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PRESS RELEASE

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Three lifelong contributors to the Charlotte community will be inducted into the " Women's History Hall of Fame" on Friday, March 28th at 5pm at the Levine Museum. The celebration is jointly sponsored by the Levine Museum of the New South and the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc. - Charlotte Club. Tickets are \$15 in advance.

In recognition of Women's History Month, the event was created to celebrate women in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County who have blazed trails, broken barriers and initiated programs that have affected the community.

This Hall of Fame, the only one of its kind in North Carolina, has inducted fifty-seven women from diverse walks of life since its inception in 2000.

This year's inductees include Project L.I.F.T. co-chairman, Anna Spangler Nelson, chaplain and retired educator, Mildred Smith Campbell, and Jesus Ministry founder, Maudia Melendez.

Ms. Spangler is a native Charlottean and Wellesley graduate who, in addition to serving on numerous community boards and as a parent volunteer with Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, is chairman of C.D. Spangler Companies, Inc.

Mildred Smith Campbell, a retired educator in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School system whose educational and professional career spanned over 42 years, has received numerous awards, including Principal of the Year, North Carolina Order of the Long Leaf Pine, NAACP Legal Defense Fund Award for Educational Achievement, and the Pride Master Teacher Award. She is also Chaplin for the Charlotte Club, and continues to serve the community through

various activities.

Maudia Melendez, having begun her career as a social worker in New York, has consistently advocated for the rights and education of minority children. As a community activist, she has collaborated with the NAACP, Save Our Schools and the Council for Children's Rights. She also serves on several boards, including the Public Safety County Commission Task Force, Mayor's Immigration Study Commission, and Crime Stoppers. She has received several awards, including La Noticia Excellence Award, and was recognized as one of the top nine most powerful women in North Carolina by Charlotte Magazine in 2007.

The event is the brainchild of Thereasea "T.D." Elder, a charter member of the NANBPWC, Inc. Charlotte Club, whose desire was to "have our club recognize women and create a vehicle to preserve history".

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