

# 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

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



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## **2009 Staff Roster**

Reverend Celeste Kelley, Co-Founder & Director  
Sister Sharnae Coakley, Director - SISTAH Teen Initiative  
Evangelist Magdaline Ihaza Okoduwa, Director - International Chapters (Africa & Italy)  
Pastor Joshua Gona, Director - International Chapter (India)  
Sister Veronica Denyse Truell, Director - Massachusetts Chapter  
Evangelist Carmen West, Director - Nevada Chapter  
Deaconess Cheryl Braxton, Director - New York Chapter  
Vis. Valarie D. Coleman, Director - Pennsylvania Chapter  
Minister Lois Grady, Director - Tennessee Chapter  
Sister Wanda Burnside, Administrator - Soul SISTAHS Café of Suggested Reading  
Evangelist Jean Overman, Administrator - Victorious & Blessed Devotionals  
Pastor Teresa Coleman, Prayer Intercessor

## **2009 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 first "All the Single Ladies" Dating & Relationships Workshop. Workshops sessions, "Sister Girl... It's Not That Serious", was facilitated by Rev. Celeste Kelley and "Eight Ways to Spot A Playa" was facilitated by Pastor Martina Wade-Hill. This Workshop was attended by over 20 teenage mother and they were beneficiaries of receiving brand new clothing for themselves and their children. This Workshop was held through a collaborative effort with The Family-2-Family Foundation – Vanessa Farris, Founder.

The SISTAHS Ministry International published its first issue of "SISTAH Talk" Magazine in March, 2009 and it has become 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 also provided two activity nights, SISTAH Teen Bowling Blasts, wherein over 100 people attended, which included over 40 youth from various youth ministries. The funds donated were used for expenses associated with the second Annual Conference was held at The Embassy Suites Southfield-Detroit on August 28-29, 2009. The beneficiaries of the Conference in 2009 included clients of S.A.F.E., W.I.T., and the Salvation Army Edwin Denby Center who was afforded the opportunity to attend the Conference free of charge, one hotel night stay, and pampering services. This effort was attended by over 200 women and teenage girls and seven (7) of them gave their life to Christ.

Specifically, the SISTAH Teen Mentoring Initiative presented workshops on "Alone, But Not Lonely", "It's Not What's In My J-E-A-N-S, But In My G-E-N-E-S, That Completes Me" and "If You Wanted It Then You Should Have Put a Ring On It". Our adult women workshop was "Disabled to Stable" which helped the clients of the benefitting organizations to consider lifestyle principles for stabilizing their lives after being in abusive relationships.

## 2009 Bowling Blast

The SISTAH Teen Initiative presented bowling parties in April, 2009 and May, 2009 hosting families, church youth ministries, at-risk teenage girls and teenage mothers.



# **All the Single Ladies**

Annual Dating & Relationships Workshop

In June, 2009 the Ministry hosted at-risk teenage girls and teenage mothers at the All The Single Ladies Workshop in relation to Dating & Relationships. In a collaborative effort, The SISTAHS Ministry International partnered with the Family2Family Foundation and Founder, Evangelist Vanessa Farris, and was able to present each attendee with brand new clothing for themselves and their children.

International Conferences

## **International Conference**

In February a two-day conference was held in Nigeria, Africa. A Prayer Conference was also held in Torino, Italy facilitated by International Director Evangelist Magdaline Ihaza Okoduwa. In celebration of the First Anniversary, a second conference was held in Nigeria, Africa in October, 2009.

## **2009 Collaborative Partners and Strategic Alliances**

**Cynthia Moore, Women In Touch Non-Profit Organization**

**The Salvation Army Edwin Denby Center for At-Risk Teenage Girls and Teen Mothers**

**Vanessa Lynn, Parables Entertainment – SISTAH Talk Featured Cover Story**

When you hear about Vanessa Lynn and all she has had to endure to make her hopes, dreams and aspirations come true, you will clearly envision “a true beauty from ashes” story. Through the sharing of her own personal experiences and willingness to help others not make those same mistakes, Vanessa continues to be a much sought after speaker, script and content writer, mentor and theater consultant. Vanessa Lynn is truly one of the most recognizable up and coming playwrights and trailblazers in the country!

**Pastor Martina Wade-Hill, God's House of Deliverance Church  
SISTAH Talk Featured Cover Story**

Pastor Hill launched GOD's House Television, Inc. - a vehicle used to provide quality broadcast programming for churches, businesses, and family-based organizations, while showcasing Christian values on a regional and national level. Currently, Pastor Hill continues to serve as owner and operator of GOD's House Television, Inc. where she develops and airs programming for the Christian community. She also serves as

Senior Pastor at GOD's House of Deliverance Church in Southfield, Michigan and hosts an internationally syndicated television talk show, "Deliverance in God," which covers topics concerning the prophetic and the gifts of healing and deliverance, that airs weekly on the Faith Television Network in Pakistan.

**Versandra Kennebrew, Author of "Thank God for the Shelter"**

**SISTAH Talk Featured Cover Story**

Versandra Kennebrew International is a personal development company which produces holistic health education products and services to enhance your quality of life. We support you as you: improve your self-awareness, build or renew your identity, develop your strengths or talents, identify or improve your potential, build your employability or human capital, enhance your lifestyle or the quality of life, fulfill your aspirations, define and execute your personal development plans, and improve your social abilities.

**Jillian Blackwell, Marketing Strategist of the Jillian Blackwell Agency**

**SISTAH Talk Featured Cover Story**

Dream, Design, Deliver speaks of Jillian's commitment to helping individuals and organizations create the futures they desire. She believes that with the right support and direction, entrepreneurs can have a significant financial impact on the changing climate of urban communities.

**Kalyn Risker, Sisters Acquiring Financial Empowerment (S.A.F.E.)**

Kalyn Risker, Founder and Executive Director of Sisters Acquiring Financial Empowerment (SAFE) is a survivor of domestic violence. Sisters Acquiring Financial Empowerment (SAFE) has an accomplished background of actively providing services to survivors of domestic violence in the Southeastern Michigan community since its first Executive Board meeting held May 11, 2006. SAFE has expanded its impact to the community by enlisting volunteers who are experts in the area of the training delivered. SAFE is a part of several anti-violence initiatives within Southeastern Michigan including, Wayne County Council Against Family Violence and Transformation Detroit. SAFE has also participated in rallies and community outreach initiatives to raise the awareness of domestic violence in the Southeastern Michigan community. Sisters Acquiring Financial Empowerment was granted its 501 (c) (3) nonprofit status effective August 8, 2006.