

# 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE S.I.S.T.A.H.S. MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL



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## 2011 Annual Report

The S.I.S.T.A.H.S. Ministry began in August, 2006 in Michigan and now has five other State Chapters (Massachusetts, New York, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Tennessee). The S.I.S.T.A.H.S. Ministry is a women's ministry whose main objective is to unite women and teenage girls to impact their world, with a specific concentration of helps to victims of domestic violence, at-risk teenage girls and teenage mothers. The S.I.S.T.A.H.S. Ministry also seeks to uplift God through encouraging and edifying women and teenage girls to move forward in the blessings of the Lord. The Ministry seeks to combine the gifts and talents given to women and teenage girls (through the written Word, journalistic gifting, businesses and fellow ministries) and to be a viable Christian women's resource where one can find food for the soul, hope in the difficult times, and network to collaborate with other organizations and ministries to make an impact in the community. As of October, 2008 the enlightening force of God's Word through The SISTAHS Ministry was enlarged internationally into Torino, Italy and Nigeria, Africa and in June, 2009 expanded the international ministry to India under the covering of The Hebron Prayer Church with Pastor Joshua Gona.

The SISTAH Teens Mentoring Initiative held their Third Annual "All the Single Ladies" Dating & Relationships Workshop. The Workshop Session was facilitated by Guest Speakers Reverend Cheryl Merchant and Star Radio Personality, Ramona Prater.

The SISTAHS Ministry International continued with its third year of "SISTAH Talk" Magazine publications and it continues to be a noted online e-magazine. SISTAH Talk was designed as an elegant balance of informative stories and inspiring viewpoints; rich, vivid color with appealing editorial, community resources, and calendar of events, each providing tools for living in a more peaceful and sustainable world. We distribute

copies to over 1,000 women and teenage girls through the online community. It is our goal to provide them with a resource guide for 1) community resource; 2) economic resources; and 3) ministry resources, as well as educate them about the various aspects of womanhood.

We hosted the Third Annual SISTAH Teen Mentoring Initiative Bowling Blast. As planned, the funds donated are used for expenses associated with the Fourth Annual SISTAHS Embracing the Elevation Conference held at The Hilton Garden Inn on August 26-27, 2011. The beneficiaries of the Conference in 2011 included clients of W.I.T., Helping Others Mother Effectively (H.O.M.E.) Girlz, Alternatives for Girls and Interim House. The clients of the aforementioned organizations were afforded the opportunity of One-Night Hotel Stay, a Pampering Party and attendance at various workshops. Of special mention, at this year's Conference, five (5) women of distinction were honored as Power and Purpose Woman of the Year: Pam Perry (Business), Kalyn Risker (Community), Dr. Nellie Williams (Education), Frankie Darcell (Entertainment), and Minister Kim Brooks (Religion).

We continue to be committed to the Domestic Violence Initiative for women and teenage girls and are dedicated to their survival and safety, along with sexual assault and other crimes. All of the women and their children have access to advocacy, information, support and safety planning through resources to which we are strategically connected.

The holistic programming provides an avenue wherein one learns the true value of living with their own reality. When we can teach this lesson at home we are all better off. Teen years for girls today are a period of real danger. Girls entering puberty often face a "crisis in confidence" which makes them vulnerable to risky behavior, and these bad choices can have devastating lifelong consequences. Our programming helps to mentor mentors teenage girls and gives them a chance to survive the risky years.

Assistance for single mothers is possible through the resources of the organizations to which we are connected and provide through a variety of government initiatives and private financial aid programs. We try to offer as much relevant and real information as possible.

We have made strategic alliances with other non-profit organizations that provide evidence-based programs that end homelessness, promote sobriety and help individuals of all ages to be free and productive members of the community. They offer a range of programs to meet people where they are in life and provide them with the resources and support to become self sufficient. As of October, 2010 we were sought to provide Biblical Guidance Teachings on a weekly basis with the residents in the Women's Recovery Program.

We strive to improve the quality of life for all people in the Metro Detroit and surrounding communities, with particular emphasis on the African American community, through programs that: advocate for positive change, educate to up lift, empower to improve economic conditions and use methods for self-determination.

We also acted as a Sponsor for the "I'm Every Woman Expo" hosted by LaTonya Barber, as well as contributing Sponsors for the Sisters Acquiring Financial Empowerment (S.A.F.E.) Annual Celebration, Sara's House Community Baby Shower and Destiny & Purpose Community Organization's Community Baby Shower (Towana Parker).

## 2011 Conference

### PRESS RELEASE

#### **The SISTAHS Ministry International to Fight Community Poverty with a Baby Clothing Give-Away Community-Wide Celebration for Expectant Mothers**

BriefingWire.com, 8/04/2011 - DETROIT, MI -- The SISTAHS Ministry International is currently collecting new and "gently" used baby clothing items to be given out at a community-wide event on Saturday, August 27, 2011, 10:00 AM at the Hilton Garden Inn, 26000 American Drive, Southfield, Michigan as part of their Fourth Annual SISTAHS Embracing the Elevation Conference. The goal of the project is to collect and then distribute new and "gently" used baby clothing for expectant adult women and teenage girls. The Ministry is endeavoring to give more than 200 bags of clothing to more than 100 expectant mothers.

"The goal of Ministry has been to empower, inform and inspire women and teenage girls through sharing the love of Jesus and positively impacting the lives of those who, specifically, are survivors of domestic violence, at-risk, in foster care or homeless through community empowerment workshops and mentoring," stated Celeste Kelley, Co-Founder & Director of The SISTAHS Ministry International. Their national and international mission efforts include Ministry Chapters in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Africa, Italy and India. In celebration of their serving for five years, they will also honor five women in the community as Power and Purpose Women of the Year: (Business) Pam Perry of Ministry Marketing Solutions; (Community) Kalyn Risker of Sisters Acquiring Financial Empowerment (S.A.F.E.); (Education) Dr. Nellie Williams of Ross Hill Academy; (Entertainment) Frankie Darcell of WXMD 92.3 MIX FM; and (Religion) Minister Kim Brooks of Drive Heart Ministries. The Award Presentations will be begin the Conference weekend on Friday, August 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Ministry leaders and other community volunteers will begin setting up for the event at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 27, 2011 and welcome all who wish to help. With the first-ever baby clothing give-away, members are anxious for the day and to get everything ready. The response from the community to donate clothing already has been great and the Ministry is excited to see the support from the community. Any clothing not taken will be kept to be given away at later clothing give-aways, or people who are not able to attend Saturday's event can contact The SISTAHS Ministry International to receive clothing.

To donate, volunteer or for more information please contact The SISTAHS Ministry at (313) 451-2559, or by E-Mail: [TheSISTAHSMinistry@yahoo.com](mailto:TheSISTAHSMinistry@yahoo.com). Visit the Official Website at <http://www.thesistahsministry.com>.



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