadelphia OIC employs 40 people, serves approximately 1200 students per year, and has an annual operating budget of approximately $2.5 million dollars. Prior to Bob’s appointment as OIC’s Executive Director, he served in several administrative capacities to include: Director of Youth Services; Director of Community Affairs; and Director of MH/MR Services. Currently, Bob is the Chairman of the North Philadelphia Empowerment Zone Community Trust Board. Bob is active with the American Cancer Society and facilitates the Prostate Cancer Survivor Workshop: "Like It Is".
Gene Wheeler
Program Director for Us TOO, Inc.

US TOO, is a powerful international prostate cancer education organization. With over 350 chapters throughout the world, Us TOO serves men and their families with prostate cancer education, peer counseling, fellowship, unbiased and reliable information about the risk associated with the disease. Wheeler brings over 40 years as Healthcare Administrator and consulting. Mr. Wheeler was Director of Marketing, and was CEO at California’s Quality Health Plan, and created, designed and built Associated Health Systems, Inc. into a formidable combined medical clinics and pharmacy business, with annual income exceeding $6 million. Mr. Wheeler recently organized and developed five solo practice physicians into a "true medical group" incorporating them into a Professional Limited Liability Corporation, now operating a multi-million-dollar clinic in rural Mississippi.

Dr. Isaac Powell, M.D.
Karmanos Cancer Center- Detroit MI

Dr. Isaac J. Powell is an Associate Professor in the Department of Urology, Wayne State University and Karmanos Cancer Institute, and Chief of Urology at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Dr. Powell has been involved in prostate cancer research for nine years. Dr. Powell’s work on prostate cancer in African American men is nationally known, and he has recently completed a community-based education and early detection (i.e. DEED) study of prostate cancer in men who are at high risk for prostate cancer. It is the first successful early detection program among African American men. Currently his research is directed toward ethnic differences in the biology of prostate cancer. He is principal investigator of a nation-wide consortium of recruitment center (medical centers) to recruit families to examine hereditary prostate cancer among African Americans.
Dr. Cheletta Watkins
Family Medical Center at White Roc

Dr. Watkins is a Board-Certified Family Practice Physician and a native of Dallas, Texas. She is the Founder and CEO of The Family Medical Center at White Rock, a medical practice providing healthcare to patients ages 2 and above. Her goal is to impact healthcare by providing affordable, quality care accessible to all citizens of Dallas. Dr. Watkins is committed to meeting the healthcare needs of Dallas area residents. For 18 years she resided in Dallas, and continues to be active and serve in her community. She states, "My desire is to assist our community in reclaiming good health, and to promote continual wellness through education, proactive planning, and creative treatment strategies".

Ralph & Barbara Alterowitz
Sex Therapists (Life After Prostate Cancer)

Since being treated for prostate cancer in 1995, Ralph has become one of the nation’s leading voices in calling for more support and services for prostate cancer patients and their families. He is the founding vice-chair of the National Prostate Cancer Coalition (NPCC) and affiliated with other prostate cancer organizations. Their second book for couples, Intimacy with Impotence: The Couple’s Guide to Better Sex After Prostate Disease, was released June 2004 by DaCapo Press. Thousands of couples have heard them speak and read their first book, “The Lovin’ Ain’t Over”.

Ralph and Barbara are AASECT Certified Sex Counselors. Ralph Alterowitz with his wife Barbara, experts in intimacy, provide an entertaining, informative and positive way for couples to revive their love life. They have been happily married for 23 years, 12 months and 49 days. This is one couple that has successfully combined personal passion, community service, corporate life, and creativity in multi-phase careers.
Ed & Pat Sanders
Co-Founders of 50 Hoops™

As co-founder and Vice President of 50 Hoops, Ed Sanders, a former international basketball player, is a prostate cancer survivor. He and his wife, developed the first “South African Hoops Dreams” for President Nelson Mandella, in 1995, the year Ed found that he had cancer. Pat, a former Senior Vice President of three Fortune 500 companies, has been a Chicago and Los Angeles Radio talk show host, former columnist for four Black newspapers and was an international professional speaker and consultant in five countries.

Their company 50 hoops and The National Physician & Family Referral (NPFR) produces tournaments, lecture tours and mini conferences throughout the U.S. which focus upon African American men’s Health issues. Over the past 10 years, the company has developed and produced over 31 events in 28 cities across the country.

50 Hoops, now a Trademarked company, was created when they were 50. Now, ten years later they’ve created another national event “FROM FABULOUS 50 TO SEXY AT 60” The Over 50 Black Man’s Guide to Sexual Health & Sexuality, which premiers in Philadelphia, Saturday, May 20 at the Mt Airy Church of God in Christ. The conference is FREE to the public, FREE workshops, and FREE breakfast and lunch.
50 Hoops CANCER Breakfast 2018
Cancer Breakfast and Tournament 2018

Dr. Lester Singleton, PhD is a doctor of ministry in Pastoral Leadership at Andersonville Theological Seminary. He received his PhD in Educational Administration from Texas A&M University Commerce. He’s Associate Pastor at Pearly Gate Baptist Church in Dallas, Communication Manager at Dallas ISD, and Author of Public School Students’ Worst Enemy. Dr. Singleton has attended 50 Hoops events for many years and is always willing to lend a helping hand to pray or volunteer his services. It is an honor to have him provide the Invocation for this event.

Master of Ceremony

Tim Upshaw's mission is to make every man he meets aware of the importance of early detection, and screening. “My desire is to change the mindset of men so that no more men need die from prostate cancer.” Mr. Upshaw formerly managed the number-one ranked, hospital-based prostate program in the United States, having screened over 88,000 men for prostate cancer, providing free of charge prostate cancer screenings throughout the Metroplex. Today, as a member of the 50 Hoops Board of Directors, Community Health Coordinator for JPS Hospital Network, Tim continues to help educate his community about prostate cancer issues.

Dr. Justin Wray - Prostate Cancer

Justin Wray is a Radiation Oncologist with Texas Oncology practicing in the Methodist Health System, including Methodist Dallas and Methodist Charlton. He has specific interests in all aspects of cancer care including both definitive and palliative management of his patients and takes pride in ensuring that all of his patient’s needs are met. A native Texan, he completed his medical training in New Mexico and Florida. Happy to be back in Dallas, Dr. Wray and his wife Alisha have two daughters and enjoy cooking, scuba diving, and outdoor adventures.

Dr. Ja’Net Nash - Breast Cancer

Ja’Net Nash DNP, MS, MPH, FNP-C is an expert in the field of population health care, specializing in health disparities. Dr. Nash’s career focuses on providing accurate health information and exceptional healthcare on a local, state, national and international level to medically underserved areas/populations. Dr. Nash is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, TX. She resides and works in the Dallas Texas area, and attends Concord Church.
Survivor, Breast, Colon Cancer: Terry Wilson-Gray serves as the Executive Director of the Bridge Breast Network and has held this position for the past 14 years. Under her leadership, The Bridge has seen a 1000% growth in the number of individuals served. She is a 26-year, two-time cancer survivor and knows personally the fear an individual feels when they hear the words, “You have cancer”. With a Bachelors Degree in Health Education and a Masters in Public Administration, Terry combines her faith, education, and first hand knowledge of cancer to help others through the breast cancer experience. She is an advocate for the voiceless but strives to empower women and others to take responsibility for their health and life in general. She is passionate the Bridge, and the women and men served by the organization.

Tom Dillon Survivor, Prostate Cancer: Tom Dillon is an 11 year prostate cancer survivor, the founder and facilitator of a prostate cancer support group in Plano, and serves as Vice President for the North Texas Prostate Cancer Coalition (NTxPCC). Professionally, Tom spent 30 years at IBM and 20 years in executive recruiting. Tom and wife, Judy, of 58 years have 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. He’s a nationally competitive Masters swimmer and was named an All-American Masters Relay swimmer for 2016. Now retired, Tom spends time volunteering for NTxPCC, Collin County Meals on Wheels, Minnie’s Food Pantry in Plano, and the In-Sync Exotic Cat Rescue and Education facility in Wylie.

Survivor, Prostate Cancer: John (Rick) Thornton is a Prostate Cancer Survivor. He and his wife, Genevieve, have been ardent supporters of 50 Hoops and its programs since his diagnosis in 2007. Rick has made a quick and full recovery after receiving radical prostectomy surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in 2007. He has a master’s degree in marketing and strategy from Carnegie Mellon University and a Mechanical Engineering degree from Old Dominion University. Currently, he’s managing partner of Insurance4 Dallas, Health and Life Agency LLC, an online full-service Health and Life Insurance Agency. Often Rick counsels his male clients on the importance of receiving routine physicals; making sure that Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) tests are included for African American men over 45 and all men over 50.

