



# **National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.**

## **Bergen/Passaic Chapter**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt, non-partisan network of women committed to sharing, promoting, and helping others achieve success. NCBW consists of approximately 3,000 members representing 60 chapters in 28 states and the District of Columbia.

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Bergen/Passaic Chapter (NCBW) is a community advocacy organization made up of 60 progressive women of African descent whose voice and force for gender equity and socio-political advancement drive meaningful change to benefit women of color. NCBW advocates on behalf of Black women and girls through national and local actions and strategic alliances that promote its national and international agendas on leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment.

### **HISTORY**

The Coalition of 100 Black Women began in New York in 1970 in an effort to continue the successful implementation of socio-economic and political strategies that began in the mid-1960s. The initial group was known as the New York Black Chapter. The Coalition of 100 Black Women was chartered as a National non-profit organization in 1981. There are over 63 Chapters nationwide. Membership includes a diverse group of women: mothers, daughters, physicians, attorneys, educators, journalist, accountants, Municipal Court Judges, private entrepreneurs, university administrators, corporate managers and vice presidents, artists, media personalities, labor leaders, public relations specialists, consultants, and elected officials. This cross-section of dynamic women is reflective of the membership in each Chapter.

The Bergen/Passaic Chapter founded by Mary Ann Miller was chartered on September 21, 1986 with 30 members. Shortly thereafter, the Chapter petitioned for and was granted its 501(c) (3) status. Since its inception, the Chapter has been actively involved in numerous program initiatives. One of our first involvements was with Englewood Partners for Public Education (EPPE). EPPE was an effort to form partnerships between the public and private sectors that would benefit the specific programs. These activities included, but were not limited to: voter registration drives in sync with the League of Women Voters and hosting the Bergen County Black Issues Conference (BIC), formation of the Bergen County Ad Hoc Committee of Black Women's Organizations; and becoming a member of the Bergen County Women's Roundtable. Other significant contributions to the community were the preservation of two historic cemeteries in Bergen County: (A) Gethsemane Cemetery in Little Ferry, New Jersey which was the burial ground for the colored population of the Village of Hackensack, New Jersey and (B) the African American/Indian/Dutch cemetery located off Pomander Walk in Teaneck, New Jersey.

The Bergen/Passaic Chapter also received a grant from the National Institute of Health (NIH). This grant, the first of its kind received by a Bergen County African American women's organization, provided the funding for an AIDS Awareness Conference. Turning its focus to youth, the Chapter began its own mentoring program, "Project 99," in 1990. Funding for that program was made possible through a substantial grant through the Prudential Company. In 1997, the Chapter was the only women's organization to be awarded the New Jersey Department of Human Services Community Challenge Grant. This enabled the Chapter to implement the Gentry I Program, which targeted adolescent minority males.

The Chapter's presence and commitments, through the support of its membership, have kept our Mission in focus. Because of your support, we have been able to give back to the community by contributing to the African American Center at Teaneck High School, the Englewood Hospital, the Children's Aid and Adoption Society, to name a few. We are especially proud to be a life member of the Bergen County NAACP.

### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

- April 2015, Woman of Achievement Awards Honoree, Girls Scouts of Northern New Jersey, The Honorable Lizette P. Parker, Mayor of Teaneck
- March 2015, Appointment to the Commission on the Status of Women/City of Newark, NCBW Member Joyce Wilson-Harley, Esq
- May 2014, Woman of Distinction Award, Teaneck High School Studio 2B Girl Scout Troup, President Yvonne L. Witter
- April 2014, YWCA of Bergen County Racial Justice Awards Honoree, NCBW Bergen/Passaic Chapter
- April 2014, Teacher Impact Leader, Englewood Board of Education, Shakerra Malachi-Chang
- February 2014, Advocacy Award from Councilwoman Lizette Parker, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual African American History Month Breakfast, Ex-Officio Deborah Witcher Jackson
- 2014, Garden State Bar Association-Judge Roger M. Yancy Award, Inspiring Excellence Celebrating The Spirit of Service, Hon. Sandra A. Robinson, ALJ



