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Share! Durham hosts Women's Forum March 26

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Event Celebrates Five Women for their Contributions to the Durham Community;

Event to be Televised Live on Durham Television Network

- What:** 13th Annual Women's Forum – "Celebrating Women's History Month"
- Who:** City of Durham Human Relations Division with the Neighborhood Improvement Services Department
- When:** Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Where:** City Hall Council Chambers
101 City Hall Plaza, 1st Floor
Durham, N.C. 27701

Fast Facts:

- Five successful Durham women will share their personal experiences and insights on how they mastered challenges and overcame obstacles on their roads to success. Event attendees will also have an opportunity to ask questions of the panelists.
- Panelists include North Carolina Central University Chancellor Dr. Debra Saunders-White; Durham County Commissioner Wendy Jacobs; ABC 11 Eyewitness News Reporter Andrea Blanford; Together for Resilient Youth (T.R.Y.) Founder and President Wanda Boone; and Duke University Ph.D. Student Yuridia Ramirez.
- The forum is free and open to the public. Parents and youth are encouraged to attend this forum to learn about potential career choices. The forum will also be broadcast live on Durham Television Network (Time Warner Cable channel 8, 97-5 and AT&T U-verse channel 99) and will be available on demand at <http://www.YouTube.com/CityofDurhamNC>.

- To RSVP to attend this event, contact Juanita English by email at Juanita.English@DurhamNC.gov or call (919) 560-4107, ext. 34279.
- For more information about this year's forum, contact Human Relations Manager Delilah Donaldson with the City's Neighborhood Improvement Services Department Human Relations Division at (919) 560-4107, ext. 34277 or by email at Delilah.Donaldson@DurhamNC.gov.

About the Human Relations Division in the City of Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services Department

The Neighborhood Improvement Services Department works to preserve and improve quality of life conditions for Durham residents, and to encourage active participation in neighborhood redevelopment and public policy and decision making dialogue. The department is responsible for enforcement of quality of life ordinances and state statutes including the City's Minimum Housing Code; Nonresidential Code; Weedy Lot, Abandoned & Junk Vehicle, and Fair Housing ordinances; and the State of North Carolina's Unsafe Building Statute. The department's rapid responders, known as the Impact Team, remediate non-compliant housing properties; abate public nuisances, such as litter, graffiti, illegal dumping, and abandoned shopping carts; and conduct neighborhood service projects. The department's Community Engagement and Human Relations staffs provide outreach and education to Durham residents and community organizations. The department's Human Relations Division strives to improve race and human relations in the City by working to eliminate housing discrimination and by prioritizing community outreach and educational activities to meet the needs of Durham's residents. The division is responsible for enforcement of the City of Durham Fair Housing Ordinance and the federal Fair Housing Act. HUD provides funding annually for the Division to investigate housing complaints in the City of Durham that allege discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex (gender), religion, national origin, physical or mental handicap or familial status (families with children). The Human Relations Division also provides oversight to the City of Durham Human Relations Commission, which is comprised of 15 Durham residents who meet monthly to work on activities designed to improve human relations and promote harmony throughout Durham. Guided by the City's Strategic Plan, the department helps ensure that Durham has thriving, livable neighborhoods by providing the highest quality of services to engage and educate the community, eradicate blight, ensure safer neighborhoods, and enhance neighborhood revitalization. For more information, visit <http://DurhamNC.gov/ich/cb/nis/Pages/Home.aspx>.

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