Survivor, Prostate Cancer: Monty Knapp is a survivor of Prostate Cancer. He served in the Navy and is a combat veteran of Vietnam. Among other occupations, Monty was an Electronics Engineer on military contracts in Singapore, Japan, Korea and Fort Worth. He was a commercial pilot, Flight Instructor, Enrolled Agent, Licensed Texas Irrigator, insurance salesman and a gate guard for the Lockheed Martin Recreational Association. He volunteers regularly for the NTxPCC at health events to promote early detection of PC as pay back for the early detection of his. He’s a 16-year survivor and knows what caused it since the US Congress has decreed cause as by Agent Orange.
SPECIAL GUEST: MC: Roderick Miles, Jr.

Roderick is a native of Fort Worth, TX and a graduate of OD Wyatt HS. He matriculated at Tarrant County College before transferring to Philander Smith College in Little Rock, AR where he received his BA in Psychology. Currently, he is the Executive Administrator of Programs and Outreach for the office of Tarrant County Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks Precinct #1 where he oversees all the Commissioners Programs and Outreach Initiatives, including the Healthy Lives Matter Initiative. Healthy Lives Matter focuses on Prostate Cancer education and screening and Alzheimer’s Education and Caregiver support.

INVOCATION: Dr. Roy Elton Brackins

Reverend Brackins, is President Emeritus of the Board of Directors for One Church One Child Inc. of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He also serves as the Assistant Treasurer for B.E.L.A. (Black Ecumenical Leadership Alliance). He’s a member of the National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc., where he has worked with the Evangelical Board for over 30 years. Pastor Brackins is founding Pastor of the Grace Tabernacle Baptist Church. He’s authored three books, most recently, 365 Days of Devotion, Development and Discipline with Jesus, released last year. St. Thomas Christian University of Jacksonville, Florida, recognized him with an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree for outstanding service.

Lung Cancer in African Americans

Ray Page, DO, PhD

Dr. Ray Page is President and Director of Research at The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders in Ft. Worth. He received his B.S. Degree from Southwestern University; a M.S. Degree at Baylor University; and completed a dual doctorate medical scientist program at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Ft. Worth. He was Chief Fellow at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, where he trained in oncology and hematology, and was recently named to the “Texas Super Doctor Hall of Fame.” Dr. Page remains at the forefront of new drug development and anticancer therapies, and has been the principal investigator of over 180 oncology clinical trials.
Pancreatic Cancer in African Americans

Arthi Kumaravel, MD says, “Of all the fields in medicine, gastroenterology appealed to me because it is a field which provides ample opportunity for cancer screening and prevention, which is close to my heart”, says Dr. Arthi Kumaravel. A board-certified Gastroenterologist, affiliated with Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth. She specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of various GI cancers, including pancreatitis, Barrett’s esophagus. She is a graduate of Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University, and a member of the American College of Gastroenterology, American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and the Texas Medical Association. She is the recipient of special honors, including ACG AstraZeneca Fellow award, and a ACG Fellowship Leadership grant.

Prostate Cancer in African American Men

General Urologist Ryan Mauck, M.D., evaluates and treats virtually every type of urologic concern – from enlarged prostates, to erectile dysfunction, and tumors. Dr. Mauck has served as the Chief of Urology at Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas since 2013, and is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Urology at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Board certified, he performs over 500 urologic procedures a year, including prostatectomies (both simple and radical). He says. “It’s important to me to involve my patients in their care, and really explain what’s going on and what their options are, which helps them make the most well-informed treatment decisions and really understand why we’re doing what we’re doing.”

AACT (African Americans in Clinical Trials) Fort Worth Advisory Team

Mrs. Versie Pruitt

Versie Pruitt is a retired manager from Citigroup. While employed she led, trained and developed twelve employees. After retiring, she opened her own business, Weddings by Bre’. The business not only accommodates weddings, but also provides decorations for all occasions. Versie is the proud mother of three children, seven grandchildren and twelve great-grand children. She is an active member of Grace Tabernacle Baptist Church where she is involved in several ministries. Versie spends her free time as a member of Fellowship Corner. She enjoys volunteering with the Steppin’ Grannie’s and the Angelic Voices who sing at different nursing homes each month.
**Bob Williams**

Bob Williams is a founding member of the North Texas Prostate Cancer Association, and a prostate cancer survivor since 2008. He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University with a degree in accounting, and a Vietnam Area Veteran (U.S. Army). Mr. Williams is also a semi-retired financial advisor with Prudential Financial, and an elder at the **Warren Ave. Christian Church in Dallas**. He is married to Linda Lampkin Williams, and has a daughter and two grandchildren. He is a big sports fan and plays golf several times a week, as the weather permits.

**Dr. Davion D. Wallace**

With a contagious zest for life, Davion’s warm personality, fresh vitality, down-to-earth good humor and genuine love for God and His Word have helped him connect with countless people across the world. Davion is a preeminent scholar; he holds a BA in Business Administration, a MBA in Organizational Management and a PhD in Psychology-Clinical Supervision & Psychopharmacology. He brings expertise through his diverse experiences in organizational development and counseling in both corporate and nonprofit. His life reflects the message that he embodies - each person has an incredible God-given purpose waiting for opportunities of potential to unleash it. Davion currently serves as the Medical Ministry Director at the **Potter’s House of Fort Worth** under the campus leadership of Pastor Patrick E. Winfield II.
TANCIT Programs

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African American Cancer Community Workshops
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Doris Browne, M.D., M.P. H.

Dr. Doris Browne is President of the National Medical Association (NMA) and President/CEO of Browne and Associates, LLC (BAI), a health consultancy company that provides comprehensive wellness programs to its clientele. Among her specialties is sickle cell, HIV/AIDS, women’s health issues. Featured in many news articles including Ebony, Washington Post, and PBS News Hour; her education and training includes Tougaloo College (BS), University of California at Los Angeles (MPH), Georgetown University (M.D.); Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Hematology-Oncology. Dr. Browne retired as a Colonel from the U.S. Army Medical Corps and the National Institute of Health. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and a recipient of the 2018 Top Blacks in Healthcare.

The Faces of Multiple Myeloma

Michelle Lane, Multiple Myeloma Survivor

Michelle Lane has over 19 years of customer support, analyst, and contractor experience. Most recently, she was part of the LNPA migration of Neustar’s NPAC to open trouble tickets, transferred Bulk Data Downloads & SPID Migrations FTP data for customers. While working there she went the extra mile with the Corporate Teams and the Field PAC agents to complete the detailed tasks assigned. Some tasks included individual calls with the field PAC agents to mentor & guide improved processes that impacted directory listing requests and required extensive investigation.
**Dr. Jeri Dyson, Multiple Myeloma Survivor**

Dr. Dyson is an adolescent medical physician, author, and speaker specializing in sexuality, intimacy and effective relationships. Dr. Dyson currently serves as President of Global Girls Global Women, Inc. Known as one of today’s foremost thinkers of global teen health, she has more than 18 years of experience. Her focuses and travels to Ghana, Gambia and Senegal, West Africa to name a few, has raised awareness on the global issues displacing girls and women. Her radio show, Dr. Dyson established Dyson & Associates Worldwide and is currently implementing the Hummingbird Project, a campaign designed to introduce girls as global citizens through cultural immersion and international travel.

**Dr. Poornima Upadhyaya Pandellapalli**

Dr. Pandellapalli is the Medical Director of the International Comprehensive Cancer Network (ICCN); and Assistant Professor at Howard University Hospital and College of Medicine. Her 20 years of extensive clinical experience in treating patients offers a range of medical, oncologic and hematologic conditions including bone marrow transplantation and breast cancer management. A graduate of Maulana Azad Medical College and the University of Delhi, she is a certified American Board Diplomate in Medical Oncology, Hematology, and Internal Medicine. Her awards include Top Doctor (Northern Virginia) and Super Doctor (Washington Post).

