

22nd Annual Harambee

Women of Excellence

AWARDS LUNCHEON

•THE POWER OF HER VOICE: LEADING, LIFTING, AND TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES•

2026
HONOREES



Yvette Holmes

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Lillian M. Davis

HEALTH AND HEALING



Erica Porter

SOCIAL JUSTICE CHAMPION



Dr. Mariah Walker

STAR IN S.T.E.A.M.



Aleta Howell
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Feb. 21, 2026
12 noon - 2 pm

Sheraton Imperial Hotel (RTP)
4700 Emperor Boulevard,
Durham, NC 27703

February 21, 2026

Greetings Friends and Supporters,



I extend my deepest gratitude for your presence at the **22nd Annual Harambee Awards Luncheon**. Your participation allows a powerful gathering rooted in purpose, legacy, and collective uplift. The **Capital Area Section of North Carolina of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.** is honored to celebrate extraordinary women whose lives and leadership transform communities. It is our distinct privilege to recognize four honorees who embody this year's theme, ***"The Power of Her Voice: Leading, Lifting, and Transforming Communities."***

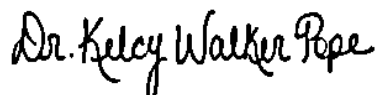
Guided by the enduring legacy of our founder, the indomitable Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune—visionary educator, fearless civic leader, and architect of opportunity—the Capital Area Section of NC of NCNW remains unwavering in its commitment to service. We proudly stand on the shoulders of trailblazing women who entrusted us with the sacred charge to expand access, create pathways, and improve the lives of African American women and communities.

Our work is bold and intentional. We champion social justice with a focused commitment to women's issues, voter education, and civic engagement. We invest in the brilliance of our youth through education in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM), while cultivating economic empowerment and entrepreneurial opportunity. Through strategic partnerships, we also confront health inequities and work tirelessly to address the disparities that disproportionately impact Black women and their families.

To our distinguished guests and supporters, thank you. Your generosity fuels our mission and sustains the vital programs that move our communities forward. Your investment reaches far beyond this celebration—it is a catalyst for lasting impact and meaningful change.

Finally, I offer my heartfelt appreciation to our exceptional Harambee Committee. Your dedication, collaboration, and tireless efforts brought this vision to life. In the truest spirit of *Harambee*—to pull together—you exemplified unity, excellence, and purpose. Because of you, this occasion was not only successful, but unforgettable.

In Service and Sisterhood,



Dr. Kelcy Walker Pope
President, Capital Area Section of NC of NCNW, Inc.

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Founder

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Dear Friends, Supporters, and Sisters,



We are delighted to host the **22nd Annual Harambee Awards Luncheon**, celebrating the remarkable contributions of women in our community.

This year's theme, "**The Power of Her Voice: Leading, Lifting, and Transforming Communities**," highlights the Capital Area Section of North Carolina of the National Council of Negro Women, Incorporated (NCNW) belief that empowering women to speak with courage, clarity, and conviction strengthens communities and shapes their future.

Today's event pays tribute to remarkable women whose leadership brings this vision to life. Through their dedication to advocacy, service, innovation, and unwavering commitment, our Honorees not only lead but also uplift others and inspire meaningful change. Their influence embodies the ideals **Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune**, our founder, articulated in 1935 when she united women from diverse backgrounds, organizations, and fields to promote the greater good.

My heartfelt thanks go to our Keynote Speaker, Emcee, and everyone who has contributed to today's program. Your involvement and talents highlight the strength of shared purpose and enhance this special gathering.

Additionally, I want to acknowledge the **Harambee Awards Planning Committee** for their hard work, collaboration, and relentless efforts. Your commitment ensures that our celebration continues to be a hallmark of excellence for our Section and our broader community.

To our sponsors, partners, vendors, guests, and members of the Capital Area Section of NCNW, we deeply appreciate your ongoing support. Your generosity makes it possible for us to advance NCNW's mission – to advocate for women, strengthen families, and serve our communities – while upholding a legacy of service, unity, dedication, and self-reliance with passion and purpose.

