

Health



KAREN EUBANKS JACKSON – FOUNDER & CEO, SISTERS NETWORK® INC.



Karen Eubanks Jackson became committed to “step out on faith” to lead the effort to encourage discussion, inspire the celebration of survivorship and create a sisterhood of support for African American women fighting breast cancer.

Jackson, Founder & CEO of Sisters Network® Inc. (SNI) is at the helm of the nation’s only African American breast cancer survivorship organization that addresses the needs particular to African American women. Jackson is a 17 year breast cancer survivor, who turned a personal challenge into an organization that provides standardized educational programs, support, empowerment and hope. During her personal fight to survive breast cancer, she recognized a lack of “sisterhood” in traditional organizations, a staggering breast cancer mortality rate for African Americans and limited culturally sensitive material.

In 1994, Jackson founded Sisters Network® Inc. in order to ensure that African American women diagnosed with breast cancer receive comprehensive medical care and social support.

Jackson’s primary motivation was to break through the silence and shame of breast cancer that immobilizes African American women, restrict their ability to receive support services, interferes with early detection, and ultimately affects their survival rates. Under Jackson’s leadership, Sisters Network has experienced phenomenal growth resulting in over 40 survivor-run affiliate chapters, serving more than 3000 members and associate members nationwide. Sisters Network® Inc. is the leading voice in the African American woman’s fight against breast cancer. In addition, Jackson developed several national outreach initiatives, including: The Gift for Life Block Walk® and the Pink Ribbon Awareness Project.

Jackson is a widely recognized minority breast health advocate, promoting legislation on the state and federal level. A highly sought after speaker and expert on the African American woman’s breast cancer experience, Jackson has traveled nationally and internationally, bringing her message to the U.S. Army Comprehensive Breast Cancer Center in Germany, the National Congressional Black Caucus and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as other organizations. Jackson has been featured in numerous national newspapers, magazines, television, radio programs, and internet media outlets, inclusive of the U.S. News & World Report, the Health Network, HBO special: Cancer: Evolution to Revolution, Essence, MAMM, Jet, Heart and Soul, Breast Cancer Wellness and Web MD Health.

Jackson is a published co-author of several works, including “Breast Diseases: A Year Book Quarterly, Vol.14 No.22003; Breast Cancer in African American Women: The Evolution of Sisters Network, Inc.; A National African American Breast Cancer Survivor Advocate Organization with Lisa A. Newman, M.D., F.A.C.S. She is in several books “Breast Cancer Black Women”, “My Mother’s Breast and Celebrating Life.” Jackson’s achievements have been recognized by the State of Texas House of Representatives and corporate America, bestowing honors that include: TNT Dramatic Difference Award; Breast Cancer Hero by Lifetime TV; JC Penney “Champion of Change”; The Jefferson Award-ABC and the Lance Armstrong “Voice of Survivorship” award.

“I view Sisters’ as a beautiful work in progress. I am proud of our development and believe our future will be even brighter. Sisters’ is a magnet that attracts those who see and want to work towards a beautiful life that can enrich and save lives. It doesn’t get any better than that,” added Jackson.

During the month of October, the Forward Times will highlight local breast cancer survivors involved with Sisters Network Inc. For more information, please visit www.sistersnetworkinc.org or call 713.781.0255.



Karen Jackson & Staff

SISTERS NETWORK INC. LIGHTS UP HOUSTON'S HISTORIC THIRD WARD HOUSE IN PINK IN HONOR OF NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Kelly Hodges Karen Carter Richards, Caleen Allen, Karen Jackson, and Tracy Faultry



Sister's Network



Sponsor Comerica Bank: Vanessa Reed and Irvin Ashford



Karen Carter Richards, Waverly Nolley, and Karen Jackson



Sheila Jackson Lee Presents Recognition to Karen Jackson



Judy Foston, Sister's Network Board Member



Howard Harris and Karen & Kyle Jackson

SISTERS NETWORK® INC.
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

sisters network inc
stop the silence®
 National African American breast cancer walk

Saturday, April 14, 2012
6:00 am Registration - 8:00 am Walk

Discovery Green
1500 McKinney | Houston, TX 77010

Early Bird Registration Now until December 31, 2011
\$25 Individual/\$30 After December 31
\$250 Team (minimum 10)/\$300 after December 31

Register Now Online at
www.stopthesilencewalk.org | 1-866-781-1808 Toll Free

