

## Sisters Network to Open the Sister House in Houston

*National facility to assist breast cancer survivors*

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Sisters Network Inc. (SNI) today announced the purchase and plans to open the *Sister House* near Houston's world renowned medical center. SNI, the only national African American breast cancer survivorship organization in the United States, plans to use the new facility as the organization's national headquarters,

provide sleeping quarter accommodations to breast cancer survivors and their families who come to Houston for advanced medical treatment and to serve as a community information resource and a meeting location to support Sisters Network breast health outreach initiatives on a local and national basis.



Located in the Midtown area at 2922 Rosedale Street, approximately 2 miles from Houston's medical center, the two story *Sister House* main building has 5 rooms, 3 full baths and one half bath, gourmet kitchen for healthy food instruction and oversized garage space. A separate 2 bedroom/ 1 bath apartment with its own kitchen/living room and double garage with a separate entrance to the property.

"I am so humbled that the vision of opening the *Sister House*, a warm, inviting and informative facility to educate/empower the African American community about the importance of breast health and to provide accommodations for all breast cancer survivors has become a reality. Sisters Network has made a major impact nationally and locally on the issue of breast cancer, but there is much more work to be done. The *Sister House* provides a wonderful foundation for our organization reach the next level. We have accomplished Phase One of a three phase vision---we are blessed," said Karen E. Jackson, CEO/Founder, Sisters Network Inc.



Breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death among African American women. The breast cancer incidence rate is 12% lower than white women; the mortality rate among black women is 18% higher.

The *Sister House* will officially open in February 2009.