

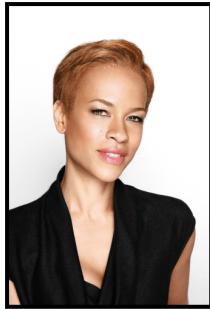


International Center for Traditional Childbearing honored by Birthing Project USA with Harriet Tubman Community Partner Award

San Diego, CA – On February 18, 2011, International Center for Traditional Childbearing founder, Shafia Monroe was honored by Birthing Project USA with their prestigious Harriet Tubman Community Partnership Award for her commitment to encouraging and supporting collaboration between the two organizations to improve birth outcomes for women of color. “Shafia Monroe is the perfect example of our Birthing Project community philosophy. As founding director of an organization that inspires and educates women to become midwives and doulas, she also encourages them to work in sisterhood with other organizations in communities globally-on behalf of women and babies,” said Birthing Project USA Director, Kathryn Hall-Trujillo when presenting the award.



Shafia Monroe



Tonya Lewis Lee

The award was presented at the Annual Harriet Tubman Awards Luncheon which also honored Tonya Lewis Lee, attorney, author and health activist with the Harriet Tubman Community Leadership Award for her passionate commitment to educating teens and young women about improving their health and well-being prior to motherhood.

Safia Monroe shared, “When we work together in partnership and sisterhood to support women, we are reducing the high infant and maternal mortality that has been a part of our history and bringing our babies into the world with the love and resources every human deserves.”

This year’s Birthing Project Training Conference brought together Birthing Projects from 18 projects, representing seven countries, including the United States, Ghana, Malawi, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Haiti.



Kathryn Hall-Trujillo

The Birthing Project model of improving birth outcomes, founded in 1988 by Kathryn Hall-Trujillo, an internationally recognized community health administrator, Ashoka Global Social Entrepreneur Fellow and CNN Hero has been replicated in almost 100 communities and has impacted the lives of over 12,000 babies and their families.

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