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- November 2013, Rotarian of the Year , Rotary Club of Teaneck, President Yvonne L. Witter
- 2013/2014, Bergen County Bar Association, Award-Dignity, Leadership, Scholarship, Professionalism and Advancing Diversity, Hon. Sandra A. Robinson, ALJ
- September 2013, NAACP Fund Award, Ursula Parrish Wilson, PhD
- June 2013 – Garden State Bar Association Roger M. Yancey Award, NCBW Honorary Member, Hon. Sandra A. Robinson
- March 2013 – Bergen County Bar Assoc. & Women Lawyers Diversity in the Profession Honoree, NCBW Honorary Member, Hon. Sandra A. Robinson, ALJ
- March 2013 – Hannah Bell Ricks Foundation Honoree, NCBW Charter Member, Jeannette Curtis-Rideau
- February 2013 – McDonalds Media Legends & Trailblazers Honoree, NCBW Member, Sandra D. Rice
- 2013 Finalist NJ Leading Women Entrepreneurs & Business Owners – NCBW Member Rita Williams Bogar
- November 2012 – YWCA Power of Us Honoree – NCBW Member Yvonne L. Witter
- September 2012-Trailblazer Award for Exemplary Membership, NCBW Bergen/Passaic presented to Ursula Parrish Wilson, PhD
- September 2012 – Appointment of NCBW Member Kimberly K. Holmes, Esq., Chair District VA Fee Arbitration Committee
- September 2012 – Tri-State Diversity Council Multicultural Leader Honoree – NCBW Member Sandra D. Rice
- June 2012 – Urban League for Bergen County Honoree, Health Advocacy Award presented to NCBW Member Paula M. Jenkins
- April 2012 – NAACP Bergen County, Life Membership Award Recognition to NCBW
- February 2012 – Proclamation from U.S. Senator Menendez for community service in recognition of Black History Month
- February 2012 – President Deborah Witcher Jackson recipient of community service award from Bergen County Executive Kathleen Donovan in observance of Black History Month
- January 2012 “Women of Excellence” Spirit of King Award Presented to President Deborah Witcher Jackson from Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Englewood, NJ
- October 2011 Chapter of the Year Award Recipient at NCBW National 30<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference
- 2011 NJBiz New Jersey’s Best 50 Women in Business, NCBW Member Rita Williams Bogar
- 2011 Unites States SBA Region II & New Jersey 2011 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year – NCBW Member Rita Williams Bogar
- Many Citations and Commendations from New Jersey Districts 35 and 37 and State of New Jersey
- January 2010 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Outstanding Bergen County Citizen Award, Mt. Calvary Church, Englewood, NJ presented to Ursula Parrish Wilson
- Health Advocacy Award from Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, presented to NCBW Health Chair, Paula Madison Jenkins (2010)
- Spirit of Community Award from Community Blood Services presented to NCBW B/P members Dr. Afriye Amerson and Luay Broadnax (October 2009)
- Garden State Woman of the Year Award -- President Deborah Witcher Jackson, Non-Profit Category, by Garden State Woman Magazine (January 2008)
- Community Resource Council (Hackensack, New Jersey) Dr. Harry Brandeis Memorial Community Service Award (December 2007)
- Community Service Award from Paterson Task Force for Community Action, Inc. (June 2007)
- Mitzi Golbek Spirit of Girl Scouting Award presented to NCBW B/P Past-President Rosa Bland, by Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey (2007)
- Spirit of MLK Community Service Award from Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Englewood, NJ (2007)
- Bergen County Black Caucus Organization - Recognition of African American Organizations (2006)
- Wynona M. Lipman Award for Mentoring Program from NJ Department of Community Affairs’ Division on Women/NJ Advisory Commission on the Status of Women (2006)
- New Jersey Book Festival Community Literacy Award (2005)
- Bergen County Woman of Achievement Award from Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders ,Presented to NCBW Charter Member Jeannette Curtis-Rideau (2005)
- Community Service Award from Urban League for Bergen County (2004)
- Award for Excellence in the field of Education, The Urban League Guild, Urban League for Bergen County, Ursula Parrish Wilson, PhD (2002)
- Bergen County Freeholders, Pioneer Woman of the 90s, Hazel Skeete (1998) and Ursula Parrish Wilson, PhD (1995)
- Sojourner Truth Award Hackensack Vicinity, Negro Business and Professional Women, Ursula Parrish Wilson, PhD (1993)
- Volunteer of the Week, by the Bergen Record, Ursula Parrish Wilson, PhD (1993)



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**MOST RECENT ACTIVITIES (NOT ALL INCLUSIVE)**

