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100 BLACK WOMEN ANNOUNCE 2013 DAVIS-GALLOWAY NOMINEES

NASHVILLE – (February 24, 2013) – The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Metropolitan Nashville Chapter has announced its 2013 Davis-Galloway Empowerment Award nominees.

The nominees, submitted by supporting organizations across the city, will be recognized at the organization's 2013 Sister-for-Sister Conference, March 9 at The Hutton Hotel. This year's theme is "Making a Difference: Many Women...One Vision." The award recipient will be unveiled during the conference's Women of Color Luncheon, which will feature keynote speaker, national financial expert **ShirleyAnn Robertson**.

The Davis-Galloway Empowerment Award recognizes and honors African-American women who ascend to leadership through outstanding advocacy, effective networking, and superlative community service. The 2012 recipient was **Dr. Harriette Bias-Insignares, Ph.D.**, author, poet and retired professor of communication at Tennessee State University.

Each nominee completed an application process, and participated in a three-minute video presentation offering their views on economic empowerment, education and health care and how their advocacy efforts have influenced positive outcomes related to these issues. Their applications and presentations were reviewed and scored by a diverse panel of judges representing the supporting organizations and community.

"The Coalition is very proud to present this award, which recognizes the work and contributions of African-American women in our community," said Veronica Johnson, president. "As in years past, this will be an opportunity to learn more about those who share our stories, our paths and our future."

The Davis-Galloway Award recipient receives an exclusive, custom-designed crystal award as well as a \$500 grant from the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Foundation, Inc. to be awarded to a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization of her choice.

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The 2013 nominees are:

- **Yvonne Y. (“Y.Y.”) Clark, P.E.**, associate professor (retired), Tennessee State University. Her nomination is sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Nashville Alumnae Chapter.
- **Jimmie White Hill**, retired educator, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools. Her nomination is sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Kappa Lambda Omega Chapter.
- **Kiwanis Hockett**, founder of Fashioned in His Image Total Women’s Center, and associate pastor of Born Again Church and Christian Outreach Ministries. Her nomination is sponsored by Fashioned in His Image Total Women’s Center.
- **Gracie Porter**, retired educator, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools. Her nomination is sponsored by the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., Nashville Capitol City Chapter.
- **Kenya Newby**, school counselor, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools. Her nomination is sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Upsilon Psi Omega Chapter.
- **Julie B. Williams**, retired educator, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools; educational consultant and community volunteer, Phoenix Consulting Company. Her nomination is sponsored by The Links, Incorporated, Hendersonville Area Chapter.

“We are looking forward to unveiling the 2013 Davis-Galloway Empowerment Award recipient at our upcoming conference,” said Tracy Pointer, award chairman. “When you look at the record of service of these outstanding ladies, you quickly realize any one of them is deserving of this honor. We salute them all for the excellent work they have done and continue to do in our community.”

The Davis-Galloway Empowerment Award was established in March 2004. The first awards were given to its namesakes the late Ivanetta Hughes Davis and the late Lettie S. Galloway, two outstanding charter members of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Metropolitan Nashville Chapter.

The Sister-for-Sister Conference attracts dozens of women each year who are looking to improve their personal and professional lives. Attendees gain insight and practical tools for enhanced living from speakers with vast knowledge in economics, politics, health care, leadership development and other relevant issues. Conference registration is \$65 per person and includes continental breakfast, workshops, access to vendors, conference materials, networking, complimentary health screenings and lunch. Table reservations and sponsorship opportunities are currently available. For more information, please visit www.nashville100bw.org.

ABOUT THE 100 BLACK WOMEN-METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE CHAPTER

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. (NCBW) advocates on behalf of women of color 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 development. NCBW is a not-for-profit organization with more than 7,000 members in over 60 chapters. The Metropolitan Nashville Chapter was installed on March 15, 1994.