**Mary DeRome, Director, Medical Communications and Education, Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation**

Mary DeRome joined the MMRF as Translational Research Manager in February 2014, where she was responsible for managing the MMRF research grant programs and helped manage the MMRF CoMPass trial and other precision medicine initiatives. In 2016 she was promoted to Director of Medical Communications and Education, where she oversees all MMRF patient and professional education initiatives, responsible for scientific content on the website, patient education materials, and social media channels. Previously, Mary was Senior Investigator in cancer drug discovery at Bayer HealthCare and Senior Scientist in nanotechnology vaccine development at Artificial Cell Technologies in New Haven CT.
David H. Vesole, MD. PhD. FACP

Dr. David Vesole is Professor of Medicine at Georgetown University School of Medicine and Hackensack Meridian Seton Hall University School of Medicine. He’s Director, Myeloma Program, Medstar Georgetown University Hospital. Dr. Vesole is a member of the Bone Marrow Transplant team and Stem Cell Transplant & Cellular Immunotherapy Program at Georgetown University Hospital as well as Hackensack UMC and Medstar. He’s Co-Chief, Myeloma Division, Director, Myeloma Research at the John Theurer Cancer Center at Hackensack, UMC; With more than 25 years of clinical research experience, He earned medical degree from Northwestern University, completing his Hematology/Oncology fellowship at the University of Iowa.

Rev. L. B. West, D. R. S., Senior

Dr. Larry B. West, one of the emerging voices in ministry in the Washington, D. C. area, has served as pastor of Mount Airy Baptist Church since 2002 where he challenges his congregation to “do greater and more wonderful works”. Dr. West holds a Bachelors’ degree in Management from the University of Georgia, a Master's degree in Theology from United Baptist College and Seminary, and a Doctorate in Religions Studies from Trinity Theological Seminary in Newburgh, Indiana. Immediate Former Chairman of the Board of Directors for the National Baptist Convention USA; his memberships include Missionary Baptist Minister’s Conference, Leadership Council for Healthy Communities, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and a life member of the NAACP.

Understanding the impact of communicating Multiple Myeloma and related diseases to our African American communities, reaching our population. Understanding that Multiple Myeloma means understanding related diseases and symptoms. Introduction of Panel
Dr. Lucile Adams-Campbell

Dr. Adams-Campbell is the Associate Director for Minority Health and Health Disparities Research, Associate Dean for Community Health & Outreach, and Professor of Oncology at Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center at Georgetown University Medical Center. Her research focus is addressing minority health and cancer health disparities, emphasizing lifestyle interventions related to breast cancer and metabolic syndrome. She received her B.S. in Biology and a M.S. in Biomedical Science from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pa; and her Ph.D. in Epidemiology from the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh. She currently serves on the National Academy of Medicine’s National Cancer Policy Forum and the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Human Genome Research Institute.

Dr. Constance Mere

An Assistant Professor and Nephrologist with the Department of Medicine at Howard University College of Medicine and Howard University Hospital, Dr. Mere is a graduate of the University of Nigeria in Enugu, Nigeria; the University of Connecticut Health Center and Georgetown University Medical Center. Dr. Mere is one of 6 doctors at Howard University Hospital and one of 26 at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital who specialize in Nephrology, trained to diagnose and treat conditions affecting the kidneys or renal system. She’s been named one of the most famous doctors in Washington, by “Super Doctor” and in practice for more than 23 years.
**SPECIAL THANKS TO Washington, DC**

**TANCIT ADVISORY TEAM**

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Dr. Robin Kelley, TANCIT DC Network Coordinator

Dr. Kelley is the Chair of the Health Education Ministry of the Mount Airy Baptist Church. In this capacity, she has received multi-year grants for community health and wellness activities. She has worked closely with both community and church ministries on youth and women’s issues, such as domestic assault and health and nutrition. She is employed full-time at a nonprofit health organization and has received a cooperative agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division. Robin received her BA from Vassar College, her MSSW from Columbia University and her PhD in Public and Community Health from University of Maryland, College Park.

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**Everett Dodson, Georgetown/Lombardi Cancer Center**

Everett Dodson is a Community Health Educator at the Georgetown/Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center. He is involved in projects such as health disparities, clinical trials and oral health disparities. He has over 20 years of experience in research, community engagement and men’s health. Prior to joining Georgetown/Lombardi, Mr. Dodson was a Clinical Research Associate at the Howard University Cancer Center. He was Director of the “Men Take Ten” Prostate Cancer Screening and Education Program. Currently, he is a patient advocate on the faculty of the American Society of Clinical Oncology/American Association for Cancer Research Methods in Clinical Cancer Research Workshop in Vail, Colorado.
Felicia Retland, DC Community Stakeholder

Felicia Retland is the Chief Executive Officer of Retland Enterprise, a family owned and operated business. As such she manages a large real estate portfolio that includes residential and commercial properties in Washington, D.C., Detroit, MI., and Denver, CO. She has been involved in different aspects of real estate ranging from selling to property management. Over the course of time, she has become knowledgeable of the real estate market and its trends. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from National College in Denver. She is a mother of two and resides in Washington, D.C. with her husband, David Retland.

Yolanda A. Fleming, National Medical Association (NMA)

Yolanda Fleming is Director of Biomedical Education and Research and Project Director for Project I.M.P.A.C.T. (Increase Minority Participation and Awareness of Clinical Trials) at the National Medical Association (NMA). She oversees the development and implementation of project efforts to increase the awareness, knowledge and participation of African American physician and consumers in research and clinical trials. Under her watch, the project has developed two award-winning educational materials and video. She received her B.A. from Howard University and pursued graduate work at Long Island University in New York, NY.

SOUTHAVEN, MS / MEMPHIS, TN

Danita Brown, TANCIT Advisory Team Leader
Brown MB Church Cancer Coalition

Danita Brown is a breast cancer survivor, whose amazing story has been told on TBN, the Loretta McNary TV Show, BG Magazine, and Ordinary People. A popular speaker, Danita has been a ministry leader for the Brown Missionary Baptist Cancer Support Ministry since 2008. She retired as a teacher at Treadwell Izone Elementary School in 2015. She has a Master's Degree in Education from Christian Brothers University in Memphis, and a Bachelor's Degree from Le Moyne Owen College Memphis. She is active in her community and American Cancer Society.
Invocation

Pastor Bartholomew Orr, Brown Missionary Baptist Church

Bartholomew Orr is the Senior Pastor of Brown Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Orr has served in this capacity since January 25, 1989. Under his leadership, the church has experienced tremendous growth, spiritually and numerically. Despite a large church setting, Pastor Orr works diligently to ensure that Brown maintains a “family-like” atmosphere. He is accessible to every member of his congregation and every member takes pride in receiving a yearly birthday call from their pastor. Pastor Orr received his Doctorate Degree in Ministry from Union University. He has always used his passion for education to train and empower other ministers. A humble and honorable man, Pastor Orr has had the opportunity to share the gospel with diverse audiences around the world. Pastor Orr is married to his lovely wife Valarie, his best friend of over 30 years. They are blessed with four sons and four grandchildren.

TANCIT Advisory Team Member

Bert Fayne recently celebrated her 35th anniversary with the American Cancer Society. During her time with the Society, she has held many positions, including Public Education Director and Community Outreach Director. Bert currently manages the Community Health Advisor program (CHA) in Shelby and Fayette counties in Tennessee. She manages a portfolio of more than 100 volunteers and works closely with the program’s Community Network Partners and with Federally Qualified Health Centers. Bert recruited and trained over 100 local Community Health Advisor volunteers to impact cancer rates through education, screening and access to care. Bert has been instrumental in recruiting TANCIT speakers.
Patient Pastor Larry McGarity

Pastor Larry D. McGarity was born in Covington, TN. After graduation from Covington High School, Dyersburg State Community College and Union University and In May 1996, Pastor McGarity accepted his call into the Ministry. He began at his home church, St. Stephen M. B. Church in Covington, TN under the leadership of Pastor J A Baker and Pastor Marvin S Hall. In 1999, he pursued a career in law enforcement with the Covington Police Department. He was later promoted to Sergeant. He shortly became a Criminal Investigator. In February 2006, he was installed as the Pastor of Alexander M B Church in Somerville, TN. Pastor McGarity is a “survivor” of Multiple Myeloma, where it is now in remission.

Patient Mr. Sterlin Williams

Sterlin D. Williams is a native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He had a very successful career with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (U.S. Department of Transportation) and recently retired after thirty-two years of federal service. During his career, he served as the Division Administrator for the states of Louisiana and Mississippi. As a result of his leadership, he received the Diversity Champion Award and the Secretary of Transportation EEO and Affirmative Action Award in directing and implementing the agency's Diversity Initiative. Sterlin is a member of Brown MB Church and the cancer ministry, and Multiple Myeloma Patient/Survivor.

