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### **Our Founder**

### Dr. Charles Warren "CW" Williams, Sr.

t rer **Dr. Charles Warren** "C.W." Williams, Sr., a renowned surgeon, was born In Hopkinsville, KY on November 15, 1925. He was an alumnus of Fisk University and a graduate of Meharry Medical College. After receiving his

medical degree, he Joined the United States Army and served as a MASH unit surgeon in the Korean War. Following his military service, Dr. Williams completed his surgery residency at Kate Bitting Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Winston- Salem, NC. He later moved his family to Charlotte, NC and established his first medical office, Northwest Medical Clinic.

In addition to practicing medicine, Dr. Williams held membership and leadership positions in numerous local and national organizations, including the Old North State Medical Society, American College of Surgeons, International College of Surgeons, Mecklenburg County Medical Society, National Medical Association, Sigma Pi Phi (The Boulé), National Association of Guardsmen, NAACP, Charlotte Urban League, and the Charlotte Boxing Commission. As a member of the Charlotte Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Dr. C.W. Williams established the Beautillion Militare.

Dr. Williams was a trailblazer and a visionary, accomplishing many "firsts" in his lifetime. He holds the distinction of being the first African-American surgeon on staff at Charlotte Memorial Hospital (now Atrium Health) and was the brainchild behind the development of the Hyde Park subdivision In north Charlotte. In the mid 1970s, Dr. Williams, along with several partners, established East Independence Plaza, the first black-owned office building in Uptown Charlotte.

Dr. Williams' passion was for his family, his patients, and the community he so diligently served. He envisioned a place where the medically undeserved and economically disadvantaged of Mecklenburg County could receive quality health care. In 1981, his vision came to fruition with the establishment of The C. W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc., where he served as the Center's first medical director until his death in 1982. The Center has been an Integral part of the Charlotte community for more than 36 years and continues to provide quality services and resources to those in need.



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#### **PROGRAM**

Welcome/The Occasion..... Erica Bryant
Event Emcee & News Anchor, WSOC-TV

Invocation..... Pastor Donna Lee Reed

Special Presentations.....Erica Bryant

DR. C.W. WILLIAMS HEALTH SERVICE AWARD Atrium Health Biddle Point

HEALTH SERVICE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Martez L. Prince, PharmD

**LEADERSHIP AWARD** Rocio Gonzalez Zornosa

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** The Charlotte Transgender Healthcare Group

> PACE SETTER AWARD Arboretum Obstetrics & Gynecology

#### **SPECIAL AWARDS**

Proclamation from the Mayor's OfficeViola Lyles
Mayor, City of Charlotte
Appeal for SupportWarren Williams
Former CWWCHC Board Member and Founder's Son
Introduction of Keynote SpeakerErica Bryant
Keynote SpeakerBakari Sellers
Attorney, CNN Commentator & Social Justice Advocate
Acknowledgements & ClosingDebra Weeks
Chief Executive Officer, The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc.

## Message from the Chief Executive Officer





# DEBRA WEEKS

Thank you to those who have done their part to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by being vaccinated and masking up. Please talk with your family, friends and neighbors who are not yet vaccinated, help them get accurate information and urge them to get their vaccine now.

For over 40 years, The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. (CWWCHC) has served Mecklenburg and surrounding Counties. Last year has been one of the most tumultuous and difficult times in the history of our world. COVID-19 has especially been difficult for North Carolinians and the community members we serve. During this pandemic, our Providers and staff have and continue to valiantly test, treat and vaccinate. They sacrifice themselves and family members to fight against this plague in order save lives! Their courage and commitment to show up every day for you, for me, for our community is more than admirable; it is heroic. We THANK YOU!

To our valued Patients, we THANK YOU for learning how to transition with us as we moved from in-patient visits to remote treatment and follow up - whether it was by phone, email, or through electronic means. We thank you for trusting our *TEAM* through the process and for doing your best to remain as healthy while working toward your "new reality." Most importantly, we THANK YOU for working through your fears, tears, concerns, and questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccine to protect you, your family, and the community!

