

## ROOTED IN RESILIENCE

### Building Black Health, Wealth, and Legacy in Asheville

Saturday, May 16, 2026 • 9:30 AM–2:00 PM • YMI Cultural Center • 39 S. Market St., Asheville, NC  
**FREE EVENT — RSVP: [nldc.io/asheville](http://nldc.io/asheville) • [brn@nextleads.org](mailto:brn@nextleads.org) • (888) 695-7660 • Breakfast & Lunch Served**

The Asheville Women’s Support Group has gathered since autumn 2024 following Hurricane Helene—committed to amplifying the indomitable spirit and flourishing of Asheville’s Black community in health, wealth, and historical preservation. This event showcases community leaders and supporters working toward continued well-being and vibrant growth.

#### PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

<b>9:30 AM</b>	Registration Opens	<b>12:00 PM</b>	Lunch • Vendors • Networking
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Welcome & Opening Remarks	<b>12:45 PM</b>	Panel 3: Historical & Cultural Preservation
<b>10:15 AM</b>	Panel 1: Health in Asheville	<b>1:40 PM</b>	Q&A — Preservation Panel
<b>10:55 AM</b>	Q&A — Health Panel	<b>1:45 PM</b>	Closing Remarks & Thank You
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Panel 2: Wealth in Asheville	<b>2:00 PM</b>	Vendors & Networking (until 3:00 PM)

#### YOUR HOST — MASTER OF CEREMONY



##### **Ms. Je'Wana Grier-McEachin**

###### **Executive Director, ABIPA**

*211 on Wheels | ABIPA, Asheville, NC*

Je'Wana Grier-McEachin is the Executive Director of the Asheville Buncombe Institute of Parity Achievement (ABIPA), where she has championed health equity for African Americans and underserved communities since 2008. A trusted regional leader and board vice chair of the Empowerment Resource Center, she is widely known as a “Boss Lady” whose advocacy spans community health, faith partnerships, and health equity systems across Western North Carolina.

#### WELCOME & OPENING CEREMONY — 10:00 AM



##### **Rev. Sean Hasker Palmer**

###### **YMI Cultural Center**

*Welcome Remarks from  
YMI  
Asheville, NC*



##### **Ms. Priscilla N. Robinson** **Community Historian & Author**

*Opening Remarks  
Asheville, NC*



##### **Ms. Johnnie N. Grant** **Urban News Publication and Media**

*Opening Remarks  
Urban News  
Asheville, NC*



##### **Dr. Atyia Martin** **All Aces, Inc. | Black Resilience Network**

*Opening & Closing  
Remarks  
Boston, MA*



##### **Dr. Annelle Primm** **All Healers Mental Health Alliance**

*Opening Remarks  
Baltimore, MD*



##### **Antanette Mosley, Esq.** **Vice Mayor, City of Asheville**

*Historical Platform  
Remarks  
Montford Area, North  
Asheville, NC*



##### **Ms. Olympia Garrett** **Blue Crystal Wellness**

*Breathwork Transitions  
Blue Crystal Wellness  
Asheville, NC*

## PANEL 1: HEALTH IN ASHEVILLE — 10:15 AM



**Mrs. Jasmine E. Moore**  
**Moore Courage Healing & Wellness**  
*Equine Facilitated Therapy | Trauma-Informed Care*  
Hendersonville, NC



**Ms. Shuvonda Harper**  
**Southside Community Farm**  
*Healthy Food Security | Food Sovereignty*  
Asheville, NC



**Dr. Chohnice Daniels**  
**Whiteside The Plug Chiropractic**  
*Nutritional Wellness | Metabolic Health*  
Asheville, NC

## PANEL 2: WEALTH IN ASHEVILLE — 11:00 AM

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**Mr. Al Whitesides**  
**First Black Buncombe County Commissioner**  
*Banking, Civic Leadership & Community Investment*  
Asheville, NC



**Dr. Travis Whiteside**  
**The Plug Chiropractic**  
*Entrepreneurship & Business Development*  
Asheville, NC



**Dr. Andre Perry**  
**Brookings Institution**  
*Black Wealth Research & Policy (Via Video)*  
Washington, DC

## PANEL 3: HISTORICAL & CULTURAL PRESERVATION — 12:45 PM

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**Ms. Tymeka Y. Whiteside**  
**BEHOLD**  
*Identity, Healing & Cultural Coaching*  
Asheville, NC



**Mr. Matthew Bacote, Jr.**  
**Legacy Community Member, Asheville**  
*Black Entrepreneurship & Integration Legacy*  
Asheville, NC



**Rev. Sean Hasker Palmer**  
**YMI Cultural Center**  
*Cultural Institutions & Women's Leadership in Preservation*  
Asheville, NC

## VENDOR & RESOURCE TABLES

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- Asheville Buncombe Institute of Parity Achievement
- All Healers Mental Health Alliance
- BEHOLD
- Black Resilience Network
- Blue Crystal Wellness
- Eastern NC Regional Assoc. Black Social Workers
- Healed Skin and Candle Co.
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- Operation Gateway
- Robeson County Disaster Recovery Coalition
- Sistas Caring 4 Sistas Inc
- Saving Our Selves
- Southside Community Farm / Southside United Neighborhood Association
- The ENVOY Guide / Red Angle Photography
- Urban News Publication and Media
- Woman Strong & Brandy Mills Consulting