

Chicago Area First Ladies Health Initiative Luncheon



Audrey Ramsey (left), guest and member of Rock of Ages MBC, Dr. Ian Smith, Keynote Speaker, and Tracey Alston, Executive Director of the First Ladies Health Initiative sponsored by Walgreens.



John Gremer, Director of Community Affairs, Walgreens, joins "First Ladies of Media" who spoke on a Health Symposium Panel addressing a variety of health concerns that attendees may face. They include (L to R) Mary Datcher – Chicago Defender, Sonya Blakey - WGRB/iHeartMedia, Tracey Alston, Executive Director of the First Ladies Health Initiative, Mary Mitchell – Chicago Sun Times, Sandria Washington – BlackDoctor.org, Val Warner - Windy City Live, Andrea Watson – DNAInfo.com, Maudlyne Ihejirika – Chicago Sun Times, Tonya Francisco - WGN TV News, and Dorothy R. Leavell - Publisher of Crusader Newspapers.



(L to R) Sonya Blakey - On Air Personality at WGRB/iHeartMedia and a speaker included in the "First Ladies of Media" panel, Tracey Alston, First Ladies Initiative Executive Director, Val Warner – Host of Windy City Live and Mistress of Ceremonies for the Luncheon, Tonya Francisco – Anchor at WGN TV News and a speaker included in the "First Ladies of Media" panel, and First Lady LaToyia M. Ledbetter of Mt. Pisgah MBC Chicago.



The Drake was the glorious back setting to this year's event.



(L to R) Media personalities Sonya Blakey of WGRB/iHeartMedia and Andrea Watson of DNAInfo.com listen as Sandria Washington speaks during the "First Ladies of Media" Health Symposium Panel.



Donna Hubbard McCree, Ph.D., MPH, RPh, Associate Director for Health Equity Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, speaks on The State of HIV in the U.S.



(L to R) Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson – Mayor of the City of Gary, IN and First Ladies Health Initiative – Gary Chapter Chair, First Lady Jamell Meeks – Salem Baptist Church of Chicago and First Ladies Health Initiative – Chicago Chapter Chair, Congresswoman Robin Kelly (IL-2nd District) who was a speaker at the event, and Executive Director Tracey Alston.



First Lady Jada Bush - New Jerusalem COGIC Church and Chicago Regional Healthcare Director of Walgreens introduces our Mistress of Ceremonies for the Luncheon



Mary Datcher of the Defender speaks during the "First Ladies of Media" Health Symposium Panel.