We THANK YOU, Community Partners and Key Stake Holders who answered the call to action, who responded to the needs of the community and CWWCHC. For nearly two years, although many souls were lost, we continue to fight not only to survive, but also to thrive! It is with newfound appreciation we understand that together we will win! THANK YOU for making and distributing educational signs regarding COVID-19 and PPE, so as to assure that our patients, staff, and community stay safe; for making space available for large events as we pledged to maintain community safety through testing and vaccinations; and for closing down your agencies, churches, and venues to avoid community spread.

Now, in nearly my 7th year of leadership, The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. continues to penetrate our stake in the community by expanding care and services to meet our most pressing healthcare needs. The Center now also will revitalize how we come to you. We have medical and dental mobile units, transportation vans, new sites located and 800 Clanton Road and 5800 Old Pineville Road; and the most exciting news is that our Board of Directors has authorized the rebuild of the over 80 year old building at 3333 Wilkinson Blvd, which has been the heart of the community and provided service to generations. By 2023, our main location will incorporate fundamental changes of healthcare processes and culture within a physical environment that supports safe and innovative care.

The facility design of the Center, with its equipment and technology, has considered the impact on the quality and safety for all and will provide a unique opportunity to use current and emerging evidence to improve the physical environment in which our medical and enabling service TEAM work, and thus improve both patient care and outcomes. I promised you that we would meet the changing needs of our community, and implement new services and methodologies that will align with the ever-changing healthcare environment. Furthermore, we will continue to implement strategies that guarantee success and assure compliance. This is only the beginning. The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. will continue to build upon the services needed to affect healthy living in the communities we serve.

Stay Tuned... CWWCHC has more to come... Our Sincere Gratitude!



Debra Weeks, MSW Chief Executive Officer



### Message from the Chairman of the Board

WALTON



Greetings and welcome to the 5th Annual Women's Health & Doctor Recognition Luncheon!

Today, The C. W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. (CWWCHC), has a lot to celebrate. Since being elected board chair nearly seven years ago, there has been tremendous growth at CWWCHC. We continue to increase our revenue, our service lines, and continue to provide high quality care. Then the Pandemic hit... Our Team had to reimagine how to provide continuity of care & services safely as they to continue to save lives!

This season reminds me that we must do this work together. On behalf of the CWWCHC Board of Directors, I would like to recognize the commitment and compassion of our partner agencies, financial supporters, volunteers, and staff. It is with dedication to community, care, compassion, and precision that we will get through this pandemic safely, while meeting community needs.

We are proud of the many successes achieved by CWWCHC staff and Board this past year: new mobile units, expanded services at 800 Clanton Road and 5800 Old Pineville Road in Charlotte, NC, securing PCMH (Patient-Centered Medical Home) status; and rebuilding our mainstay facility at 3333 Wilkinson Blvd. to serve you better.

We look forward to 2022 and new adventures. We may meet bumps along the way, but with your help, we will win every challenge! I am more confident than ever that The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. does God's work every day and that our leadership and staff are well prepared for future growth.

To all of our patients, donors, community partners, staff, and to you - our special guests here today, there is much to accomplish. We must get the message out for every citizen to get vaccinated, test regularly, and wear face masks.

Congratulations to The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. on 40 years of outstanding service to the community!

William Walton Board Chairman



**Our Host** 



# **ERICA** BRYANT

Erica Bryant is an Emmy Award winning journalist. She currently co-anchors WSOC-TV "Channel 9 Eyewitness News" weeknights at 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 11 p.m. She previously worked for WCBD-TV in Charleston, South Carolina and WHNS-TV in Greenville, South Carolina.

Ms. Bryant earned her degree in Journalism and Mass Communications from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is passionate about volunteering in the community and focuses on issues facing disadvantaged women and children. She serves on the board of Safe Alliance, is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a member of the Crown Jewels Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, as well as the Charlotte Chapter of Jack and Jill of America.