Dr. Robert Johnson

Both Dr. Robert Johnson and his father were in the Air Force and he lived both in the US and abroad. While in the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Johnson completed his Internal Medicine Residency and Fellowship in Hematology/Oncology at the Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Johnson sees patients in West Clinic’s Wolf River and Brighton locations. Known for his caring, gentle manner, he firmly believes “it is the doctor’s responsibility to explain things until patients are satisfied.” A natural teacher, he urges patients to “ask questions.” Dr. Johnson is Board Certified in Hematology, Medical Oncology and Internal Medicine.
Dorothy Edwards Alexander was born in Memphis and her nursing career began her senior year in high school. She graduated as a Licensed Practice Nurse (LPN) and in 1999 with a Master's Degree in Nursing Practice from Arkansas University Jonesboro. She started her career as a Family Nurse Practice in January 2000. She worked for an internist Dr. William Faulkner, then in May of 2005, she started her career in Nephrology with Dr. Hugh Williams. Her duties included assessing, diagnosing, and treating patients for chronic kidney disease. She also does rounds on patients in the dialysis units. In May 2015, Dr. Williams retired, and she joined Dr. Omar Hamze, to continue her career in Nephrology under Kidney care Consultants. She is a Member of American Nephrology Nurse Association (ANNA), American Association of Nurse Practitioner (AANP), and Sigma Theta Tau.

OAKLAND, CA

Deacon Harold Goodman, Chairperson of the Health Education Ministry of the United Men Ministry and TANCIT National Network Coordinator for Oakland, CA

Deacon Harold Goodman is a retired Logistician who worked over 25 years in the transportation industry. Deacon Goodman has been involved in the Health Care industry for the past 8 years, and is coordinating the Allen Temple Baptist Church Annual Holistic Health Fair, which will celebrate the 39th year of providing Healthcare Services to the East Oakland Community. The health fair has over 100 health care providers providing free services to over approximately 1000 individuals annually.

Invocation:

Reverend Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Jr. Senior Pastor, Allen Temple Baptist Church, Oakland, CA

Not only had Dr. Smith served for many years at Allen Temple as Co-Pastor, he brought the experience of a Senior Pastor, of the historic Antioch Baptist Church, San Jose. Dr. Smith, is not only a highly gifted preacher, he was an intellectual scholar at San Francisco State University and served as an adjunct professor in the Doctor of Ministry program. He is the recipient of the American Baptist Homes of the West Affordable housing award in 2007. Dr. Smith Jr. is well established as a gatekeeper for social justice as a community activist. He serves in a leadership capacity at the Progressive National Baptist Convention. New ministries have been added in response to the needs of the community and beyond within Allen Temple, continuing a proud and historic legacy.
Michael M. Green, M.D.  Hematologist, Kaiser Permanente, Oakland

Multiple Myeloma, it’s typical signs and symptoms.

Dr. Michael Green attended medical school at Howard University, completed his residency at the University of Maryland Hospital, and his fellowship at Duke University. He is board certified in medical oncology and internal medicine. In 2016, Dr. Green joined the Leukemia and Lymphoma Center of Excellence Initiative in the Bay Area. He is currently a physician at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, specializing in oncology and hematology. He is affiliated with 4 Bay Area hospitals, including Antioch Medical Center, Oakland Medical Center, Richmond Medical Center and Walnut Creek Medical Center. Dr. Green is passionate about caring for patients with diseases and cancers of the blood, bone marrow, and lymph nodes with a particular focus in treating plasma cell diseases such as multiple myeloma.

Nina Shah, M.D.  Hematology-Oncology, University of California, San Francisco

Dr. Nina Shah is currently an Associate Professor in the Division of Hematology-Oncology at the University of California, San Francisco. Her research focuses on multiple myeloma, and specifically, clinical trials, immunotherapy and cellular therapy. Dr. Shah is heavily involved in the myeloma research community. Her achievements include leading a randomized trial of myeloma patients to determine the impact of stem cell dose on symptoms; and leading efforts to define myeloma-transplant practice guidelines for the American Society of Blood and Marrow Transplant. She is currently the institutional PI for numerous cellular therapy and immunotherapy protocols, and Co-Chair for the Plasma Cell Disorders and Adult Solid Tumors Working Committee at the Center for International Blood & Marrow Transplant Research.

Dr. Pravoverov is originally from Moscow, Russia. He immigrated to the USA in 1993 after graduation from Russia State Medical University. He worked in the medical research laboratory in University of California San Francisco before passing the US Medical Boards. Dr. Pravoverov did his post-graduate training as an Internal Medicine Resident. However, he developed a special interest in kidney disease, dialysis, and transplantation, and continued training as a Nephrology fellow. He joined Kaiser Permanente in 2004 participating in multiple local, regional, and national nephrology and clinical research to improve care for patients with chronic kidney disease. He says, “The most rewarding thing about my job as a physician is knowing that I am making a difference in people's lives.”
Deacon Harold Goodman, Chairperson of the Health Education Ministry of the United Men Ministry, 50 Hoops™ and TANCIT National Network Coordinator for Oakland, CA

Deacon Harold Goodman has been a driving force in the preparation for “There’s A New Cancer In Town. His dedication to the Allen Temple Health Ministry is profound and singular in the way he approaches his task as the leader of this project. In spite of multiple challenges to overcome, his mindset is not only to accomplish the goal, but to do it with EXCELLENCE! 50 Hoops, the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) and our sponsors wish to thank Deacon Harold for all the work and coordination he’s done in leading the TANCIT national premier in Oakland and bringing it to Allen Temple Baptist Church.

Dr. Nicole Barnett, Director of Nursing and Clinical Practice, Kaiser Permanente

Dr. Nicole Barnett currently serves as Assistant Medical Group Administrator and Director of Nursing and Clinical Practice for Kaiser Permanente East Bay. She co-sponsors the Diversity Equity and Inclusion program, which includes the Care Beyond Our Walls faith based outreach program. She has worked as a nurse for Kaiser since 1996 and also teaches as an Adjunct Professor of Nursing and Public Health in local nursing schools. She is a member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Fairfield CA where she serves as a leader on the Health Ministry team.
Tim Upshaw, FACILITATOR

Tim is currently Community Health Coordinator / liaison with UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas and JPS Hospital, Fort Worth. Upshaw's mission is to make every man he meets aware of the importance of screenings and to get them tested. “My desire is to change the mindset of men so that they will be more health conscious, and that no more men that I meet die from prostate cancer. Early detection is the key,” Upshaw said. Mr. Upshaw currently manages the number-one ranked, hospital-based prostate program in the United States, having screened over 88,000 men for prostate cancer, providing free of charge prostate cancer screenings throughout the Metroplex. Tim is also a member of the 50 Hoops Board of Directors.

Deborah Salone Parish, First Lady, True Lee MB Church

Deborah Salone Parish entered the Non-Profit sector in June of 2000, with the American Cancer Society where she began as the Program Coordinator for the “We Care About Kids” Program. She later became the Metro Area Manager for the Mabel Meshack White South Dallas office of the American Cancer Society. She was primarily responsible for outreach in the southern sector of Dallas with the mission of saving lives through research, advocacy, education and service.

Deborah’s Affiliations; Member of True Lee Missionary Baptist Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Xi Omega Chapter, Bertrand Neighborhood Association, Breast Cancer Advisory Coalition, Coalition of Non-Profits to help the South Dallas and Southern Dallas Communities.

Dr. Janet Nash- Breast Cancer Advocate, Bridge Breast Network

Janet Nash DNP, MS, MPH, FNP-C is an expert in the field of population health care, specializing in health disparities. Dr. Nash's career focuses on providing accurate health information and exceptional healthcare on a local, state, national and international level to medically underserved areas/populations. Dr. Nash is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, TX. She resides and works in the Dallas Texas area, and attends Concord Church.
**Blanca Hernandez, Registered Nurse**

Blanca Hernandez has been a nurse for 11 years in medical-surgical floor and in surgery. Her passion has always been to help people with patient recovery and health education. She became a certified Spanish interpreter in order to help comfort patients and their families and for Hispanic patients to know they are being heard. Seven years after her mother was diagnosed with Stage-2 breast cancer her father was also diagnosed with stage-4 mesothelioma (lung) cancer, a battle he lost in 2014. Heavily involved with her parents’ health, Blanca believes that understanding the needs of her Hispanic community has a huge impact. Blanca continues to speak on Cancer both in her church and community.