As we recognize the accomplishments of our honorees, let us reaffirm our shared responsibility in using our collective voices. As Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune so eloquently stated, "*The progress of the world will call for the best that all of us have to give.*"

Let us continue rising to that challenge – leading bravely, uplifting one another, and transforming our communities.

With Gratitude and Sisterhood,

Jural T. Melvin

First Vice President and Harambee Chairperson
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– Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune

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Dear Dr. Pope and Capital Area Section Members,

Asst. Recording Secretary
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On behalf of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., North Carolina State Coalition, I extend congratulations on the success of your HARAMBEE 2026, 22nd Annual Women of Excellence Awards Luncheon as you highlight "The Power of Her Voice: Leading, Lifting, and Transforming Communities."

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The theme of "HARAMBEE," meaning "all pull together" in Swahili, perfectly captures the spirit of collaboration and collective action that defines NCNW. The Capital Area Section continues to be a strong pillar within our coalition and an exemplary figure, pulling together, in sisterhood and service. I commend your dedication and hard work as you continue to uplift women and strengthen our communities.

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May the spirit of "HARAMBEE" guide all your endeavors as you strive to build a brighter future for African American women, her family, and her community, across North Carolina, and beyond.

Health Equity
Maya Pittman
Dr. Kelcy Walker Pope

Yours in Sisterhood and Service,

Social Justice
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The Capital Area Section of NC of NCNW

Community Outreach

Making a difference in our communities by providing opportunities and support to the following organizations, programs and initiatives (www.cas-ncnw.org)

Educational Scholarship

CAS Goal: Provide yearly financial assistance and scholarships to college students in financial need seeking higher education.

Health Equity

CAS Goal: Focuses on the five health targets that include but are not limited to Breast Cancer, HIV/AIDs, Maternal Health, Mental Health, and Affordable Health Care, as well as working closely with the CDC Good Health Wins Initiative.

Loaves and Fishes

CAS Goal: Supports the after-school program with supplies and other initiatives as requested by the program. Our co-founder initiated this program over 24 years ago. We continue to provide services to children in their program yearly. (www.lafchildren.org)

MATCH: Mothers and Their Children

CAS Goal: Provide support to children of women incarcerated in Wake County. Program assistance includes visitation support, rides, and book drives. (mothersandtheirchildren.org)

Raleigh Rescue Mission

CAS Goal: Provide gifts, resources, and supplies as requested by the organization. Support the mission's programs, including the New Life Plan, and host STEAM workshops. (www.raleighrescue.org)

Social Justice

CAS Goal: Informs and participates in local legislative affairs that concern women and their families within the community.

The Women's Center

CAS Goal: Provide clothing, toiletries, food and serving of meals for clients of The Women's Center of Wake County. (wcwc.org)

National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW)

National History

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. is a council of national African American women's organizations and community-based sections. NCNW was founded in **1935** by **Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955)**, an influential educator and activist who called together **28** national women leaders to form "**an organization of organizations**" – a council. "**This Council**" would represent the concerns of Black women, bringing organizations together and giving Black women the opportunities to realize their goals for **social justice** and **human rights** through united, constructive action. Today, the mission of NCNW is to **lead, develop, and advocate for women of African descent as they support their families and communities**. NCNW fulfills this purpose through research, advocacy, and national and community-based service programs grounded on a foundation of critical concerns that are now "NCNW Priorities; **Core Four,**" promoting **Education and STEAM** (Science, Technology, Education, Art, and Math), encourages **Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship**, educate women about **Health Equity**, and promote **Social Justice** advocating for sound public policy and civic engagement.

Capital Area Section of North Carolina

CAS History

"Coming Together is a Beginning, Keeping Together is Progress, Working Together is Success" is the motto of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) – Capital Area Section (CAS). This motto was the motivation for the vision of founders **Christine B. Jones** and **Frances B. Grant** who, in February 1997, established CAS.

Two years later, due to the unrelenting determination and strong leadership of founding members, the Capital Area Section was established. On April 24, 1999, a candlelight charter ceremony was held at Shaw University with 68 members in attendance.