Ms. Bryant lives in Charlotte with her husband and two children.

## Keynote Speaker





## Bakari Sellers, Esq.

Bakari Sellers was born in 1984 and raised in Denmark, South Carolina. He graduated from the South Carolina public school system and earned his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College in 2005, where he served as student body president and his law degree from the University of South Carolina in 2008.

Bakari made history in 2006 when, at just 22 years old, he defeated a 26-year incumbent State Representative to become the youngest member of the South Carolina state legislature and the youngest African American elected official in the nation. In 2014 he was the Democratic Nominee for Lt. Governor in the state of South Carolina. Bakari has worked for United States Congressman James Clyburn and former Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin. He served on President Barack Obama's South Carolina steering committee during the 2008 election and is widely considered to be a rising star within the Democratic Party and a leading voice for his generation. He was named to TIME Magazine's 40 Under 40 in 2010 as well as 2014 and 2015 "The Root 100" list of the nation's most influential African-Americans.

Bakari has served as a featured speaker at events for the National Education Association, College Democrats of America National Convention, and the 2008 and 2016 Democratic National Convention. He is the author of New York Times Bestseller <u>My Vanishing Country</u> and a CNN political commentator.

Bakari is admitted to practice law in all state and federal courts in South Carolina. He is a member of the South Carolina Bar, Richland County Bar Association, and the South Carolina Association for Justice.





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### THE DR. C.W. WILLIAMS HEALTH SERVICE AWARD

# Atrium Health's Biddle Point Family Practice



Carolinas Medical Center's (CMC) **Biddle Point Family Practice** was opened by Atrium Health in 1997 as a community health center serving western and central Charlotte neighborhoods. The practice includes physicians and other healthcare professionals who address challenging inner city problems, such as homelessness, violence, AIDS, teenage pregnancy, and other health and social problems at the community level.

In 1996, Biddle Point Family Practice created an urban training program to provide unique educational opportunities to those interested in undeserved care. The track offers a novel and innovative family medicine training experience to medical residents who rotate through a combined family medicine inpatient service and off-service rotations at CMC. Each year, the program accepts three residents, who work with committed family physicians in a healthcare delivery model focusing on a team-based model of care and community involvement.

Physicians and staff are dedicated to providing care for underserved patients of all ages, from newborns to senior citizens. CMC Biddle Point Physicians include: Dr. Emily Cooper, Family Practice Medical Director, Dr. Christina M. Garcia, Track Site Director, Dr. Heather Burney, Dr. Talaya Clark, Dr. Nneka Hendrix, Dr. Cynthia Hill, Dr. Sveta Mohanan, and Dr. Shivonne Suttles.

# HEALTH SERVICE LEADERSHIP AWARD Dr. Martez Prince

**Dr. Martez Prince** began his pharmacy career at the age of 16 as a pharmacy clerk at an independent pharmacy before attending Florida A & M University, where he graduated from the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2010 with his Doctorate in Pharmacy. Upon Graduating, Dr. Prince relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina to work for a big-box retailer as a community pharmacist where he excelled amongst his peers in service and helping patients achieve their wellness goals.

After identifying corporate barriers that prevented Dr. Prince from impacting the patients in the manner he always envisioned, he decided to make his corporate exit to launch in 2015 the Premier Pharmacy and Wellness Center, an independent pharmacy with the community at its forefront. Through this company, Dr. Prince created a model that would earn him many awards in the area of pharmacy, entrepreneurship, and philanthropy, as well as the attention of Media Mogul Oprah Winfrey, who during her Vision 2020 Wellness Tour quoted his work as being "A model for the country."



"Dr. Martez Prince's advice has made a significant difference in my life."



In addition to his role as the CEO of Premier Pharmacy and Wellness Center, Dr. Prince serves on multiple community boards, including serving as Chairman of The Premier Foundation of NC, which he also founded in 2015 as a philanthropic arm to Premier Pharmacy and Wellness Center. To date, The Premier Foundation has provided over \$100,000 in scholarships and services to the community as an effort to level the playing field.

