



# National Council of Negro Women

## Greater Austin Section

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### Greetings!

We, the Executive Board of the Greater Austin Section of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW Greater Austin), humbly invites you to shine your brilliant light with us by joining our local, historic organization.

The NCNW Greater Austin is a chartered section of the National Council of Negro Women. The NCNW was founded in 1935 by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, an influential educator and activist. The NCNW's mission is to lead, empower and advocate for women of African descent, their families and communities. The National Council of Negro Women is an "organization of organizations" that enlightens, inspires and connects more than two million women and men.

Dr. Johnnetta Betsch Cole was elected Chair of the NCNW in 2018, ushering in a new era of social activism and continued progress and growth for the organization. Today, NCNW's programs are grounded on a foundation of critical concerns known as "Four for the Future". NCNW promotes education with a special focus on science, technology, engineering and math; encourages entrepreneurship, financial literacy and economic stability; educates women about good health and HIV/AIDS; promotes civic engagement and advocates for sound public policy and social justice. The **Greater Austin Section of the NCNW** parallels the national programs as follows:

- ❖ We promote **STREAMS** of wellness: Science, Technology, Reading Comprehension, Entrepreneurship, Arts, Mathematics, and Sports Conditioning (Physical/Mental Health). **Total Wellness** (Spiritual, Social, Mental, & Physical)
- ❖ We promote civic engagement and advocate for sound public policy and social justice.
- ❖ We promote The Charles L. Franklin Associates (CLF), a men's membership wing of the National Council of Negro Women, Incorporated. The CLF Associates is named in honor of the late Dr. Charles L. Franklin, Jr., an activist leader, physician, and family health advocate who was highly supportive of the National Council of Negro Women.
- ❖ In addition, we partner with various organizations to get the work done.
- ❖ Our NEWLY chartered Collegiate Section (NCNW-HTU Section) allows us to plant seeds and nurture the next generations.
- ❖ Our **2022 Projects** consist of Virtual Vision Board Extravaganzas; Bi-monthly Book Club; Weekly Prayer Line; Legacy Blanket Project; Black History Virtual Observance Program; Women's History Virtual Program; Membership Tea Virtual Program; and several other projects from the NCNW Headquarters.

Our 2021-2022 **THEME** for the NCNW Greater Austin is "**Transforming Generations Through Strong Collaboration.**" Our **VISION** is a *community of LOVE, Commitment, Unity, and Self-Reliance flowing in total wellness, focusing on empowering our youth and young adults by providing them with the tools they need, while providing a psychologically safe environment, to explore, learn, grow, and contribute to the next generation.*

Attached, in addition to this letter, you will find a flyer and a membership application. Please complete the application and email it to Dr. Rashaanne Lewis (Section President) at [NCNWAustinTech@gmail.com](mailto:NCNWAustinTech@gmail.com)

#### **You have two options for paying your membership dues:**

1. Mail a check payable to NCNW Austin (PO Box 141243, Austin, TX 78714)
2. Pay online at [www.ncnwaustin.org](http://www.ncnwaustin.org) through PAY PAL (processing fee applicable)

We hope you come on this journey with us by joining today. Please contact **Dr. Rashaanne Lewis at 737-346-2917** or **Melinda Walker at 512-293-6554** for more information.

Respectfully,  
*Dr. Rashaanne Lewis*  
Section President

[www.ncnwaustin.org](http://www.ncnwaustin.org)

Respectfully,  
*Ms. Melinda Walker*  
Section 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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