



Birthing Project USA honors women who work on behalf of women and children with 2011 Harriet Tubman Awards



Brenda Robinson, Kimberly Wyche-Etheridge, M.D., Toni Hill, Tonya Lewis Lee, Shafia Monroe, Millicent Myles, Lois Silo

San Diego, CA - On February 18, 2011, Birthing Project USA: the Underground Railroad for New Life hosted their 2011 Annual Harriet Tubman Awards Luncheon honoring women working globally to improve birth outcomes for women of color.

Tonya Lewis Lee, attorney, author and health activist received 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 choosing motherhood.

Lois Silo (Mchinji, Malawi) and Toni Hill (Tupelo, MS) received Trail Blazer Awards; the Nashville, TN Birthing Project received the Community Leadership Award; Brenda Robinson (New Orleans Birthing Project) received the Grandma's Hands Award presented to an outstanding elder; and Laurena White, M.D. represented WHOA! in receiving the Wind beneath our Wings Award for the work this group of young doctors and medical students are doing in Haiti. Shafia Monroe, founding director of International Center for Traditional Childbearing received the award for Community Partnership and Millicent Myles (New Orleans Birthing Project) was honored as the Birthing Project SisterFriend of the Year:

The awards luncheon is held in conjunction with Birthing Project USA Annual Training Conference, which this year brought together Birthing Projects from 18 projects, representing seven countries, including the United States, Ghana, Malawi, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Haiti.

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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