Dr. Prince has been quoted in more than 90 publications, including Black Enterprise, NBC Health News, and other notable media. Although Dr. Prince lives by the famous quote of Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, which states "Success isn't always about greatness. It's about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success. Greatness will come," he still finds time to enjoy life and indulge in some of his favorite hobbies, such as traveling, cooking, outdoor adventures, creating content for media, and helping others execute their ideas beyond conception. Dr. Martez Prince is a pharmacist who has a one-on-one relationships with each of his customers, who say that the doctor's advice has made a significant difference in their lives.

### **LEADERSHIP AWARD**





**Rocio González** relocated to Charlotte in 1998 and began a very successful Real Estate Career. She focused on helping Latino families achieve the American dream of homeownership. In 2014, she received the "Hispanic Real Estate Agent Pioneer Award" from the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals (NAHREP). Ms. González has supported the Latin community through the Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte (LACCC) since 2004 as a member, Board of Director's Secretary (2010 and 2011), full-time Director of Membership and Resource Development (2012), and past role as the Executive Director, and in her current role as Latino Program Director at the Carolinas Small Business Development Fund.

At LACCC, Ms. González was instrumental in a membership increase of 300% and earned the "2014 Hispanic Chamber of the Year Award" by the US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC). She has received the "Community Service Person of the Year 2016 Award" by the La Noticia Spanish Newspaper, the "NFL Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award" in 2016, the Charlotte Business Journal "Women in Business 2017 Award," the Latina-Style Magazine "Advocate of the Year 2017 Award," and the "WC15 Power Award" in 2018. Most recently, the LACCC was recognized as the "Diversity Advocate of the Year" in 2019 by the City of Charlotte at their "Crowns of Enterprise" award event. Ms. González was born in NY, her family lives in Bogota, Colombia, and she is very happy to call Charlotte home.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

# The Charlotte Transgender Healthcare Group





The Charlotte Transgender Healthcare Group (CTHCG) is a multidisciplinary group of licensed medical, surgical, mental health, and other specialty healthcare providers who work with gender-diverse individuals of all ages in Charlotte and surrounding areas.

CTHCG was founded in 2012 with the intent to provide a forum for education and consultation for local healthcare professionals working with transgender and gender non-conforming individuals and their families. Additionally, CTHCG aims to provide increased accessibility to affirming care for our local community, as many individuals often struggle to find safe and affirming healthcare. The group's organizing mission is to preserve a foundation of education and consultation necessary to promote professional proficiency and growth to best support the local transgender and gender non-conforming population. CTHCG members participate in the education and training of healthcare providers, advocacy regarding transgender rights, and connecting and collaborating with other affirming community resources and organizations.

### PACE SETTER AWARD

## **Arboretum Obstetrics & Gynecology**

Arboretum Obstetrics and Gynecology is the only private practice in Charlotte with all female physicians. We are Women Doctors for Women Patients. Our South Charlotte Obstetrics and Gynecology practice was founded by Dr. Sophia Paige, under the premise that all women should receive medical treatment from a physician whom they feel they can relate to and speak with freely.

Our physicians, Dr. Sophia Paige, Dr. Mala Freeman-Kwaku, Dr. Octavia Cannon, and Dr. Deborah Warren, have over forty years combined obstetrics and gynecology experience. In addition to their vast experience, they are all board-certified in obstetrics & gynecology.

**Dr. Sophia Paige** was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Virginia and her medical training at The Ohio State University. Dr. Paige finished her residency program at the University of California at Los Angeles and founded Arboretum Ob/Gyn in 2000.

**Dr. Mala Freeman-Kwaku** was born and raised in Norfolk, Virginia. After completing her undergraduate degree and medical training at the University of Virginia, she finished her residency at Georgetown University. Dr. Freeman -Kwaku joined Arboretum Ob/Gyn in 2002.

