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**Miami Chapter – Black Nurses Association
Unity Prayer Breakfast**

WHAT: Unity Prayer Breakfast – “Thou Shalt not Steal and Thou Shalt not Kill - Breaking the Silence to End the Violence”

WHEN: Saturday, March 5, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

COST: \$30 per person

WHERE: Betty T. Ferguson Community Center
3000 N.W. 199th Street
Miami Gardens, FL 33056

ABOUT US:

Miami Chapter Black Nurses Association is a non-profit (501c3) organization that has been in existence since 1971. The mission of the Miami-BNA is to investigate, define and determine what the health needs of African Americans are and implement changes to make available to African Americans and other minorities, health care commensurate with that of the larger society. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said *“We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there “is” such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action.”* Miami - BNA recognizes the impact of this violence not only on the victims, nurses, public safety, and communities in the United States of America and puts out a call to action to reduce this public health crisis.

ABOUT THE EVENT:

Miami, Florida - The Miami Chapter Black Nurses Association, Inc. is hosting a **Unity Prayer Breakfast** on Saturday, March 5, 2016, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Betty T. Ferguson Community Center, 3000 NW 199th Street, Miami Gardens Florida 33056. **This Unity Prayer Breakfast will address violence reduction in our community.** This event is a part of National Black Nurses Association’s (NBNA) initiative to reduce the epidemic of violence in African-American Communities across the country. **The NBNA Call to Action: “Nurses Against Violence”** is in response to the rising and unrelenting tide of victims and death in our country, especially related to gun violence which has become a public health crisis. *“As nurses, we can no longer sit idly by as our communities suffer from the ravishing of gun violence. We the members of the Miami Chapter - Black Nurses Association are taking a bold stand to begin the conversation to take action against these violent assaults and to move in unity with our community towards resolution “stated Chapter President - Dr. Linda Washington-Brown. This year’s theme “Breaking the Silence to End the Violence: “Thou Shalt not Steal and Thou Shalt not Kill” echoes the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) President – Dr. Eric. J. Williams’ Statements: “It is vital that our Nation seek solutions to reduce violence, particularly gun*

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Should you need further information, please contact (305) 754-2280 or via e-mail at miamibna@gmail.com. You may also visit our website www.bna-miami.org for more information about our organization. We look forward to your support and participation at the upcoming event.