- 2013:
- 1) February 2013 Go Red for Women Heart Awareness in collaboration with AHA and Englewood Hospital
  - 2) March 2013 – Kick Off Women’s History Month Presenting “Half the Sky” Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women”
- 2012:
- 1) February 2012 – Go Red for Women Heart Awareness collaboration with American Heart Association and Englewood Hospital
  - 2) February 2012 – Empowering Women: Forum on Domestic Violence
  - 3) April 2012 – Financial Security Now Forum
  - 4) June 2012 – National HIV/AIDS Testing Day Social Media Awareness Campaign
  - 5) September 2012 – National NCBW Legislative Day Washington, DC & Black Women’s Agenda Luncheon
  - 6) October 2012 – Trailblazers Awards Luncheon
  - 7) December 2012 – Red Ribbon HIV/AIDS Forum @ Teaneck High School
- 2011:
- 1) February 2011 – Go Red for Women Heart Awareness collaboration with American Heart Association;
  - 2) March 2011 – Community Forum and Luncheon “How the 2010 Census Affects Your Everyday Life: Voting, Education, Taxes, Redistricting, Government Services, Business & Healthcare;
  - 3) March 2011 – National Week of Prayer for Healing of HIV/AIDS – collaborated with Logan Family Life Center;
  - 4) June 2011 – Umbilical Cord Research (NJ A1642/S1534) – Letters of Support and On-Line Petitions;
  - 5) August 2011 – “Waiting for Superman” documentary screening/panel discussion(the first of the three part “Conversation Continues Series” discussing charter/public schools) in partnership with the Teaneck Board of Education;
  - 6) October 2011 – The Conversation Continues Part 2: “The Inconvenient Truth Behind Waiting for Superman” documentary screening/panel discussion (in partnership with the Teaneck Board of Education;
  - 7) October 2011 – Petition Supporting Granting of Congressional Medal of Honor to WWII Montford Point Marines;
  - 8) November 2011 - Health Symposium with The Links, Inc. Bergen County;
  - 9) November 2011 – The Conversation Continues Part 3: “A Race to Nowhere” documentary screening/panel discussion (in partnership with the Teaneck Board of Education;
  - 10) November 2011 -- Teaneck International Film Festival – NCBW hosted screening of film.
- 2010:
- 1) **Held a public forum**, *Unnatural Causes...Is Inequality Making Us Sick*, to discuss the disparities in our health care system.
  - 2) **Facilitated** a local advocacy initiative: *Red Ribbon AIDS/HIV Awareness Youth Forum* to educate and increase awareness in high school students on the impact of the disease on teens.
  - 3) **Collaborated** with American Heart Association “Go Red for Women” campaign for Healthy Heart by presenting a discussion and film on heart disease
  - 4) **Fostered** financial empowerment in women of color by facilitating workshops on budgeting, financial planning & management, wealth building strategies, and retirement planning.
  - 5) **Conducted** monthly personal and career development workshops for young women ages 14 – 18 through our Role Model Program.
  - 6) **Led** a letter writing campaign to local and state policy makers regarding Health Reform legislation and Umbilical Cord Blood Bills S1534 and A1642.
  - 7) **Promoted and raised awareness** of black culture through literature, performing arts featuring a multimedia production entitled “Hurricane Season: Hidden Messages in Water, describing the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and the film “Night Catches Us” by Writer/Director Tonya Hamilton featuring Actors Anthony Mackie (The Hurt Locker) and Kerry Washington.



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NCBW also forged new partnerships and maintained strategic alliances with community organizations including, Bergen PAC, Bergen County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs, Teaneck International Film Festival, YWCA of Bergen County, Urban League of Bergen County, American Heart Association, NAACP of Bergen County, WNET Thirteen (PBS), Englewood Hospital and Medical Center and Community Blood Services of New Jersey.

### **SELECTED ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ***Support health initiatives***
- ***Mentor young women in life's learning process***
- ***Provide financial assistance and sponsorship***
- ***Facilitate and sponsor various seminars and workshops***
- ***Promote cultural enrichment programs***
- ***Advocate for Women and Families***
- ***Promote legal advocacy***

#### **Is NCBW a volunteer organization?**

Members of the NCBW Bergen/Passaic Chapter are volunteers. The chapter provides over **8,000 volunteer hours** yearly to support various programs and projects in the areas of health, arts & culture, economic development, public awareness, mentoring, and education. Our membership includes a very diverse group of innovative, strategic, and dedicated women.

#### **Does NCBW work in collaboration with other organizations?**

NCBW seeks to cooperate with diverse organizations to achieve mutual goals. Partnerships include, but are not limited to: Logan Family Life Center, Teaneck Board of Education, Bergen Community College, Dwight Morrow High School, The FORUM at Teaneck High School, YWCA of Bergen County, Urban League for Bergen County, Princeton Review Foundation, Catherine's Closet, Bergen County Partnership for Community Health, Gilda's Club of Hackensack, CJ SIDS Foundation, Bergen Community Regional Blood Center, Oasis (a haven for women and children), NAACP, Jack and Jill of America, Bergen Passaic Chapter, The Links, Inc. Bergen County, American Cancer Society, Holy Name Hospital, Englewood Hospital, Center for Food Action, Garden State Bar Association, American Heart Association, Paterson Habitat for Humanity "Women Raise the Roof" Project, WNET Thirteen, and other national and local civic organizations.

#### **Financial Contributors and Supporters of NCBW Bergen/Passaic include:**

Altria Group, Inc., AstraZeneca, Continental Airlines, Prudential Foundation, Verizon Foundation, PSE&G, British Airways, State Farm Insurance Companies, Holy Name Hospital, Englewood Hospital, Bergen Community College, McDonald's Corporation, Amtrak, Bergen County Division of Cultural and Historical Affairs, Lord & Taylor, Hudson City Savings Bank, Masterfoods, USA, Inc., Bergen County Bar Foundation, GreenPoint Foundation, Bermuda Department of Tourism, Circuit City, Idamar - LLC, Panasonic, March of Dimes, American Heart Association, Bayer, New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ PAC), Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Hackensack University Medical Center and PNC Bank.