We are proud to be celebrating **28** years of community service. Throughout the years, CAS has been blessed with many talented, dedicated and committed members who strongly embrace the needs of the community and work to advance the growth of African American women. This has been accomplished through committees via the **Core Four programs, Education and STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math), **Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship, Health Equity/Good Health Wins (GHWs)**, and **Social Justice**, also including the Women's Center, Raleigh Rescue Mission, and Loaves and Fishes.

Programme

Welcome	Jural T. Melvin, 1 st Vice President & Harambee Chair
Occasion	Dr. Kelcy Walker Pope, President
Scripture	Mona Roberts, CAS-NCNW Member
Prayer/Blessing of the food	Dr. Christal Jenkins McGirt, Chaplain

Singing of the Black National Anthem* – “Lift Every Voice and Sing.”
Kimberly Michelle

CAS-NCNW History & Memorial	Ruby Hall, CAS-NCNW Charter Member Brenda Brewton-Peake, 2 nd Vice President Annette Black, CAS-NCNW Charter Member
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Lunch

CAS-NCNW Outreach Programs	Shiretta Shaw-Wiggins, CAS-NCNW Member
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Recognition of Honorees

Yvette Holmes for Community Advocate Entrepreneur
Presented by Melissa Boddie, CAS-NCNW Member

Lillian M. Davis for Health and Healing
Presented by Sigmon Zeleke, Immediate Past President

Erica Porter for Social Justice Champion
Presented by Angela Grimes, CAS-NCNW Member

Dr. Mariah Walker for Star in STEAM
Presented by Aleix Murphy, CAS-NCNW Member

Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Zelda Casher, CAS-NCNW Financial Secretary
Keynote Address	Aleta Howell
Closing Remarks	Dr. Kelcy Walker Pope, President Jural T. Melvin, 1 st VP & Harambee Chair

***Please Stand**



Aleta Howell

Keynote Speaker

Aleta Howell is the Senior Director for Global Talent Strategy & Entry Talent Recruiting at Cisco, where she leads global initiatives focused on attracting, engaging, and developing early-career talent. She partners closely with business and HR leaders to build inclusive, scalable recruiting strategies that strengthen Cisco's workforce and future leadership pipeline.

In her role, Aleta oversees global entry-level recruiting programs and university partnerships, helping Cisco connect with top emerging talent while fostering an environment in which individuals feel welcomed, valued, and empowered to succeed. Her work plays a critical role in bringing fresh perspectives and innovation to the organization.

Previously, Aleta led Cisco's DEI Talent Strategy team, where she aligned corporate and functional diversity, equity, and inclusion priorities with recruiting strategies and programs. She was instrumental in shaping inclusive recruiting practices for university hiring and collaborated with senior leaders to embed diversity metrics and accountability into talent processes.

Before joining Cisco, Aleta spent more than two decades as a senior branding and strategy consultant, advising executives and leadership teams at Fortune 500 companies. Her background spans brand marketing, strategic consulting, and talent acquisition strategy, bringing a unique blend of business, brand, and people expertise to her work.

Aleta began her career as a brand manager at Nabisco Foods and later transitioned into higher education, serving as Associate Director of Admissions for Minority Recruitment and, subsequently, as MBA Admissions Director at the Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC-Chapel Hill.

She holds a BA in Economics and Business Management from North Carolina State University and an MBA from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC-Chapel Hill. Aleta resides in Raleigh, North Carolina, and is the proud mother of two college-aged daughters. In her spare time, she enjoys singing, cooking, writing, and traveling.

Yvette Holmes
Community Advocate Entrepreneur



Yvette is the CEO for Southeast Raleigh Promise, a non-profit organization located in the heart of Raleigh's historically black community. It is the first Purpose Built Communities National Network member organization in Raleigh/Wake County, and the 16th of more than 25 in the country. Yvette leads an effective team of professionals and oversees the organization's fiscal and operational management. As CEO of a quarterback organization, Yvette shapes and leads strategies, attracts and leverages investment, builds relationships with residents and the community, and cultivates cross-sector partnerships to improve the quality of life and create opportunities for Southeast Raleigh residents, small businesses, and nonprofits. As a thoughtful leader, Yvette has more than 30 years of experience as a nonprofit administrator, fundraiser, and public and civic engagement specialist.

