



Delaware County Black Caucus

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WHO ARE WE?

Founded in June of 2018, the Delaware County Black Caucus (DCBC) is an assembly of African American leaders located within the county, who are committed to representing the needs, interests, and improve the quality of life of the Black community in Delaware County. We started with about 20 members and today we have grown to over 50 active and dues paying members.

MISSION

Our mission is to serve as an information and advocacy vehicle to advance the interests and improve the overall quality of life for African American citizens within the county of Delaware.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

CONVENERS

- William Felder, Sharon Hill Council
- Lanna Minor of Clifton Heights
- Malcolm Yates, Committee Person, Marcus Hook
- Myron McNeely, Constable, Upper Darby
- Dr. Angela Marie Whitsett Gilbert, Judge of Elections, Upper Chi

CONVENER EMERITUS

- Anthony H. Williams, State Senator, 8th District

TREASURER

- Darlene Hill, Darby Borough Council

SECRETARY

- Rita Waters, Committee Person, Haverford

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Rashid Duggan, Communications Chair
- Dr. Angela Marie Whitsett Gilbert, Health & Welfare Chair
- Darlene Hill, Finance & Fundraising Chair | Darlene Hill, Event Planning Chair
- Arnold Jones, Judiciary & Law Enforcement Chair
- Afia Lewis, Education Chair
- Rita Waters, Membership Chair
- Open, Economic Development Chair



2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- DCBC remains committed to advocacy work described by our mission. In 2023, we welcomed 11 new members and hosted a membership retreat to rebuild the sense of community within the membership post-pandemic and review key operational processes. Additionally, the membership committee created a Friends of DCBC category for supporters of DCBC.
- Community partnerships enable us all to move forward together. As such DCBC partnered with Forum Philly for a MLK Day panel discussion discussing the history of Dr. King and his impact on the advancement of civil rights within the United States and globally.
- We continue to support youth across the county through the organization's participation in Pennwood Middle School activities including the MLK Day of Service, BHM Game Night and Trivia, Women's History Month Program, Mother's Day Brunch, Citizenship Awards assembly. Additionally, DCBC has supported Chester Boys and Girls club activities with are time and financially.
- Gun Violence and prevention was a key focus area for the caucus in 2023. The Judicial & Law Enforcement Committee hosted a forum titled "Promoting Gun Safety, Reducing Gun Violence." A distinguished panel of seven law enforcement professionals addressed an audience of residents in an informative and engaging discussion around gun safety tips, gun ownership laws, advocacy for gun safety legislation, rights and responsibilities of gun owners, strategies to prevent gun violence and promote gun safety.
- In June of 2023, DCBC celebrated the organizations 5th anniversary with our annual Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser led by the Event Planning Committee on behalf of the organization. To commemorate this significant occasion we awarded community service awards to graduating seniors that have volunteered with the organization and local community members.
- The Health and Welfare Committee reviewed the health concerns impacting communities of color in Delaware County. Informed by that research the committee implemented a strategy to address these concerns. Over the past year the committee has partnered with the Delaware County Health Department (DCHD) on an information session at the opening the Chester Wellness Center to share information and resources with the community. Additionally, this partnership resulted in a collaboration to hold an Opioid Town Hall. The Health & Welfare committee also hosted Brother to Brother: Men's Health with a Touch of Jazz in June during Men's Health Month. There were more than 70 men in attendance (and a few women) including several doctors and health care professions, as well as a stellar band featuring three recent high school graduates.
- The Education Committee continues to advocate for increased diversity in teachers, diversity training for teachers and support of Cheney university's education program. In addition, the Education Committee mobilized community response to the Basic Education Funding Commission survey and is eagerly awaiting the judgment regarding equitable funding.
- DCBC continued with our annual symposium in October 2023. The theme was gun violence prevention featuring three panels discussing 1) law enforcement approach to prevention, 2) impact of gun violence on survivors, and 3) solutions from community organization. We also had entertainment from Stroke Strings and Pine Forge Academy to lift our spirits after discussing such an emotional topic. The tradition to include Cheyney University students in the program continued as two students joined us as panelist and several more in the audience. Cherri Gregg, WHYY Host/Anchor served as the emcee and moderator of the event.
- Our Communications committee continues to enable DCBC through collaboration with all committees in the achievement of impactful outcomes by marketing the events through our social media channels, maintaining and posting to DCBC social media sharing highlights of DCBC activities and also providing technical and A/V support for many DCBC events.
- DCBC was awarded a \$50K grant from Senator Tim Kearney to support our annual symposium and



ongoing community events.

2024 OUTLOOK

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Save the Date	Event / Action
April 13, 2024	Black Maternal Health Film Screening of “Aftershock”
May 18, 2024	Community Resource Fair
June 14, 2024	Annual Men’s Health Event
June 28, 2024	DCBC 6th Gala Anniversary Celebration
October 28, 2024	Annual Symposium
October 2024	Apply to become a new member of DCBC
December 2024	Annual Holiday Party & Membership Dues