**Dr. Robin Skrine MD, Private Practice**

Dr. Skrine was the medical director of The Breast Center at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco before starting her own practice in 2008. Dr. Skrine is a member of the American Cancer Society, American College of Surgeons, American Society of Breast Surgeons and Association of Women Surgeons. Dr. Skrine is a board-certified surgeon specializing in breast care and surgery. After receiving her Doctor of Medicine, Dr. Skrine completed an internship in general surgery at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

**Sheila D. Patterson, Cancer Survivor**

Sheila D. Patterson is an ovarian and breast cancer survivor. God answered her prayers by allowing her surgeons to remove all of the cancer and not require any chemo or radiation. The Lord informed her that Cancer Awareness was her new ministry for His glory. She is a member of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church Breast Cancer Support Group, co-facilitates a Comprehensive Cancer Support Group at OCBF, collaborates with the Cancer Program at Charlton Methodist, is the Women's Healthcare and Wellness Chairman for the Alpha Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, a member of the American Cancer Society, National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and Making Strides for Breast Cancer Awareness.

**Mercedes Cruz**

Mercedes has worked in government Medicaid and CHIP funded programs for 27 years. For the past 15 years she has spoken on behalf of the American Heart Association (AHA). AHA has honored her commitment by naming a small grant to UNTHS after her, allowing Mercedes to be one of the Faces of Heart Disease for the GO RED annual luncheon multiple times and awarded me the healthy lifestyle change award. She has successfully conducted and monitored their Check, Change and Control blood Pressure program for 75 ladies. As a state certified Community Health Worker (CHW) she taught over 1,200 health and
wellness workshops to a community in need. As a state certified CHW Instructor, she’s affiliated with the Community Health Training Institute Fort Worth and Dia de la Mujer Latina Houston to provide CEU to CHW needing to renew their certification with the state.

**INVOCATION Pastor Donald Ray Parish, Sr.**
True Lee Missionary Baptist Church, Dallas, TX

Pastor Donald R. Parish Sr. has been a member of True Lee Missionary Baptist Church all of his life. He was the seventh of eight children from the blessed union of Pastor Robert Lawrence Parish Sr. and Louis Marie Wagner-Parish. He was drafted into the United States Army, and served in the Vietnam War for two years, at the rank of Sergeant. After Vietnam, he continued his membership at True Lee Missionary Baptist Church and accepted his calling into the ministry, under the leadership of his father Pastor R. L. Parish Sr. He eventually became and worked as special assistant to his Father for 10 years.

**Pastor Rodney Derrick, The Potters House of Dallas**

Serving under the tutelage of Bishop T. D. Jakes and First Lady Serita Jakes, Pastor Derrick is responsible for the pastoral oversight of the Bereavement Ministry, Golden Vessels, and the Professional Ministry Technicians (Ushers/Greeters) Hospital Ministry. Since joining the ministry in 1999, Pastor Derrick has served as a ministerial department team leader, an instructor at The Potter’s Institute; and as a new member’s coordinator and team leader. Pastor Derrick has served in many capacities within the Kingdom, including associate pastor, district evangelist, district organist and he has also worked with inner-city youth.

**Rebecca Flores-Castro**

Rebecca Flores-Castro, President and CEO of “Rebecca with Results,” has developed over 35 unique events and promotional campaigns internationally with an emphasis in the Hispanic Market. Her innovative results driven strategies are designed to positively impact her clients and the communities they serve. As an accomplished speaker and trainer, she authored two programs entitled “The Results Driven Networking System” and “Love to W.O.R.K.” She is honored to work with national media outlet Hispanic Lifestyle and local Dallas-Fort Worth based media group Jim Austin Online in an effort to bring multicultural unity to our communities. Cancer has affected her family directly and she is ready to help others get the information they need.
Kevin Sneed, PharmD, USF Health Advisory Team Leader
Senior Associate Vice President, Dean, College of Pharmacy

Dr. Sneed is a tenured Professor and founding Dean of the USF College of Pharmacy. He also serves as a Senior Associate Vice-President for USF Health. Dr. Sneed received his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy, where he also received numerous clinical and leadership awards. He completed an Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice Specialty Residency at Bay Pines Veteran’s Administration Medical Center. Professional interests include pharmacological treatment of patients with cardio-metabolic disorders, and examining health care disparities.

Mr. Hiram Green, Director of Community Engagement -University of South Florida (USF) Health and 50 Hoops™ National Network Coordinator for Tampa

Hiram Green has worked at the University of South Florida since 1983, in various positions within the athletic, alumni, and community relations departments. He currently serves as Director of Community Engagement. Throughout his USF career, Hiram helped secure millions in sponsorships and scholarships for academic and athletic programs. The Carnegie Foundation has recognized him for his community engagement efforts. Hiram serves on the National Board, American Heart Association, and as a member of Diabetic Charitable Services. He is the Immediate Past Chairman, and serves on the State Board of ALS and the ALS Association, Florida Chapter.

DEBORAH A. AUSTIN, PH.D., Stakeholder,
Director, Community Engagement for REACHUP, Inc., Central Hillsborough Start

Dr. Deborah A. Austin is Director of Community Engagement for REACHUP, Inc./Central Hillsborough Start. She oversees the development of communication strategies that deepen relationships with various community stakeholders, and promotes services and policies for health equity. Dr. Austin is a published author of several articles, including a study of black infant mortality, and is engaged in community-academic partnerships to reduce black-white disparities in infant mortality in Florida. She specializes in community engagement research. Dr. Austin also is an affiliate faculty member of the University of South Florida. She has a Doctorate in Communication from the University of South Florida and Bachelors
Kristy Andre MPH, MSM

Kristy Andre MPH, MSM is a dynamic public relations and public health practitioner with more than 15 years of experience working with nonprofits and academia. Her efforts are focused on health equity, social justice and systemic sustainability. Kristy is currently a Relationship Manager for IT and the Morsani College of Medicine at the University of South Florida, and a 2018 New Leaders Council fellow. She has a BS in Public Relations from the University of Florida, an MS in Management and a Masters in Public Health from the University of South Florida.

Maisha Standifer, PhD, MPH

Maisha N. Standifer is a senior consultant, social scientist, and community-based researcher. She has over 20 years experience in applied social science and public health. Her expertise includes program development and assessment in the fields of health policy, social determinants of health, health equity, and community-based participatory research. She is particularly interested in research relative to culture, health, and community-based education within the African Diaspora of the U.S. and abroad. Ms. Standifer received a Master’s Degree in Public Health from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology from Spelman College.

Community Advocacy MATCHMAKING

Some of the Tampa CAM Stakeholders

Shelton Gilyard, MSW, ITDS
Program Manager, Children’s Board, Hillsborough County.

Mr. Gilyard has extensive experience in supporting families from diverse backgrounds and building collaboration among parents of children with developmental disabilities, schools and community agencies. Shelton is a published clinician and has presented at local, state, and national conferences on effective practices in serving children impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorders. Mr. Gilyard is a former Olympic level athlete and employs a team approach to supporting the success of children and families. He is an alumnus of the University of South Florida’s School of Social Work and dedicated his career to supporting those affected by developmental disabilities, mental illness and trauma exposure.
Margarita Romo, Founder and Executive Director of Farmworkers Self-Help, Inc. (FSH)

Margarita Romo is the Founder and Executive Director of Farmworkers Self-Help, Inc. (FSH), a grassroots organization established in 1982 in Dade City, Pasco County, Florida. FSH facilitates the self-development of farmworkers and other poor people, through education, advocacy, organizing, justice, empowerment, and health. In addition to FSH, Ms. Romo organized AWING (Agricultural Women Involved in New Goals), the first initiative in Florida for women farmworkers. She also developed the Norma Godinez Arts and Education Center, and Mi Otra Casa (My Other House). She is a recipient of the Robert Bannerman Award given to distinguished activists of color, and the Clairol Award, which recognizes accomplishments by women over 35. In 2013, Margarita was the first Mexican-American woman inducted into the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

Rosa McKinzy Cambridge, RN, BSN, CM, MMIN

Ms. Cambridge retired as a nurse at the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office after serving 27 years. She was one of the first professional black nurses hired by HCSO, and was one of the magnificent four in the chartered class of the Hillsborough Jr. College nursing program. She completed her Master’s Degree in Ministry at Warner University. Rosa was a medical/surgical head nurse who specialized in worker compensation cases, infection control and risk management. Rosa is one of the first case managers in Florida, certified in pain management. She was also director of staff development. A community health and safety advocate, Rosa is certified with CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). She collaborates with many community partners to alleviate healthcare disparities, and empower families and communities.

