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# Rhonda Walker Foundation Board Members Named Among Crain's Detroit Business 2021 Notable Nonprofit Board Members

**Detroit, MI – (March 31, 2021)** The Rhonda Walker Foundation (RWF) is proud to announce that Founder/President, Rhonda Walker, and Board Chair, Lloyd Banks, have been named on Crain's Detroit Business 2021 Notable Nonprofit Board members list.

"This is a great honor for our organization. We are very fortunate to have two dynamic leaders on our Board of Directors. The commitment of Rhonda Walker and Lloyd Banks to our mission to empower inner-city teen girls is a shining example of our award-winning programs to better our community," expressed RWF CEO, Ruselda Villanueva Johnson.

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.

Rhonda Walker is co-anchor of the weekday morning newscast at WDIV-Local 4 News, a position she's held since 2003. She has received awards from over 50 community, corporate, and professional organizations for Community Service including: 2018 National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Angelo B. Henderson Community Service Award; 2019 Congressional Black Caucus Michigan Delegation Community Change Agent Award; 2019 Inductee Catch Charity Hall of Fame for Extraordinary Charitable Contributions; 2019 Dr. Gerald K. Smith Humanitarian Award from Black Family Development, Inc.; 2019 Northwood University Distinguished Woman Award; 2019 Fiat Chrysler Automobiles - Standing Ovation Award; and 2019 Neal Shine Award for Excellence in Media Commitment to Philanthropy.

Lloyd Banks is a thoughtful and impactful entrepreneur and leader. He is chief executive officer and principal of Banks & Company and Cannabis Practice Group. Banks & Company is instrumental in strategy, policy development and execution of large, enterprise-wide business initiatives specializing in government relations, lobbying, public relations, marketing, and diversity, equity and inclusion. In 2016, Lloyd created Cannabis Practice Group and has been at the forefront of helping to bring this emerging healthcare industry out of the shadows working with each state's legislative framework to help clients grow new economic engines, creating jobs, tax revenue and new economic development to communities

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](mailto:hmurphy@rhondawalkerfoundation.org) or 313.263.1638 or visit us at [www.rhondawalkerfoundation.org](http://www.rhondawalkerfoundation.org)

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