The place-based model focuses on achieving improved outcomes in the areas of mixed income housing, economic mobility, education, and health and wellness. Located along Rock Quarry Road in southeast Raleigh, the Beacon Site is a local expression of the Purpose Built Communities model, developed through strategic partnerships with Southeast Raleigh Promise serving as the community quarterback organization. The 32-acre campus is home to the Southeast Raleigh YMCA; SE Raleigh Elementary School; Beacon Ridge affordable apartment homes; and Beacon Point, a

two-story commercial-retail complex that serves as the Southeast Raleigh Promise headquarters and features the community's first black-owned cafe.

Yvette is known and respected as a thoughtful leader who cares deeply about issues and inequities impacting residents of Southeast Raleigh. For more than two decades, Yvette has been a resident of the Southeast Raleigh community, where she also has provided leadership and technical support to assist the start-up and growth of small nonprofits and community-based coalitions focused on improving neighborhoods and addressing the needs of residents.

Yvette studied Computer Science at Morgan State University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from William Peace University. She returned to her HBCU roots to earn an Executive Master of Public Administration degree from N. C. Central University in Durham. Yvette is a 2023 Leadership Triangle Goodmon Fellow and an inaugural honoree of the Triangle Business Journal's Peak 25.

Yvette is married, and she has three sons and three granddaughters. She enjoys time with family, creative writing, and she describes trips to the beach as "my happy place." Yvette believes in hopeful possibilities and in the undeniable promise we hold individually and as a community.



Lillian M. Davis

Health and Healing

Lillian M. Davis is a native of Johnston County. Lillian graduated in May 2005 from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. She also received her Special Education Teaching Certification from Fayetteville State University. Lillian has traveled across North Carolina advocating for mental health, diversity in leadership, and fostering leadership skills in emerging leaders.

Her previous professional roles include Director of Business Development (Pride in North Carolina, LLC), Regional Director of Business Development (Strategic Behavioral Health), Regional Intake Director (NC Mentor), Special Education Teacher (West Clayton Elementary School), League Director (Junior League of Raleigh), Executive Director (NAMI Wake County), and currently Director of Public Policy & Advocacy (NAMI NC State Office).

Lillian's 28 years of expertise in Mental Health have led her to work more closely with Public Policy and Advocacy. She has traveled the state to ensure that mental health initiatives are a topic of discussion. Lillian has witnessed mental health being a difficult topic in several communities. However, Lillian has found innovative ways to ensure the discussion takes place and viable resources are available for those who need them.

During the past two years she has worked alongside two Governors (Past Governor Roy Cooper and Governor Josh Stein), County Commissioners, legislators, and community partners as a Registered Lobbyist. This allows her to sit at the table and

assist with creating legislation to improve mental health resources, adequate rights for those living with mental illness, and disparities in the current healthcare system.

Lillian continues to remain dedicated to other community organizations such as: Raleigh Alumnae Chapter-Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (Immediate Past Chapter President, 2021-2025), Raleigh Chapter-The Links Inc. (Parliamentarian, 2023-Present), Junior League of Raleigh (Member, 2021-Present), Ruth Chapter-Order of the Eastern Star, PHA (Member, 2010-Present).

Recent Appointments:
NC Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services;
Appointed by: Governor Josh Stein (2025-2028)

National Social Action Commission; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (2025-2027); Appointed by: Cheryl Turner, International President and CEO

Recent Awards: Triangle Business Journal's:
Community Champion Award (Non-Profit Leaders)
2025-2026

Lillian's goals are to create a world in which diversity and equality for all is no longer an option, but the norm. And that everyone has equal access to leadership opportunities and community resources. Her quote for 2026 is: Our "civil rights" and "democracy" are non-negotiable!

Erica Porter

Social Justice Champion



Erica Porter is a trusted civic leader, community advocate, and social justice champion whose work is deeply rooted in Southeast Raleigh, Wake County, and communities across North Carolina. For more than 20 years, Erica has lived in, worked in, and been shaped by the city of Raleigh. She brings her fun personality, attention to detail, and deep desire to create equity for all into every space she enters, along with a strong belief in the power of partnerships, community voice, and collective action.