Retired, Hillsborough County Head Start Social Worker

Evangeline R. Best is a retired Hillsborough County Head Start Social Worker. Evangeline has chaired the East Tampa School Community/Partnership, volunteers with the Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa (CDC), and serves as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors. She is the Immediate Past Chairman of the East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership. Mrs. Best championed the “Best Bus Tour,” sharing history and economic redevelopment, and recently received the League of Women Voters of Hillsborough County and The Potter Leadership awards. United States Representative Kathy Castor entered Mrs. Best’s life’s achievements as her legacies into Congressional Records in the Library of Congress.
Nestor Ortiz, President, CEO, 16 point Compass

Mr. Ortiz has been involved in community and organizational development for more than 25 years. With experience in strategic growth planning and implementation, institutional development, leadership cultivation, crisis management and community engagement and communication, Nestor has continued to effect change in multiple agencies and communities across the country. A relationship professional, Nestor has always employed fundamental elements of communication that convey a genuine, intentional and meaningful approach to engaging others.

Steven R. Patierno, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Duke Cancer Institute

As Deputy Director of the Duke Cancer Institute (DCI), Dr. Patierno helps lead a top-ranked NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center dedicated to delivering leading-edge, compassionate, multi-disciplinary care from screening to survivorship, advancing trans-disciplinary research and providing authentic community engagement for health education, prevention and access to care. Dr. Patierno joined the Duke University Medical Center in 2012, as a Professor of Medicine, Professor of Pharmacology and Cancer Biology, and Professor of Community and Family Medicine. Prior to joining Duke, Dr. Patierno served as Executive Director of The George Washington University Cancer Center, and the Vivian Gill Distinguished Professor of Oncology at the GWU School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He is internationally recognized for his research on molecular carcinogenesis, molecular pharmacology, and healthcare delivery research on patient navigation.

Dr. Nadine Barrett, Ph.D., MA,MS, Director of the Office of Health Equity- Duke Cancer Institute and 50 Hoops™ National Network Coordinator for CAM-Durham.

Dr. Barrett has devoted her career to reducing Health disparities for disadvantaged and vulnerable populations for over 15 years. She has served as Inaugural Director of the Office of Health Equity and Disparities at the Duke Cancer Institute; faculty in the Department of Community and Family Medicine's Division of Community Health; and Director of the Duke CTSA Community Connections Core, Center for Community and Population Health Improvement. As a medical sociologist, Dr. Barrett develops partnerships and collaborations to improve community health outcomes. Numerous awards and honors include the American Sociology Association's Minority Fellowship Doctoral Award and the NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Health Services Research at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.
Duke Cancer Institute is among 10 cancer centers named by the Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) to receive its 2017 Innovator Award. Duke Cancer Institute, through the Office of Health Equity (OHE), developed a five-step roadmap for conducting health assessments designed to reduce cancer disparities and improve population health through community partnerships. The program includes the development of an engaged and diverse community advisory council, robust and collaborative health assessments, programs and services, research priorities, aligned partnership programming and programmatic evaluations and outcome measures.

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Community Advocacy MATCHMAKING
Durham CAM Stakeholders

Dr. Ronny A. Bell, Professor, and Chair, Department of Public Health at East Carolina University
Formerly, Dr. Bell was Professor with tenure of Public Health Sciences (Department of Epidemiology and Prevention) at the Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. From 2006 - 2016, he was Director of the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity at Wake Forest, a designated Center of Excellence with the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Dr. Bell chairs the North Carolina Diabetes Advisory Council and the North Carolina American Indian Health Board. Nationally, he serves on the American Diabetes Association Health Disparities Committee and the Southeastern Health Equity Council of the US Department of Health and Human Services National Partnership for Action.

Dr. Pao-Hwa Lin, Associate professor of Medicine at Duke University Medical Center
Dr. Lin is an associate professor of Medicine at Duke University Medical Center been conducting clinical nutrition trials at Duke for more than 25 years. Her research focuses mainly in the area of lifestyle intervention for hypertension, weight management, and prostate cancer. She was instrumental in designing the DASH dietary pattern which was recommended as the US national dietary guideline for all Americans since 2010. She is passionate in bringing the scientific evidence of nutrition to the public through research, community engagement, and education.
**Cornell Wright, MPA**
Cornell Wright serves as the Executive Director of the DHHS Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities. He is a subject-matter expert around the areas of health equity and disparities, minority health, and community engagement. Wright, an active member in the health community, serves various groups, organizations and boards including the Patient Centered Outcome Research Institute where he serves on the Clinical Effectiveness and Decision Science Advisory Panel, and the Southeastern Health Equity Council, as part of the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities, serving as the Co-Chair to the Social Determinants of Health Committee. He has received awards and recognition for his contributions to health from the National Institutes of Health, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, North Carolina Central University, and the National Minority Quality Forum.

**Jeff Dowd**
Jeff Dowd holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration/Information Systems. He worked in the Banking and Finance Industry for over 20 years. He is an experienced Consumer and Commercial Loan Officer. Jeff has worked in community development; pre and post housing counseling, and assisting low-to-moderate income individuals with down payment assistance programs. He specializes in church lending. In December of 2016, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, and had a prostatectomy done in March of 2017. He credits his progress due to early detection, a loving and supportive family, and his faith in God. He continues to have regular checkups with his surgeon; getting his PSA level checked, and having his annual physicals done as scheduled. Jeff is a deacon, and usher at Orange Grove MB Church in Durham.

**Karen Kharasch, Director, Research Administration and Operations, Duke Cancer Institute**
Karen Kharasch is a Senior Executive with over 34 years in Executive Director and Business Operations roles leading several departments and centers of matrix academic organizations. Her career has spanned the transformation General Clinical Research Centers (GCRC) to the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) and Comprehensive Cancer Centers (CCSG). Her experience is in strategic planning, sophisticated and complex research enterprises, business development, and operational management. She recently served as the Executive Director at Siteman Cancer Center at Washington University in St. Louis, where she led the cancer center support grant, research education and review committees clinical research units in surgery and radiation oncology. Over the years, she has had the opportunity to partner with multitudes of clinicians, scientists and administrators at several academic institutions across the country.
Valarie Worthy, MSN, RN, Patient Navigator Manager, Office of Health Equity, Duke Cancer Institute
Valerie Clark Worthy has been a registered nurse for over 33 years and employed by Duke University Health Systems for 14 years. A 16-year breast cancer survivor, she understands the importance of early detection and is passionate about getting that message out to the community. In 2003, she helped organize a local chapter of Sisters Network Incorporated, a survivorship organization for African-American women with breast cancer. A recipient of numerous awards, Valarie received the American Cancer Society’s 2012 Lane Adams Quality of Life Award, which recognizes the unsung heroes of cancer care and are referred to as the “warm hand of service.” The award brings to light the critical role that outstanding caregivers play in the healing process. In addition to her work with the American Cancer Society, Duke, and Sisters Network Triangle NC, Valerie is active in health Ministry in Durham North Carolina at the River Church.

Tara Ilsley, MPH, Research Program Leader, Office of Health Equity, Duke Cancer Institute
Tara Ilsley, MPH is a research program leader at Duke Cancer Institute, Office of Health Equity. Tara has over ten years of experience working in public health disparities and specifically with undeserved and uninsured community of Durham. Tara led a maternal health navigation program in rural North Carolina with in the Duke Division of Community Health for the last three years and began working at Duke’s Cancer Institute in early 2018. Tara leads the patient navigation program within the Office of Health Equity and leads the Partnership for Health Durham’s Communication Committee. She has a Masters in Public Health from UNC’s Gilling’s School of Public Health.

Faiza Mustafa, MPH, Community Screening Navigator, Office of Health Equity, Duke Cancer Institute
Notes: Faiza recently joined Duke Cancer Institute as a Community Screening Navigator. Previously, she was Office manager with Pitt heating and Air where she assisted in administrative tasks including providing monthly summaries of financial success. As a graduate assistant at East Carolina University, she assisted in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Head Start Teachers’ Eating Smart and Moving More Workshop series in Lenoir and Bertie County Head Start centers. Conduct in-depth, semi-structured qualitative interviews and complete qualitative data analysis and reporting. She is formerly a clinic administrator for the Mariam Clinic in Raleigh, where she assisted the clinical director in training and recruiting volunteers and participated in conference and health fairs to increase the clinic’s patient population.
Kearston L. Ingraham, M.P.H.
Research Program Evaluator, Office of Health Equity, Duke Cancer Institute
Kearston L. Ingraham, MPH is a public health practitioner and certified patient navigator with over 15 years of significant project management leadership, evaluation, and community engagement achievements. She is committed to building long-lasting relationships with stakeholders from diverse health focused communities. She is the Research Program Evaluator in the Duke Cancer Institute’s Office of Health Equity in which she is responsible for implementing and evaluating educational outreach and cancer screening endeavors for the office. In addition, she serves Duke Health as a volunteer Staff Diversity Educator. Kearston received her Bachelor of Science degree in Bio-behavioral Health from The Pennsylvania State University. Her interests include health disparities, clinical trial participation, monitoring and evaluation, bioinformatics, and behavioral cultural assessments.