**Dr. Octavia Cannon** is a native of East Lansing, Michigan. She completed her undergraduate degree with honors from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C. and completed her medical training at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Miami, FL. She returned to Michigan to complete her residency training at St. John/Detroit Riverview Hospital and Hutzel Hospital. Dr Cannon joined Arboretum Ob/Gyn in 2005.

**Dr. Deborah Warren** was born in Akron, Ohio and raised in Bradenton, FL. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Florida and medical training at Wake Forest University. After completing her residency at the Medical University of South Carolina she partnered with Lake Norman Ob/Gyn in private practice for 12 years. Dr. Warren has worked part -time with Arboretum Ob/Gyn since 2014.



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# Celebrating 40 Years of Service.

Novant Health is honored to help sponsor this special event commemorating the C.W. Williams Community Health Center's 40 years of service. Celebrations like this remind us that with dedication and perseverance, we can create strong communities that offer a healthy, vibrant future to all.



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# **CWWCHC IS BUILDING A NEW FACILITY AT 3333 WILKINSON BOULEVARD!**

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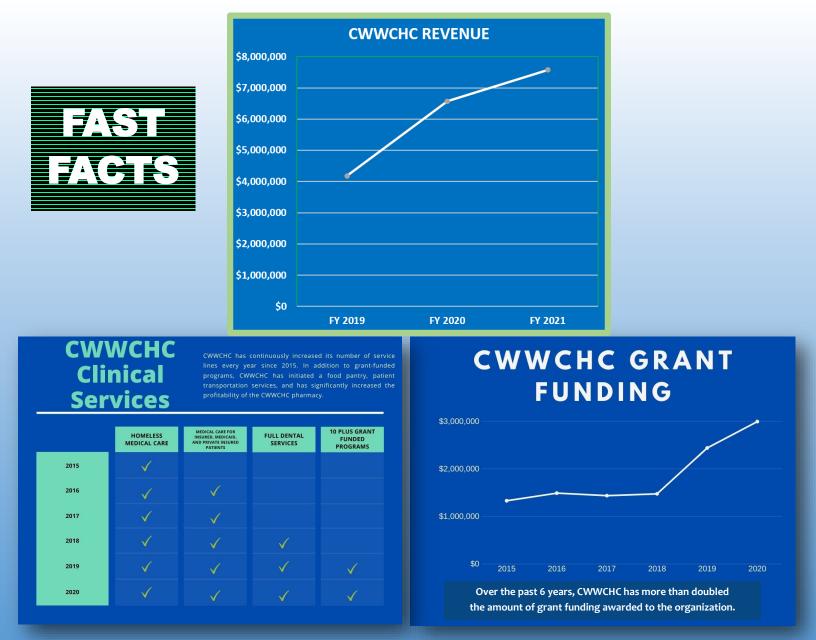




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# IN THE News

# The C. W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. opens two new sites, launches medical mobile program, plans to build new facility, and provides COVID-19 services.

- CWWCHC recently opened two new facilities in Charlotte: one at 800 Clanton Road, and one at 5800 Old Pineville Road. These sites will enable CWWCHC to expand staff and services to better serve its patient population. CWWCHC also plans to build a new facility at is 3333 Wilkinson Boulevard location.
- To address medical and oral healthcare disparities and increase access to care in CWWCHC's service area, CWWCHC has purchased mobile medical and dental clinics. These units will travel to communities to provide services to vulnerable populations who face socio-economic, geographic, transportation, and other barriers to care. Stay tuned to www.cwwilliams.org for further details. CWWCHC is on the move!
- CWWCHC has remained opened throughout the entire COVID-19 pandemic, while many other healthcare providers closed their doors. To date, CWWCHC has administered over 2,200 COVID-19 vaccinations and more than 20,000 COVID-19 tests.

# TOGETHER IS BETTER

We're proud to support the C.W. Williams Fourth Annual Women's Health and Doctor Recognition Luncheon. Together, we're bringing health equity to those in need and making our community a stronger, healthier place to live.



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