Since 2018, Erica has been a visible and steady presence in the fight for fair, accessible, and transparent elections, earning the respect of community members, advocates, and election administrators alike through her principled leadership and unwavering commitment to voters. Erica most recently served as Chair of the Wake County Board of Elections, where she helped guide the largest and most complex election jurisdiction in the state through moments of intense scrutiny, political pressure, and systemic challenges. Throughout her tenure, she was known for her calm leadership, moral clarity, and refusal to compromise the integrity of the democratic process. Erica consistently centered voters, particularly those from historically marginalized communities, while also standing up for election workers and the systems that ensure elections are conducted fairly, lawfully, and with dignity. Her leadership on the Board reflected a deep understanding that democracy is not theoretical; it is operational, and it must be protected at every level.

In addition to her service on the Board of Elections, Erica spent nearly six years at the Southeast Raleigh

YMCA, serving just under four years as Director of Workforce Development, where she designed and led fellowship programs for youth and young adults focused on economic mobility, civic engagement, and leadership development. She also led large-scale food distributions and community events that served thousands of households annually, building trust, access, and joy in Southeast Raleigh. Her work there reflected her belief that social justice is not only fought for in policy spaces but also built daily in neighborhoods, schools, and community centers.

In 2026, Erica stepped down from the Wake County Board of Elections to take on a statewide role as Director of Partner Engagement with the NC Voter Protection Alliance. In this role, she continues her lifelong commitment to strengthening democracy, supporting election administrators, and building partnerships that protect access to the ballot across North Carolina.

After graduating from North Carolina State University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management with a focus on Program Management, Erica built a career grounded in creating meaningful programs, navigating organizational culture, valuing stakeholder voices, and ensuring communities feel seen, heard, and supported. Outside of her professional work, she enjoys sneakers, local art and fashion, great food and cocktails, and spending time with her beloved dog, Naomi Rose.

For Erica, social justice is lived, not labeled. It shows up in preparation, accountability, community presence, and the courage to stand firm when it matters most.



Dr. Mariah Walker

Star in S.T.E.A.M.

Dr. Mariah Walker has served as principal of Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy since 2022. A Raleigh native and North Carolina Teaching Fellow, Dr. Walker earned her bachelor's degree in English and Secondary Education, magna cum laude, from North Carolina State University. She went on to earn two master's degrees in Curriculum Supervision and Leadership and School Administration, as well as her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from NC State University.

Dr. Walker began her career as an educator at Sanderson High School and later served as an assistant principal at Sanderson High School and Pleasant Grove Elementary. She became principal of Hilburn PreK-8 Academy, where she led the school to strong and sustained academic outcomes, including meeting and exceeding EVAAS growth targets and increasing EOG proficiency across grade levels.

Under her leadership, Hilburn earned recognition as a Model Green School, implemented the Community Resiliency Model to support student and staff well-being, and was designated an NC STEM School, strengthening interdisciplinary instruction, inquiry-based learning, and access to rigorous STEM experiences for students. Dr. Walker also prioritized academic systems that expanded access to advanced coursework and strengthened

instructional practices through data-driven decision-making.

At Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy, Dr. Walker has continued to advance a rigorous academic vision grounded in equity, innovation, and opportunity, including expanded early college pathways, STEM-focused programming, and partnerships that support college and career readiness for young women.

Dr. Walker is widely recognized for fostering inclusive and sustainable school cultures. Her leadership has included initiatives supporting working mothers, improving Teacher Working Conditions, and building systems that allow educators to thrive professionally and personally. Her doctoral research and postgraduate work have focused on academic equity, linguistics across diverse student populations, female leadership in secondary and central office roles, and addressing underrepresentation and performance gaps in Academically and Intellectually Gifted programs.

In recognition of her impact, Dr. Walker was named the 2025–26 Wake County Public School System Principal of the Year and the 2026 Wells Fargo North Central Regional Principal of the Year.

Proud to serve her hometown, Dr. Walker believes deeply in the power of community, strong academic systems, and meaningful relationships to nurture confident, capable, and compassionate young people.