Pastor Steve Sims, Executive Pastor of the River Church of Durham, NC
Pastor Steve Sims has served for 12 years as the executive pastor of the River Church of Durham North Carolina. Pastor Sims oversees the daily administration of the church, staff pastors, executive and administrative assistants, financial officers, facilities and building maintenance, personnel and other support staff. Pastor Sims also serves as the Chief liaison for the Bishops Council of River Fellowship International (RFI). He works closely with the Rivers senior leader, Pastor Ronald L Godbee, and Bishop Joby, Pastor Sheryl Brady, internationally known conference speakers, and campus pastors of The Potter’s House of Dallas.

Duke Cancer Institute, Office of Health Equity, Community Advisory Council and Associates
First Row (left to right): Ron Sanyal, Maritza Chirinos, Cristina Valarezo, Nadine Barrett, Faiza Mustafa, Tara Ilsley, Kearston Ingraham
Second Row (left to right): Pao-Hwa Lin, Marsha Edwards, Ping Zhang, Kerri Burnette, Sarah Plentl
Third Row (left to right): Sue McLaurin, Dean Mark Melton, Holly Hough, Jeffery Forde, Tara Blackley, Joyce Page
WHAT IS CAM? CAM or Community Advocacy MATCHMAKING Luncheon/Dinner Workshops are medical education, continuing education workshops designed for medical and clinical researchers, nurses and administrative staff.

WHO ARE THE SPEAKERS? The speakers are African American and Hispanic Community Stakeholders, Leaders who sometimes have powerful and influential constituencies, or part of health ministries, disease and community advocacy organizations, medical professionals or ministers.

WHY WOULD COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS SERVE AS TEACHERS FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS? It’s because each African American or Hispanic stakeholder and community leader represents an important constituency. It could be their ability to outreach word of mouth, through social or professional organizations, families, work, health ministries, community volunteer/career work or cancer survivor or involved caretaker.

First, it must be understood that there is no such thing as “THE” African American community or “THE” Hispanic Community. Each minority stakeholder, community leader, organization head, family member is part of a larger network and their voice is being heard and carried through that network. Many times minority networks overlap, just like all of life, however, we must not underestimate each individual minority person as a person who can carry the message about clinical trials and help your trials carry your message about new drug discoveries. Second, having ready materials that are ethnically diverse is key, especially relatable to African American and Hispanic cultures.

These Community Stakeholders KNOW their culture and communities and have the answers that medical professionals need in order to begin to penetrate the minority communities effectively to build a community database for clinical trials outreach, with community navigators to assist with their recruitment outreach.

CAM- Tampa is one of the National CAM Models for this independent production. The University of South Florida Health has incorporated CAM into your We Care initiative and 50 Hoops™ is proud that in 2018, USF Health will be one of two major Universities (along with Duke University Cancer Institute) to independently adopt CAM into their Community Engagement Outreach, making this a 20th Anniversary, 50 Hoops “LEGENDS” Event. Pictures and videos from all national CAM Events will be part of our educational archives beginning in 2019 on www.50hoops.org.
**Pastor E. A. Adeboye**  
General Overseer  
Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG)  
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

**Dr. Chiledum Ahaghotu**  
Urologist  
National Genome Center Howard University  
2002-2004 Yearbook

**Stephanie Alston, RN**  
Health Coordinator, St. Mary’s Health Center  
2004-2006 Yearbook

**Dr. Lilly Timon Anderson**  
Houston. Area Links, INC  
2002-2004 Yearbook

**Paula Alt**  
Medical Marketing & Communications  
The Medical Education Institute (MEI)  
2013 AAHM Partner Database

**Dr. Elayne Arterbery**  
Clinical Chief, Dept. of Radiation Oncology  
Crittenton Hospital  
2004-2006 Yearbook
Rev. Terrence Autry
Pastor
EIRENE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Dr. Adnan S. Badr
Director of GI Endoscopy
Presbyterian Hospital of Plano-Kansas
University Medical Center.
2008-2010 Yearbook

Rev. Billy L. Bell
Pastor
NEW PILGRIM REST MBC-Dallas, TX
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Dr. Jim Bennett
Midtown Urology
2002-2004 Yearbook

Nancy Beidler
Regional Vice President
Great Lakes and South Central Regions
C.A.S.T. March 2014

Rev. Sammie L. Berry
Pastor
DALLAS WEST CHURCH OF CHRIST
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs
Bernie Bickerstaff  
Former NBA Coach  
2002-2004 Yearbook

Eva Bonilla  
Chair  
HISPANIC WOMEN’S NETWORK-Texas  
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Rev. Dr. Wendell Blair  
Pastor  
NEW TRUE VINE OF HOLINESS MBC  
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks  
President/CEO  
Texas Urban League  
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Dr. Richard Blath, M.D.  
Director  
Washington University Medical Center  
2004-2006 Yearbook

Dr. Doris Browne, MD  
President and CEO  
Browne and Associates, Inc  
AAHM2Update Radio Shows
Dr. Arnold Bullock
Professor of Urology
Washington University School of Medicine
2004-2006 Yearbook

Kenya Cabine
Assistant Program Director.
WEAS - Savannah
2004-2006 Yearbook

Dr. Maria Carrillo
Internal Medicine
Henry Ford Hospital
AAHM2 Update Radio Shows

Rev. Bryan L. Carter
Pastor
CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Linda Carter
Head Nurse
Bethlehem MBC - Savannah
2004-2006 Yearbook

Coach John Chaney
Head Basketball Coach
Temple University
2000 Yearbook
Lars G Christensen, Chief of Staff
Cameo Entertainment Group - CyberStationUSA.com
2008-2010 Yearbook

Rev. Dr. Jerry Christian
Pastor
KIRKWOOD TEMPLE CME CHURCH
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Mark Clanton, MD
Chief Medical Officer
American Cancer Society’s High Plains Division
AAHM2Update Radio Shows

Rev. Dr. Caesar A. Walter Clark, Sr
Pastor
GOOD STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Lisa C. Clough, MS Ed
Director of Communications & Marketing
Women’s Heart Mission
C.A.S.T. March 2014

Liz Cohen, Manager
REDUCE Clinical Trials, GlaxoSmithKline
2004-2006 Yearbook
Ms. Angie Colbert, M.Ed
Regional VP
American Cancer Society-Houston, Tx
2004-2006 Yearbook

Lee Coleman
East St Louis Media
2002-2004 Yearbook

Rev. Fred Conwright, Jr.
Pastor
GREATER MT. HEBRON MB CHURCH
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Dr. Elise Donaville Cook
Associate Professor
Department of Clinical Cancer-University of Texas
AAHM2Update Radio Shows

Robert Dalton
Executive Director
National Headache Foundation
C.A.S.T. March 2014

Arthur Dean, CADCA
Chairman & CEO
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)
AAHM2Update Radio Shows
50 HOOPS PIONEER SPEAKERS

Martina N. Davis  
Chairman  
PADP National Steering Committee  
Amnesty International  
2004-2006 Yearbook

Dr. Georgia Dunston, Director  
National Human Genome Center at Howard University  
2004-2006 Yearbook

Winston Dyer  
President/CaP CURE  
New York Prostate Cancer Project  
2000 Program Speaker

Norman H. Edelman, M.D.  
Leading Medical Authority  
American Lung Association  
AAHM2Update Radio Shows

Rev. Dr. Anthony Evans  
Pastor  
OAK CLIFF BIBLE FELLOWSHIP  
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Keith C Ferdinand, MD, FACC, FAHA  
Chief Science Officer  
Association of Black Cardiologists  
AAHM2Update Radio Shows
Dr. Mack T. Flemmings, Sr
Pastor
FREEDOM MB CHURCH
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Florencia Velasco Fortner
Executive Officer
Dallas Concilio Hispanic Service
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Mary A. Franklin
NHF
Director of Operations
National Headache Foundation

Dr. Catalina E. Garcia
MD00 SPEAKER
HISPANIC NURSES
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Claude Foster
NAACP
Director
NAACP
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Chief Sherman George
St. Louis Fire Department
2002-2004 Yearbook
Reverend Maynard Milton Golden
Assistant Minister, Fellowship Chapel
2004-2006 Yearbook

