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Dr. Dorothy Height and Blanche Williams Convene the *First Annual 2008 National Black Women's Town Hall Meeting* in Washington, DC this Summer!

Washington, DC--Dr. Dorothy Height and the Research, Public Policy and Information Center of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) in sisterly association with Blanche Williams, National XM Radio Talk Show Host, leading black women's organizations, educators, visionaries and activists will convene the **First Annual 2008 *National Black Women's Town Hall Meeting*** on Friday, July 11 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the NCNW Headquarters located at 633 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20004.

In 2008, black women face a new set of forces designed to cripple the potential of our future mothers, scholars, and visionaries. How can we stand by and not speak up when African-American women lead in health disparities and death related to heart disease, breast cancer, stroke, diabetes, obesity and HIV/AIDS or get paid only 68 cents for every dollar earned by white men, or when over 29% of our sisters are victims of intimate partner violence, or when countless others face poverty, go without healthcare, or lack access to higher education?

The First Annual **National Black Women's Town Hall Meeting** will be moderated by **Blanche Williams**, *National XM Radio Talk Show Host* with the legendary **Dr. Dorothy Height**, now 96 years old, leading a distinguished panel of women including **Faye Wattleton**/*Center for the Advancement of Women*, **Dr. Jane Smith**/*Spelman College*, **Michelle Bernard**/*Independent Women's Forum*, **Eleanor Hinton-Hoytt**/*Black Women's Health Imperative*, **Daphne Valerius**/*Filmmaker*, **Dr. Tricia Bent-Goodley**/*Howard University* and **Melanie Campbell**/*National Coalition on Black Civic Participation*. Also invited are **Michelle Obama**, wife of Senator Barack Obama and **Barbara McKinzie**/AKA *Sorority*, recipient of the **2008 Landmark of Greatness Award**.

For information about the National Black Women's Town Hall Meeting, or to RSVP for the event, please send your e-mails to Joell Royal at blackwomanstownhall@gmail.com or call 202-383-9126. Please RVSP no later than July 7, 2008.

Founder: Mary McLeod Bethune

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