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Health Careers Conference:

“Preparing Future Health Leaders: Hand to Hand, Generation to Generation”

The Center for Health and Healing’s Minority Health Careers Initiative (MHCI), in partnership with Union Baptist Church, North Carolina Central University’s (NCCU) Health Education Department, and the North Carolina Hospital Association, present the **Health Careers Conference: “Preparing Future Health Leaders: Hand to Hand, Generation to Generation” featuring Dr. Louis W. Sullivan**, on Saturday October 4, 2008 at the NCCU School of Education Auditorium, 1712 Cecil Street, Durham, NC from 8:30am until 2:30pm.

“We are facing a shortage of healthcare professionals both locally and nationally,” says Cornell Wright of MHCI, “and this is a way to partner with local churches, educational institutions, and healthcare agencies to get the word out about health careers. We are excited to have Dr. Louis Sullivan as the keynote speaker.” Dr. Sullivan served as the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, under President George H. W. Bush, and founded the Morehouse School of Medicine. Sullivan is a world renowned and respected physician and businessman. More information on Dr. Sullivan can be found on his website, at www.drlouisullivan.com .

The MHCI is a state-wide focused project at the Center for Health and Healing, a non-profit affiliate of the General Baptist State Convention of NC, which strives to educate middle and high school youth about the opportunities in healthcare, as they relate to education and occupation. The MHCI Staff partner, train and provide opportunities to churches and community groups to plan health careers conferences, create Health Careers Clubs and other health careers related activities. For more information about the Center for Health and Healing please visit their website at www.c4hh.org .

This event is **free of charge** and we invite all students (middle school and up) interested in health careers, parents, and health care professionals seeking to volunteer their time, to register before September 30, 2008. A large turnout is expected so please register early. **For more information** contact Cornell P. Wright, MHCI Project Coordinator at **1-(866) 972-6374 ext 6** or via email at cornell.wright@c4hh.org . Registration forms can be found on the Center’s website on the MHCI page or sent upon request.

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