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Rhonda Walker Foundation Board Member Named Among Crain's Detroit Business 2021 Notable Women in Law

Detroit, MI – (April 18, 2021) The Rhonda Walker Foundation (RWF) is proud to announce that RWF Board Member, the Honorable Shelia Johnson, Chief District Judge 46th District Court been named on Crain's Detroit Business 2021 Notable Women in Law list.

"This is a great honor for our organization. We are very fortunate to have the Honorable Shelia Johnson on our board of directors. Her accomplishments in law, and commitment to our mission to empower inner-city teen girls is a shining example of our award-winning programs to better our community," expressed RWF Board Chair, Lloyd Banks.

Founded by Rhonda Walker in 2003, the Rhonda Walker Foundation's award-winning Girls into Women Program focuses on six core program pillars that include Mentoring, Career and Personal Development, College Prep, Health and Wellness, and Community Outreach and Development. Each program pillar was carefully considered in order to provide the teens in our Girls into Women Program the best tools to successfully complete high school and matriculate into college and careers.

The Honorable Shelia R. Johnson is the Chief Judge of the 46th District Court, which serves the Michigan communities of Southfield, Lathrup Village, Bingham Farms, Beverly Hills, Franklin and Southfield Township. Judge Johnson was elected in November 2002 and she is the first African American to serve as Judge in the 46th District and the first African American female District Judge in Oakland County. In 2012, Judge Johnson was selected by the Democratic Party as a nominee for candidacy for Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Judge Johnson is actively involved in many organizations and believes that mentoring youth is of paramount importance. Judge Johnson spearheaded the establishment of a "Court In Schools" program, and mentors students interested in law through regular sponsorship of a summer intern from Southfield Public Schools and through the National Bar Association's Law Student Judicial Externship Program. Among her community and civic affiliations are: current Board Member, Rhonda Walker Foundation; current Advisory Board Member and committee chair and former First Vice-President and program chair for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force, Inc., which commemorates the MLK Holiday in Southfield; charter member and former Board member of the Oakland County Chapter of the National Congress of Black Women; and the Southern Oakland Chapter of the NAACP. Judge Johnson is also a member of Hope United Methodist Church and is also a proud member of Southfield Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she served as past chair of the Social Action Committee.

For additional information and to learn more about the RWF programs for Detroit youth, please contact Holly A. Murphy, Senior Marketing and Communications Director at hmurphy@rhondawalkerfoundation.org or 313.263.1638 or visit us at www.rhondawalkerfoundation.org

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