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SisterLove Board Chair Appointed to Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS

(Atlanta) August 29, 2011: Reverend Vanessa D. Sharp, Chair person of SisterLove Incorporated's Executive Board of Directors has recently been appointed to serve on the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA). The announcement was made at the meeting of PACHA on August 2, 2011 by Christopher Bates, the Council's Executive Director. (Read More)

Rev. Vanessa D. Sharp has served on SisterLove's Board of Directors for four years and became Chairperson in January 2009. She is currently on sabbatical as Pastor of Worldwide Outreach for Higher Hope Christian Ministries in Southwest Atlanta, GA and is a strong advocate for HIV/AIDS, health and holistic wellness. She has worked with various initiatives at local, national, and international levels including the AIDS Ecumenical Coalition, AIDS Alliance for Faith and Health, AIDS Leadership Team (ALT), the National Minority AIDS Council's National HIV Vaccine Research Education Initiative, and the Best Life for All (BELFA) HIV Prevention Initiative in Akropong-Akuapem, Ghana West Africa. She is also the founder of *LINC* Worldwide Outreach, Inc., (*Love Integrates Nurture & Care*), a "Girls to Womanhood, and Widows Empowerment Initiative". Currently, Rev. Sharp is a candidate earning her third Masters Degree in Theology and Missions. Upon completion of this degree she will begin a Doctor of Ministry Program at African International University in Nairobi, Kenya. Rev. Sharp was diagnosed with HIV in 1990, breaking her silence as a World AIDS Day speaker in December 1997. She is the mother of four, two sons and two daughters, and a grandmother of four. "This appointment to serve on the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS comes as a challenging, but necessary call to "Breaking the Silence" more than ever before for the sake of many still not able to speak out due to fear and judgment. I am humbled to be chosen, first called and ordained by God, now positioned to respond more unselfishly, for the purpose of reaching down to lift others up as we begin "Rediscovering Lost Values" with unconditional love to one another. May we grow to perfect this love to rise above fear and judgment, "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty, and justice for all."

The Board and Staff of SisterLove are extremely excited about this appointment as it shows the absolute need for more African American women to be vocal leaders in the movement of HIV prevention and advocacy of women's health and human rights. "Rev. Vanessa Sharp's appointment to PACHA is an important and exciting signal that the voices of African American women living with HIV will no longer be ignored or neglected." says Dazon Dixon Diallo, Founder and Executive Director of SisterLove, Inc. "The entire SisterLove family congratulates our Board Chair, Rev. Vanessa Sharp on this most amazing achievement! We look forward to

supporting her as the one chosen for this seat on PACHA, as she now represents to our President Obama the voice of an entire nation, maybe even an entire world, of women of African Descent who are living with HIV and AIDS.”

Rev. Sharp will be sworn in as a member of PACHA on Thursday, September 29, 2011 in Washington, D.C. For more information on SisterLove, Incorporated please contact 404-505-7777 or www.sisterlove.org.

About SisterLove

SisterLove is the first and largest non-profit in Georgia to focus specifically on the needs of women at risk for contracting HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections. SisterLove’s mission is to eradicate the adverse impact of HIV/AIDS and other reproductive health challenges upon women and their families through education, prevention, support and human rights advocacy in the United States and around the world.

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