



Center for Black Women's Wellness hosts several April events, including one with \$25/free mammograms

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As the nation begins to undertake the real work of healthcare reform, the [Center for Black Women's Wellness \(CBWW\)](#), led by their CEO Jemea S. Dorsey, MS, a recent nominee for the [2nd Annual Chozen Awards](#), continues to be at the forefront of that mission. "The Center for Black Women's Wellness has long understood the implications of women not having healthcare and has always been a resource for the uninsured and underinsured here in Atlanta," writes Dorsey in her CEO Corner for the organization's spring newsletter, sent electronically April 1. "From our Safety Net clinic to the free mammograms offered at various events throughout the city, CBWW is an active participant in the fight for accessible, quality healthcare. While there is still much more work to be done, we believe we're headed in the right direction."

Several key April events help CBWW to fulfill its overall mission of empowering black women, their families and community by touching the youth, spreading the word about their services and those of other providers and offering free health screenings at Lenox Mall. First up is the Spring Break Talent Showcase, taking place Friday, April 9, 2010 at 1 p.m. at the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center located at 967 Dewey Street Atlanta, GA 30310. Admission for youth ages 6-10 is \$3 for admission only and \$8 for admission, a box lunch plus a raffle ticket and \$5 for admission only and \$10 for admission, a box lunch and raffle ticket for all those over the age of 10. In addition to the youth talent showcase, there will be professional performances, including an improv comedy troupe. For more information about auditioning, registering a youth or sponsoring the event, contact Keri Pridgeon at 404-688-9202 x24 or via email at keri@cbww.org. Proceeds benefit the Plain Talk Adolescent Health Program, which provides life skills and leadership development to youth ages 12-15 years through the Summer Youth Leadership Training Program as well as Askable Adult parent/child communication workshops.

Next is CBWW's Annual Provider Reception for the Atlanta Healthy Start Initiative on April 16 at noon at the Turner Field 755 Club. Atlanta area providers, such as obstetricians, gynecologists, pediatricians, midwives and other health practitioners practicing in the area of maternal and child health, should be on hand. To participate, just email Natasha@cbww.org.

Last, but not least, CBWW has partnered with Saint Joseph's Hospital to deliver \$25 or no cost mammograms at the It's the Journey Health and Wellness Expo to be held April 24 at Lenox Square. Mammogram participants must be uninsured or be Medicare or Medicaid recipients and must pre-register and make an appointment by calling 404-688-9202, ext. 10. Otherwise, the expo, which will offer free screenings for heart health, cholesterol, diabetes, breast health and prostate cancer, is free and open to the public.

Established in 1988, then under the auspices of the National Black Women's Health Project (NBWHP), now known as the Black Women's Health Imperative, the CBWW earned its 501(c)3 status, independent of the NBWHP, in 1996, largely due to the efforts of Cheryl Y. Boykins, who became its first President/CEO. Today, CBWW continues to empower the family and the community at large by zoning in on the black woman by catering to her physical, mental and economic needs. With that mission in mind, CBWW provides preventive health services, maternal and child health services, mental health screening and referrals as well as self-employment training.

[CBWW](#) is located at 477 Windsor Street, Suite 309, Atlanta, GA 30312 and can be reached by calling 404-688-9202 or emailing mail@cbww.org. Donations are always welcomed.