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## THE C.W. WILLIAMS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC. TO HOST 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LUNCHEON COMMEMORATING 45 YEARS OF SERVICE

**What:** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Health & Doctor Recognition Luncheon Fundraising Event (See attached flyer.)

**Who:** The luncheon will be hosted by The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. and will feature a keynote address by Pam Diggs, MPH, Director of Workforce Engagement at BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina. WCNC News Anchor, Colin Mayfield, will serve as emcee. The event will also include special recognition of the following distinguished honorees:

- Carlenia Ivory-Cantey, Long-time Educator and Advocate for Educational Equity
- Nicholas V. Wharton, President & CEO, Charlotte Area Fund & Public Policy Reform Advocate
- The Charlotte Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Assn., Prominent Health Professional Society
- Dr. Valerie Kinloch, President, Johnson C. Smith University & Accomplished Scholar/Educator
- Rev. Dr. Abdue Knox, Pastor, St. Joseph AME Church, Community Leader & Health Equity Advocate
- Chris Shank, President & CEO, North Carolina Community Health Center Association (NCCHCA) and Carolina Medical Home Network (CMHN)
- Dr. Gary Little, Senior Vice President & Chief Medical Officer, Atrium Health's Southeast Region
- Dr. Jerry Jones, Former CWWCHC Chief Medical Officer & Eminent Gastroenterologist
- The Late LeJaun McCain, Long-time CWWCHC Board Member and Community Volunteer

**Date:** Thursday, October 2, 2025

**Time:** Networking: 11:30 am • Program Starts at 12:00 pm (Media is invited)

**Where:** The Revelry North End, 701 Keswick Avenue, #110, Charlotte, NC 28206

**Why:** CWWCHC's 7<sup>th</sup> annual Women's Health & Doctor Recognition Luncheon will commemorate 45 years of service to the community. Each year, this event brings together guests from throughout Mecklenburg and surrounding counties for an afternoon filled with networking opportunities, recognition of outstanding leaders in healthcare, and inspirational words from notable guest speakers. Net proceeds support enhanced access to high quality healthcare services benefiting underserved patients.

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### **About The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc:**

*The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. (CWWCHC) is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, Federally Qualified Community Health (FQHC), NCQA-recognized Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH), and healthcare safety net founded by the late Dr. C.W. Williams and friends in 1980 to ensure that underserved patients receive high quality healthcare. CWWCHC provides primary and preventive medical & dental care, mental health and substance use disorder counseling and treatment, infectious disease testing and specialty care, women's health, maternal & child health, pediatric healthcare, discount 340B pharmacy services, mobile medical/dental/behavioral health/maternal health services, and free patient transportation. Each year, CWWCHC serves nearly 15,000 patients, representing over 30,000 patient visits.*

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