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Chicago's Black Nurses Take Action Against The Epidemic of Gun Violence

CHICAGO—On April 30, members of the National Black Nurses Association will hold simultaneous Town Hall meetings across the country in cities where young people are being killed or their lives shattered by gun violence.

Nurses rarely speak out on political or social issues, preferring to do what they do best: healing the wounded when they arrive at ER doors, helping them regain lost function on rehabilitation units and holding shattered families together. However, as Chicago's gun violence continues to break records in the first four months of the year; the Chicago Chapter Black Nurses Association decided it is time to step forward.

Dr. Daisy Harmon-Allen, President of Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association says, *“ Enough is enough. Nurses experience first-hand the devastating effects of this epidemic. As a result, nurses have reported and experienced symptoms of Compassion Fatigue; while home health care professionals are often placed in the crossfire when attempting to perform their duties. This town hall meeting is an effort to bring more awareness to the impact gun violence has on families, communities and healthcare workers; while providing a opportunity to discuss ways we can bring an end to this disheartening social dilemma.”*

The Chicago Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association will be leading the discussion with invited guests about how to better coordinate, expand, and improve current efforts to prevent violence. Speakers will include:

- Cook County Commissioner Boykin and Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart, who are leading the recently formed Cook County Gun Violence Task Force.
- Congressman Danny Davis and Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie T. Johnson
- Javette Orgain, MD, MPH, FAAFP, a surgeon who treats victims of gun violence at Schwab Rehabilitation Center
- Ceasefire organizers and activists

The Town Hall will take place on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Liberty Baptist Church, 4849 South Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago; Registration: 9:00 AM; Meeting starts: 10:00 AM

About: Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association

CCNBNA mission is to identify, investigate, and educate society regarding emerging healthcare issues of the black community and other undeserved ethnic communities.

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