

National Coalition of 100 Black Women host 8th Annual Pioneer Black Women Reception

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Chattanooga Chapter will host their 8th Annual Pioneer Black Women Award of Excellence reception Saturday April 28th, 2007 at Hawkinsville Baptist Church. The reception will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will honor three African American women who have made significant contributions to the Chattanooga community.

This year's honorees included Gertrude Cox Trammell, President/Owner of Hardwick & Sons Funeral Homes; Mary Hobson Frazier, Elementary Educator with Hamilton County Schools; and Evelyn Robinson Hardin, Educator and Community Activist.



Gertrude Cox Trammell



Mary Hobson Frazier



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Katherine Bryant, NCBW Community Involvement Committee Chairperson, stated, "The honorees for this year's award were nominated and selected based on the contributions they have made over the past several decades in the areas of education, entrepreneurship, and community/public service. They are each distinguished in their own right and the contributions they have made extend not only to the Chattanooga community, but to the surrounding communities as well". Vickie Mathis, co-chair for this year's reception added, "In addition to the contributions they have made, these women were instrumental in charting the course for women and opening doors during a time when opportunities were not always presented to women of color. "Their leadership skills, tireless efforts and unyielding commitment have touched countless lives in multiple ways. The city of Chattanooga has been blessed by their dedication."

Chapter President, Vickie Kellum added, "The Black Pioneer Women reception is one of the signature programs of our local chapter. We are both pleased and excited to celebrate the legacy of these women by paying tribute to them in such an honorable way."

The mission of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc., Chattanooga Chapter is to advocate enhanced quality of life for individuals and families of color by facilitating programs that address their needs and unites the public and private sector of Chattanooga to ensure progress of African American women. While establishing a sisterly bond, these programs foster leadership, educational opportunities, economic partnership and political strength.