THE UGLY TRUTH, MADE BEAUTIFUL!

"Celebrating Five Years of Transition, Transformation and Transcending"

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010
8:30 am-2:30 pm

The Renaissance Harbortplace Hotel
202 East Pratt Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The WHY WOMEN CRY V 2010
CONFERENCE
“The Ugly Truth Made Beautiful”

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
DEADLINE MARCH 5, 2010
Why Women Cry V ~ CALL FOR ABSTRACTS DEADLINE is just around the corner
March 5, 2010!

If you want to be part of this year’s Why Women Cry V faculty, you must submit an abstract by March 5, 2010

Please Note: Abstract submissions will only be accepted by postal mail or by online submission. Faxed submissions will NOT be considered.

All mailed abstracts must arrive at the following address on or before March 5, 2010 by 5:00 p.m. EST:

Why Women Cry V 2010 Conference
Abstract Submissions
Sisters Together and Reaching (STAR)
1505 Eutaw Place
Baltimore, MD 21217

All online abstracts must arrive at the following address on or before March 5, 2010 by 11:00 p.m. EST:

www.sisterstogeetherandreaching.org

Why Women Cry Conference Background

The Why Women Cry Conference genesis and yearly continuance originated in recognition of the Office on Women’s Health National Women and Girls HIV Awareness Day (NWGHAAD). Through the visionary leadership of Rev. Debra Hickman, founder and CEO of Sisters Together and Reaching (STAR), Inc., the Why Women Cry Conference has expanded its focus to be inclusive of the total well-being of women: physically, mentally, socially, spiritually and economically. This day is set aside to raise awareness on the increasing impact of HIV/AIDS transmission on women and girls and other health and economic disparities in the African American community that beset minority communities.

Since the inception of the conference in November of 2004, when the goal was to register and serve 700 women, two weeks after posting the announcement flyers the conference registration goal was met and attendance requests continued to pour in. The first year the Why Women Cry Conference was held 1,200 women were reached. Each year increasing registration and attendance has reflected the need in community and demonstrated the importance of its continuation.

To better enable conference planners to respond to community need and provide follow-up care, a monthly seminar series on women’s issues was developed and implemented in 2009. All of these follow-up sessions have been well attended.
The **Why Women Cry V Conference goals for 2010** seek to:

- Gather 2,500 - 3,000 women for a day of lectures, small group discussions, health screenings and the opportunity to affirm each other as women and girls;
- Empower women and girls to view past experiences and diseases as vehicles for transformation towards a positive self image; and
- Empower women and girls to be advocates in their communities to assist in eliminating HIV and other health and economic disparities in African American communities.

The Why Women Cry Conference is inclusive of the total community. Men, young and old, are encouraged to attend the conference to support and learn the intimacies of enhancing healthy relationships and developing stronger communities.

Our commitment is to make the conference available to all free of charge.

**About the Why Women Cry V Call for Abstracts**

The Why Women Cry V Conference Planning Committee has issued this **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS** to solicit abstract proposals from persons interested in convening a workshop presentation at the 2010 Why Women Cry V Conference – “**The Ugly Truth Made Beautiful.**” Abstracts will be accepted from people working in fields related to various **health disparities** such as: Heart Disease, Cancer, Stroke, Violence (Sexual, Domestic, Verbal, and Homicide), Diabetes, Renal Failure, Lung Disease, HIV/AIDS and other STI’s, Substance Abuse, and the impact Spirituality has on these disparities.

Abstracts will also be accepted in areas relating to **economic disparities** impacting African American women such as: Housing, Employment, Finance, Education and Discrimination.

All abstract submissions will be reviewed by the WWC V Conference Planning Committee, and authors will be notified in writing if accepted to serve as a presenter. All committee decisions are final.

Workshops: Each workshop is schedule for an in-depth, 60 minute presentation, by one or more presenters, on a topic relevant to one or more of the identified conference tracks including opportunity for audience participation / discussion in the session.

**Abstract Submission Guidelines**

Please use the following guidelines to prepare your abstract submission.

