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**Sisters in the Spirit Ministries Presents First HOPE Award Recipient**

**(Gloucester Point, VA)** – Sisters in the Spirit Ministries, Inc (SIS) is pleased to announce the first recipient of its newly established **HOPE** Award is Gloucester NAACP President Mrs. Brenda Dixon. **HOPE** is an acronym for **H**elping **O**thers with **P**urpose and **E**mpowerment. The award is presented to those working in the Gloucester and Mathews communities who, through their selfless efforts, facilitation, or direct service, are blessing others. Mrs. Dixon’s nomination was unanimously selected by the SIS Board of Directors. She was described as “a woman who truly embodies the spirit of the HOPE Award” which recognizes those who willingly go above and beyond expectations to make a difference in the lives of others.

“Mrs. Dixon is an amazing woman, and we are so gratified to be able to recognize her efforts,” noted Minister Dr. Katrina Brown, President and Founder of Sisters in the Spirit Ministries. Highlights from Mrs. Dixon’s nomination pointed out that *“currently she is the President of the Gloucester NAACP. In this capacity she works to fulfill the mission of the organization, working to make racial equity a reality. She is a registered nurse by profession. Mrs. Dixon mobilized health officials in the Middle Peninsula and the Northern Neck, and partnered with the Three Rivers Health District to conduct Covid-19 vaccination clinics for those in Gloucester and Mathews counties.*

*At a time when individuals 65 and older were having difficulty getting vaccination appointments, Mrs. Dixon took action. She was unrelenting in facilitating the availability of COVID-19 vaccines, particularly for the elderly. Along with the NAACP, Mrs. Dixon worked tirelessly with other community organizations and with area churches to get the word out about the benefits of the vaccine, and to encourage getting the COVID-19 shot.”* Brown added that “Mrs. Dixon is a woman of faith, commitment, and dedicated to serving others. Sisters in the Spirit Ministries is so proud to present our first HOPE Award to her.”

SIS is an outreach ministry created to empower, enlighten, and encourage Christian women in better serving the Lord. The organization created The **HOPE** Award as a way to publicly acknowledge those who are living in accordance with God’s Word, which says to “trust in the Lord and do good.” Brown said that Sisters in the Spirit Ministries’ other programs include feeding the homeless and the elderly, conducting praise and worship services for those at nursing homes, and the publication of a monthly newsletter to give inspiration and information to help Christian women in their daily walk with God.

**HOPE** Award recipients receive a cash award, a specially designed certificate of appreciation, and a recognition luncheon held in their honor. #####

**PHOTO ATTACHED**

**Mrs. Brenda Dixon**

A person smiling for the camera

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