

## **Local Women Recognized with NEFHSC Community Service Awards**

Jacksonville residents' 'servant leadership' help improve the lives of local families

Jacksonville, Fla. (Feb. 7, 2024) – The Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition (NEFHSC) recognizes Sol Wynter and Evelyn Monroe with its highest honors: the 2024 Carol Brady Community Leadership Award and the Dorothy Wilson Mabry Legacy Award, respectively. Both Wynter and Monroe serve as advocates for healthy birth outcomes and work closely with NEFHSC and other community organizations to improve the lives of Jacksonville families.

The awards, given annually by the NEFHSC, recognize outstanding efforts and commitment of community leaders who devote their time, resources and expertise to advancing maternal and child health in Northeast Florida.

Wynter is a bilingual certified community health worker with Simply Healthcare Plans who is adept at connecting community agencies with funding sources to support maternal and child health activities. Monroe is a Make a Difference! Leadership Academy graduate, one of several NEFHSC programs that train community members to bring attention to social determinants of health-related issues.

"Both of these women are amazing community partners who champion many causes involving babies as well as those focused on serving the uninsured and underinsured," said Faye Johnson, CEO of the NEFHSC. "It's people like Sol and Eveyln who exemplify community partnership and are beacons of light for nonprofits such as ours as we couldn't achieve our mission without such involvement."

The community leadership award is named in honor of Carol Brady, a former executive director of the NEFHSC who grew the organization from a small Healthy Start-focused agency within the North Florida Regional Council to a thriving nonprofit serving our five-county region. The legacy award honors Dorothy Wilson Mabry, a longtime community volunteer and advocate who devoted her life to empowering women and their families.

## **About the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition**

The NEFHSC leads the community effort to reduce infant death and improve the health of children, childbearing women, fathers and their families in Northeast Florida. For more information, view <u>our media kit</u> or contact Lisa Luther at lisa@createaruckus.com or 904.536.9957. Visit the <u>Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions</u> for statewide information or the <u>National Healthy Start Association</u> for national data.

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