

# MY SISTER'S KEEPER

#### Empowering women of color to have better health

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### Who We Are

We are My Sister's Keeper

- Texas-based, health-focused virtual community for women of color
- Mission: To empower women of color to have better health through information-sharing and sister-bonding
- Under the auspices of Refuge
  III Church in Seguin, TX

#### MSK 2021 Committee Leaders



# Our History



- Created by 4 women in North and South Texas
- $_{\odot}$  First meeting on June 20, 2020
- In the midst of COVID-19 and social injustices
- Focus: Health disparities that impact women of color

- Target population: women because of the trickle-down effect
- Post-session survey responses included requests for more sessions
- Sessions held monthly
- 20 participants on average

### What We Offer

- Free, 1-hour monthly sessions
- Zoom & phone accessible
- Topics selected
  by participants
- Guest speakers are experts of color

- Primarily serve
  Black, Latina, &
  Asian women
- BUT, we are inclusive
- Interactive Q&A
- Sessions are recorded

- Links to timely resources
- Resource library
- COVID-19
  vaccine
  registration
- Step-by-step
  video tutorial for
  vaccine

# MSK Highlights



My Sister's Keeper Presents 🛛 💿 Cuttivating the Caregiver NOURISHING YOUR HEALTH WHILE CARING FOR OTHERS

DANNELLE LEBLANC **Caregiving Consultant** SATURDAY 2021 TIME: 5PM-6PM OST JACQUELYN To join by PC: zoom.us/join Or by phone: 1-346-248-7799 Caregiver & TV

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My Sister's Keeper presents 🐝 Minding My Mental Health

WHEN: Sat., Nov. 21st Time: 4:00 - 5:00 pm CST Where: To join by PC, go to zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 851 951 0242 To join by phone: Dial: 1346 248 7799 Meeting ID: 851 951 0242##

Melodi Parker, M.Ed., LPC-S, NCC CEO, Mending Broken Pieces

#### My Sister's Keeper presents Overcoming COVID: Part 2 Updates, vaccine info, & current guidelines When: Saturday, January 23rd Time: 1-2 pm CST Where: To join by PC, go to https://us02web.zoom.us/i/8519510242 To join by phone:

Dial 1 346 248 7799 Meeting ID: 851 951 0242# Made with Poster MX/Vall com

Speaker: Dr. Rochelle Cunningham Nephrologist & Internalist, Maryland

## What's Next



- Multiple barriers contribute to inadequate access to healthcare & info for African American (AA) women<sup>1,2</sup>
- Providers underestimate the health needs of AA women<sup>3</sup>
- Race-related health inequalities lead to poor quality of care & poor health outcomes for AA women<sup>1,2</sup>

- Community-Based project:
  Goal is to address this persisting
  & devastating issue
- Collaboration with UT Health
  San Antonio
- Information will be gathered to develop project plans, ongoing strategies, & solutions to promote equality in healthcare

"The difference between a broken community and a thriving one is the presence of women who are valued." - Michelle Obama

# References

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