

## ***Board of Directors, Sisters Network, <sup>a</sup> Inc.***

### ***Karen E. Jackson, Chairman***

Karen Jackson serves as National President & Founder of Sisters Network, Inc. A survivor run organization, Sisters Network, Inc., now boasts 35 affiliate chapters nationwide since its origination in 1994. Karen is a seven-year breast cancer survivor and has received national recognition for her commitment and dedication to the fight against breast cancer in African American communities throughout the United States. Under Jackson's direction, Sisters has organized the first national breast cancer conference for African American women in 1999 and has implemented two very successful national community outreach programs targeting minority women. A tireless advocate for minority and women's health issues, Jackson serves on a host of local and national committees.

### ***Beverly Gavin, Vice President***

Beverly Gavin is a three-year breast cancer survivor and President of Sisters Network Chicago Chapter. Beverly serves as Village Administrator for the City of Village of Robbins in the state of Illinois. In addition, Beverly is owner and accountant for Elec Tax Business Services, Inc. She holds membership in organizations such as the NAACP and the Urban League. Beverly has a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Accounting from Morningside College in Sioux City, IA.

### ***Caleen Burton-Allen, Secretary***

Caleen Burton-Allen is Media Relations Manager for Himalaya USA. A communications professional for more than a decade, Caleen's diverse media expertise and background includes working as a radio reporter, television reporter, Media Relations Manager for the nation's second largest Port and media training executive. She has also served as a Communications consultant to the Houston branch of Teach for America, a \$7 million not-for-profit organization that promotes public education. Originally from Los Angeles, California, Caleen holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Public Relations from California State University at Northridge.

### ***Reginald D. Patrick, Treasurer***

Reginald Patrick is an Accountant and owner of TCB Tax Service. For nearly 12 years, Reginald has worked in the field of Accounting for major corporations and governmental entities located in Houston, Texas, where he has managed accounting functions in excess of \$70 million. A native Houstonian, Reginald earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Accounting from Texas Southern University in Houston, TX.

### ***Joel B. Flowers, Dir. of Development***

Joel Flowers is a Certified Public Accountant, with over twenty years of experience. Joel is also a licensed Real Estate Broker in the state of Texas. Joel's extensive financial background has given him a wealth of experience in many different areas, most notably the overseeing and administering the billing and collection of over \$80 million in revenues for a major governmental entity in Houston. For a quarter of a century, Joel has been actively involved with the prestigious National Association of Black Accountants, Inc., where he has held several leadership positions. He is a graduate of the University of Houston.

### ***Wilma Carroll, Member***

Wilma Carroll is a seven-year breast cancer survivor and president of Sister's Network, Long Island Chapter. A three-time survivor of cancer, Wilma's motto is "Survivorship by any means necessary." She considers her breast cancer outreach as a mission from God. Dedicated and recognized for her commitment to the field of education for more than 29 years, Wilma has received a life membership in the National Alliance of Black School Educators. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Ohio University and later received her Masters Degree in Special Education from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. Currently a resident of New York, Wilma teaches emotionally disturbed students for Nassau BOCES. She has also received her Administrative Certification from the College of New Rochelle.

### ***Jacqueline L. Chambers, Member***

Jacqueline Chambers is a two-time survivor of breast cancer. Originally diagnosed in 1973, Jacqueline is the former president of Sisters Surviving, Inc., an affiliate chapter of Sisters Network, Inc. Jacqueline possesses over 20 years of experience in counseling and community service with an emphasis on the special needs of senior citizens, young adults and women's health issues. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in History at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland and her Master of Science in Applied Behavioral Counseling at Johns Hopkins University.

### ***Attorney Melanie W. Miles***

Melanie Miles is the principal attorney for Miles & Associates, a Houston based legal firm established in 1992, specializing in family and real estate law. Miles, who describes her practice as a "people practice" is a highly respected attorney and recognized for her superior family law litigation abilities. Melanie Miles serves as Special Master for the 309<sup>th</sup> District Court, a highly coveted appointment. In her on-going role as acting judge, Miles presides and rules on numerous family law cases. Prior to starting Miles & Associates, Melanie Miles worked as a staff attorney for the prestigious law firm, Weycer, Kaplan, Pulaski & Zuber, L.L.P.

### ***Mary Prince, Member***

Mary Prince is the Director of Care-A-Lot Foundation, a Houston-based not-for-profit organization that allocates funds to African American focused charities. Under Mary's direction, Care-A-Lot also establishes programs and activities for senior citizens and youth in the Fifth Ward community at the Prince Complex. Recognized throughout the Houston community for her philanthropy, Mary and her husband, James, the President and CEO of a major music company are known for their generosity and commitment to helping African American organizations, like Sisters Network, Inc. A full-time homemaker and mother of six, Mary earned a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design from the University of Houston.