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Chaplain

Congratulations

Lillian M. Davis

2026 Health and Healing
Honoree



With deep admiration and gratitude, we celebrate Lillian M. Davis for her unwavering commitment to wellness, compassion, and community care. Her journey reflects the power of healing, the beauty of resilience, and the impact of showing up with heart

Love Sigmon Zeleke

Congratulations
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Congratulations



YVETTE HOLMES

Community Advocate
Entrepreneur Honoree

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***Your voice leads. Your work lifts.
Your impact transforms communities.***

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to advocacy, entrepreneurship, and service.

With pride,
Your Southeast Raleigh Promise Team

In Loving Memory of *Christine Baxter Jones*



Christine Jones was a visionary educator, dedicated leader, and compassionate mentor who co-founded the Capital Area Section of the National Council of Negro Women in 1997. She led with confidence, competence, and an unwavering commitment to service and excellence. Christine faithfully attended every meeting until she was no longer able, demonstrating her deep devotion to the organization and its mission.

A lifelong educator at heart, Christine believed in the power of teaching to uplift, empower, and transform lives. She led with integrity and compassion, always encouraging others to grow, lead, and serve with purpose. Her influence shaped the foundation of the organization and inspired generations of women to walk in leadership with grace and confidence.

We honor and remember Christine Jones for her enduring legacy, steadfast dedication, and the profound impact she made on our organization and community. Her light continues to guide us.

Corrie Marable, Elizabeth Clarkson, Brenda Peake, Sigmon Zeleke, Margaret George, Willi Webb, Linda Reynolds, Deborah Beckwith, Jewel Almond, Marjorie Younger, Shiretta Wiggins, Thelma Blake, Oweida Cole, Ruby all, Myra Stewart, Annette Black, Regina Hill, Adelaide Riddick, Deborah Beckwith, Deborah Henderson, Lucy Aikens, Annie Doris Jackson

Celebrating the life and contributions of our beloved aunt
to the Capital Area Section National Counsel of Negro Women

Vivian Stewart Cooper



Civic engagement and community service were central to Vivian's life. She was an active and proud member of the NAACP, CORE, the Urban League, the NCCU Alumni Association, and the Capital Area Section of the National Council of Negro Women, of which she was a charter member. Through these organizations, Vivian demonstrated her dedication to justice, equality, and the advancement of her community. Her faith compelled her not only to believe, but to act.

James & Myra Stewart

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*Congratulations
Ercia Porter*

2026 Social Justice Champion Honoree

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*Your dedication and service inspire us all-
to work lewards a brighter, more just future.*



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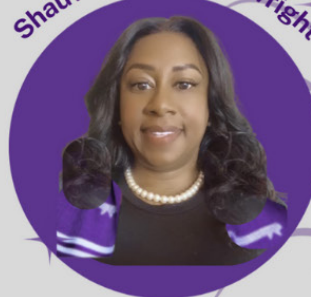
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Congratulations

Capital Area Section NCNW on 22nd Annual Harambee Celebration

"Raleigh Rescue Mission (RRM) Committee in Action"



CAS RRM Holiday Wish



CAS RRM STEAM Team



CAS RRM Easter Packing



CAS RRM Holiday Packing



CAS RRM STEAM Workshop



CAS RRM Welcome Bag



CAS RRM STEAM Workshop

Members: Shiretta Shaw (Co-Chair), Nicole Shields (Co-Chair), Annette Black, Audrey Langston-Jones, Cathy Harris, Claudine Moseley, Cynthia Grissom, Deborah Beckwith, Doris Jackson, Jewel Almond, Karena Atkinson, Kelcy Walker Pope, Lucy Aikens, Margaret Bess, Marjorie Younger, Mary Coble, Myra Stewart, Oweida Cole, Regina Hill, Sigmon Zeleke, Tamela Hanks, Willi Webb.



In Loving Memory

We'll always know
The brightest star In
the sky is you
Watching over us.