Dr. Alfred Gorman
Chief of Cardiology
Savannah Heart, PC
2004-2006 Yearbook

W. Jarrard Goodwin, M.D., F.A.C.S.
Director-Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center
2004-2006 Yearbook

Dr. Akili Graham
Graham Time Family Practice
Houston, Tx
2004-2006 Yearbook

Dr. Stuart G. Gordon
Director PCEC
2002-2004 Yearbook

Edward Grandi
Executive Director
The American Sleep Apnea Association
C.A.S.T. Directory March 2014
Dr. Rufus Green
Urologist
UT Southwestern University Hospital
AAHM2Update Radio Shows

Jasmine Greenamyer
COO
Colon Cancer Alliance
C.A.S.T. March 2014

Rev. Michael Greene
Senior Pastor
Highland Hills UMC
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Rev. Timothy Gollob
Pastor
Holy Cross Catholic Church
African-American Churches & Hispanic

Carolyn Guilford, RN
Critical Care Nurse
Georgia Baptist
2004-2006 Yearbook

Dr. Samir Gupta, M.D.
Assistant Professor
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
AAHM2Update Radio Shows
Chanita Hughes Halbert, Ph.D.
University of Pennsylvania
2002-2004 Yearbook

Rev. J. Neaul Haynes
Pastor
Saintsville COGC
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Damon Harris
Survivor
Former Temptation
2002-2004 Yearbook

Deacon Wayman Hemphill
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
2012 Yearbook

Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III
Pastor
Friendship West Baptist Church
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Clara Borja Hinojosa
Director
MEXICO INSTITUTE
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs
Toiya Honore  
Senior Communications  
American Heart Association  
C.A.S.T. March 2014

Rev. Michael Hubbard, Sr.  
Pastor  
Hopewell MBC  
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Edna G. Johnson, RN. MSN  
Coordinator  
African American Hereditary Prostate Cancer Study

Beradine Jacobs  
Texas Black Nurses  
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Rev. Fabian Keith Jacko  
Pastor  
Greater Golden Gate MBC  
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Dr. Charnita Zeigler-Johnson  
Department of Biostatistics & Epidemiology - University of Pennsylvania  
2006-2008 Yearbook
Cleo Glenn-Johnson  
President  
Black United Fund Texas  
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Darron Maxwell Johnson  
Pastor  
Emmanuel Fellowship BC  
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Jesse Johnson Jr.  
Minister, Victory Drive Deliverance Temple  
2004-2006 Yearbook

Lonnie D. Johnson  
Chair, Lansing Area Prostate Cancer  
2004-2006 Yearbook

Rev. Hal Johnson  
Pastor  
Christian Stronghold Baptist Church  
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Mayor Otis Johnson, PhD.  
Mayor of Savannah and Heart Disease Survivor  
2004-2006 Yearbook
Rev. David Jones, Sr.
Pastor
Arlington Park First Baptist Church
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Dr. Ronald E Jones
Senior pastor
New Hope Baptist Church
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Rev. Sammy Jones
Zion Baptist Church - St. Louis, MO
2006 Yearbook

Rev. Kwesi Kamau
Pastor
CHRISTIAN CHAPEL TEMPLE OF FAITH
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Buford Kemp, Prostate Cancer Survivor

Dr. Irina M. Kline, MD
Executive Director- Pharmaceutical Research
Celgene Pharmaceuticals
2006 Yearbook
50 HOOPS PIONEER SPEAKERS

Monica Lamb
Professional Athlete
Women’s National Basketball Association
2000 Yearbook

Cleveland Latimore
Outreach Project Coordinator,
Community Cardiovascular Council,
2004-2006 Yearbook

Sheila Jackson Lee
U.S. Congresswoman
18th Congressional District of Texas
2004-2006 Yearbook

Aneesha Lewis
Executive Director
The Association of Black Psychologist
C.A.S.T. March 2014

Yvonne Lewis
Senior Specialist-Diversity
Alzheimer’s Association
C.A.S.T. March 2014

Holly Lofton, MD
OAC Board of Directors
Obesity Action Coalition
AAHM2Update Radio Shows
50 HOOPS PIONEER SPEAKERS

Khambrel Marshall
KPRC Local 2 Weather Team-Houston
2004-2006 Yearbook

E. Larry McDuffie
Founder, Savannah Community Choir and Program Director, 1230 WSOK morning show
2004-2006 Yearbook

Richard Mazo, MD
Urologist, Urological Associates of Savannah, PC
2004-2006 Yearbook

Voncile Brown-Miller
Area Executive Director American Cancer Society
2004-2006 Yearbook

Billy Davis & Marylyn McCoo
Prostate Cancer Survivor & Activist

Rev. James E. Mitchell
Pastor
Bon Air Baptist Church
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs
Dr. Yondell Moore, Sr.
Urologist
Methodist Medical Center
2010-2012 Yearbook

Erin Moaratty
Chief of External Communications
Patient Advocate Foundation
AAHM2 Update Radio Shows

Nancy Mueller, PhD
Executive Director
National Association For Continence
C.A.S.T. March 2014

Dr. Cecil “Chip” Murray, Senior Pastor
First African American Methodist
Episcopal Church
2002-2004 Yearbook

Juanita Nanez
Chair
Hispanic Women's Network - Texas
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Rev. Stephen C. Nash
Pastor
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs
Kathleen Newbould
Colon Cancer Alliance
2013 AAHM Partner Database

Edward James Olmos
Actor
2002-2004 Yearbook

Dr. Alfiee M. Breland-Noble
Director
AAKOMA Project Psychiatry GUMC
AAHM2Update Radio Shows

Tom Osborne
Retired Executive, Proctor & Gamble
Prostate Cancer Survivor
2004-2006 Yearbook

Dr. Hattie Johnson- Norris, WCCCD
Provost-Wayne County Community College
2000 Yearbook

Rev. Joel Pace
Pastor
Grace and Truth Apostolic Church
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs
50 HOOPS PIONEER SPEAKERS

Rev. Kenneth D. Pace
Pastor
Beginners Baptist Church- Dallas, TX
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Daniella Pena
Field Development Coordinator
Colon Cancer Alliance
2013 AAHM Partner Database

Mr. Deloyed Parker
Co-Founder/Director
Shape Community Center-Houston, Tx
2004-2006 Yearbook

Huel Perkins
Anchor - FOX2
Houston, Tx
2004-2006 Yearbook

Rev. Vincent T. Parker
Pastor
Golden Gate MB Church
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Dr. James Powell, MD
President
Strategic Medical Associates, LLC
AAHM2Update Radio Shows
Koko Powell, Breast Cancer Survivor  
Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Center  
2012-2014 Yearbook

Timothy R. Rebbeck, Ph.D.  
University of Pennsylvania Medical Center (UPMC)  
2000 Year Book

Adolphus Pruitt  
Regional Pan Hellenic Council - Kappas  
2002-2004 Yearbook

Mrs. Delores Retland  
Breast Cancer Survivor  
2000 Yearbook

Rev. Dr. George W. Pryor  
Pastor  
New Birth Baptist Church  
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Ernest L. Retland, Ph.D.  
Professor Wayne County Community College  
2004-2006 Yearbook
Will Rogers
Assistant Director of Curriculum
Temple University Pan African Studies
2002-2004 Yearbook

Diann Rohde
Vice President of Communications
American Liver Foundation
C.A.S.T. March 2014

Rev. Rickie G. Rush
Pastor
INSPIRING BODY OF CHRIST CHURCH
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Robert L. Sanders
Prostate cancer survivor
2004-2006 Yearbook

Lisa Salberg
CEO/Founder
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association
C.A.S.T. March 2014

Robert Sanders
Internal Medicine Specialist
Texoma Medical Center
AAHM2Update Radio Shows
Renato de los Santos
Director
League of United Latin American Citizens
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Frankie Seaberry
Former Mayor of Centerville E. St. Louis
2002-2004 Yearbook

Rev. Ron Shaw
Pastor
LIGHT CHURCH- Dallas, TX
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Rev. Leslie W. Smith
Senior Pastor
North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship
African-American Churches & Hispanic Orgs

Outlar M. Simmons
Retired Engineer
AES Deepwater, Inc.
Prostate Cancer Survivor
2004-2006 Yearbook

Tavis Smiley
American talk show host and author.
2002-2004 Yearbook
Richard Lee Snow  
Executive Director  
Kappa Alphi Psi Fraternity, Inc  
2000 Yearbook  

Dr. Hugh Stallworth  
Director of Public Health- Monterey County  
St. Louis Dept of Health  
2002-2004 Yearbook  

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