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**CEO ELLIS, 100 BLACK WOMEN DON PINK AND BLACK
TO RAISE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS**

Annual gala honored 10 breast cancer survivors in DeKalb

DECATUR – DeKalb County CEO Burrell Ellis joined the Decatur-DeKalb Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women on Saturday, November 7 in raising awareness of breast cancer in the county. The chapter’s Annual Pink and Black Affair paid special tribute to 10 DeKalb breast cancer survivors who used their experience fighting the disease to help others.

“This disease does not care if you are young or old, rich or poor, black or white. This disease affects wives, mothers, grandmothers, sisters, teachers, secretaries, administrators, nurses, church members and any and everyone from all walks of life,” said CEO Ellis.

The honorees were Luretha Anderson, Dawn Blackwell, Dorothy Carter, Deborah Jones, Dee St. Laurent, Barbara Miller, Ameshal Brooks Raines, Sharron Rogers, Olga Stanley, and Sharon Thomas. While some were diagnosed with cancer early in life and others had fought and won the battle against the illness more than once, all worked in the community—through organizations or on their own—to raise awareness about breast cancer and support others who had been diagnosed with the illness.

“I commend you for the work that you are doing in DeKalb County to educate the community on the importance of lifestyle choices, early detection and treatment options for breast cancer,” CEO Ellis said.

The honorees were presented with congratulatory letters from CEO Ellis and medals from the 100 Black Women chapter. CEO Ellis also presented the organization with a proclamation from DeKalb County declaring Saturday, November 7, 2009 “National Coalition of 100 Black Women Decatur-DeKalb Chapter, Inc. Day” in DeKalb County.

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CEO Ellis during the Pink and Black Affair



CEO Ellis and Chapter President Kim Cameron salute the honorees

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CEO Ellis presents honoree Olga Stanley with a letter from DeKalb County



CEO Ellis poses with honoree Sharon Thomas

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