Lillian S. Bess

With Love,
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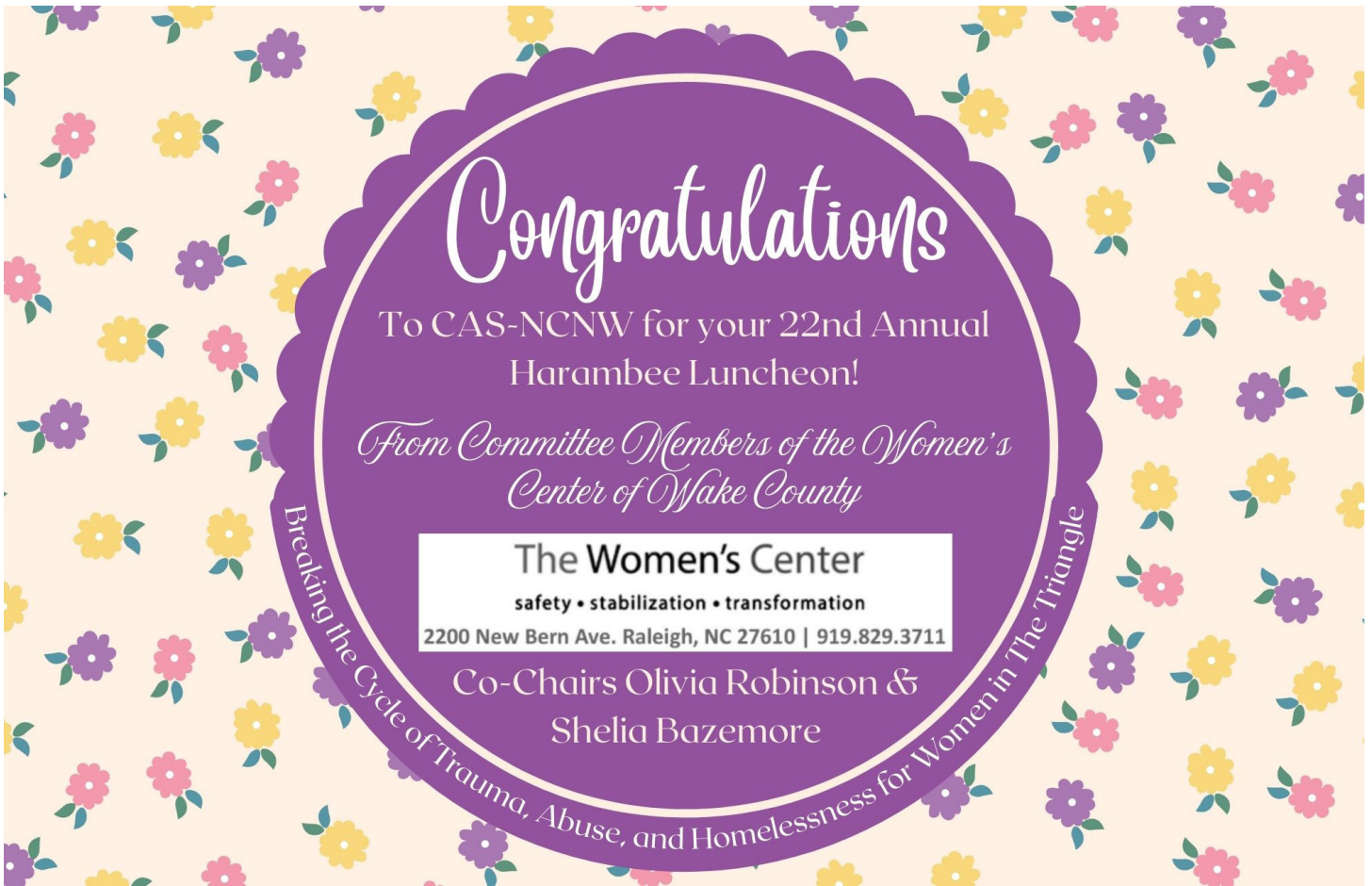


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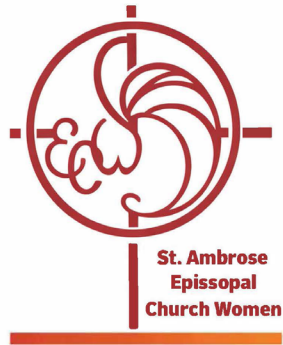




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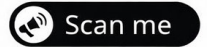


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