Authors must prepare their submissions according to the format, time length and scheduling requirements of each session category. In addition, only one target audience may be selected: youth, health care provider, or general audience.
Abstract Submission Formats
Authors are required to submit abstracts in one of the following outline guides: (forms located on pages 6 and 7 of this application)

Outline Guide I: Abstracts concerning a specific program, project or study -
- OBJECTIVE: Describe the purpose of the program, project or study.
- METHODS: Briefly describe the methods or strategies used in the program.
- RESULTS: Describe the objective outcomes of the program, project or study. Include quantifiable data, if possible.
- CONCLUSIONS: State the conclusions reached as a result of the program.

Outline Guide II (Required for health care provider submissions): Abstracts addressing a historical / current issue, problem or community need -
- TOPIC: Identify the topic of the proposed presentation.
- ISSUES: Dictating the specific issues, problems or needs it will teach or discuss.
- LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Describe what the audience will learn from the presentation.
- STRATEGIES, METHODS, MODELS, EXAMPLES: Provide information about the teaching or discussion strategies and methods that will be employed. Provide examples or model samples if available.

Honorariums and Reimbursements
The committee regrets that it cannot offer conference presenters honorariums or reimbursements for food and/or transportation costs. All presenters will receive ONE free, non-transferable conference registration. If presenters are coming from out of town conference host will provide hotel accommodation for one (1) night.

QUESTIONS
For additional information visit the Why Women Cry V Conference 2010 website: www.sisterstogeetherandreaching.org

Or contact the Conference Coordinator:
Rev. Debra Hickman by telephone: (410) 383-1903, between 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (EST).

Why Women Cry V 2010 Conference  Abstract Submission Form
Submit a separate form with each abstract. Abstracts must be received on or before February 26, 2010, by 5:00 p.m. (EST), at: Why Women Cry V Conference Abstract Submissions, Sisters Together and Reaching (STAR), 1505 Eutaw Place Baltimore, MD, 21217. Abstracts may also be submitted online at www.sisterstogeetherandreaching.org
Abstract Submission Form

Primary Abstract Author/Contact:

First Name:__________________________________________________________

Last Name:__________________________________________________________

Position:___________________________________________________________

Organization:________________________________________________________

Address:____________________________________________________________

City:_______________________________________________________________

State: Zip:___________________________________________________________

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E-mail (required):____________________________________________________

Please attach information for additional authors on a separate sheet.

PRESENTER’S DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: This section is for statistical purposes only. Replies are optional and confidential.

Gender:

☐ Female
☐ Male
☐ Transgender

Age:

☐ Under 20
☐ 20-24
☐ 25-34
☐ 35-44
☐ 45-54
☐ 55-64
☐ 65+

Ethnicity: Check all that apply.

☐ African-American/Black
☐ Native American/Alaskan Native
☐ Asian
☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
☐ Caucasian
☐ Latina/o or Hispanic
☐ Other: ___________________________
PRESENTATION TITLE:

PRESENTATION TOPIC AREA: Check One: Submit a separate form with each abstract

- □ HIV/AIDS
- □ Respiratory Disease (TB)
- □ Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
- □ Hepatitis (HBV, HCV)
- □ Heart Disease/Stroke
- □ Infant Mortality
- □ Cancer
- □ Diabetes
- □ Spirituality
- □ Renal Failure
- □ Nutrition
- □ Violence (to include but not limited to: Domestic, Sexual, Verbal, Homicide)
- □ Communication (Relationships)
- □ Housing
- □ Employment
- □ Finances
- □ Education
- □ Discrimination

PRESENTATION TARGET AUDIENCE: Check One:

- □ Youth
- □ Health Care Provider
- □ General Audience

Outline Guide Selected: Check One:

- □ Outline Guide 1: specific program, project or study (go to page 7)
- □ Outline Guide 2: skills-building or information-sharing (go to page 8)
Outline Guide I: Abstracts concerning a specific program, project or study

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METHODS: Briefly describe the methods or strategies used in the program.

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